



Key points

- Spreads rapidly by producing a strong underground rhizome system
- Well adapted for use in shade and partial shade situations and under low to moderate fertility levels
- Outstanding disease resistance
- Has lower fertility requirements than bluegrass and ryegrass

Characteristics and areas of use

Jasper II has a fine leaf texture and maintains excellent turf density when managed both as a high-quality turfgrass and also under lower maintenance. Jasper II sets new standards for strong creeping red fescues. It has the elite turf quality of the very best fine fescues combined with a rhizomatous growth habit. Jasper II combines elite turf quality, outstanding turf density, and excellent disease resistance for a fine fescue. Jasper II is an excellent choice for minimum maintenance areas and can provide an attractive ground cover with very infrequent mowing. Recommended for use in home lawns, golf course roughs, parks and other areas where shade tolerance and low fertility tolerance are desirable. Jasper II mixes very well with other grass species such as Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, hard fescue and chewings fescue. Jasper II is an excellent shade grass having both good shade tolerance and drought tolerance – tough competition against tree roots. It is an excellent low-maintenance grass but may also be used in the open sun and can tolerate moderate fertility levels.

Sowing rate

Once established, Jasper II is tolerant to most turf herbicides commonly used for broad-leaved and pre-emergence weed control. Jasper II generally requires about 50% of the nitrogen fertiliser needed by ryegrass or bluegrass. Autumn fertilisation should be emphasised. Generally, 1 - 1.5 kg N/100m² per year is adequate. Balanced fertiliser with about 2:1:1 ratio of NPK is recommended. In low-maintenance situations where irrigation is not practical, the turf will generally go dormant in the summer until the autumn rains and cooler temperatures arrive. In fine turf situations, Jasper II will generally remain green and continue growth with a 30% to 50% lower water requirement than bluegrass or ryegrass. The recommended sowing rate for Jasper II is 2.5 – 4 kgs/100m². Jasper II establishes quickly and new seedlings generally emerge in 7 to 10 days under warm soil temperatures.

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