

TRADEMARK:	Prestige®	BOTANICAL NAME:	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
PBR:	PAL42 This variety is protected by Australian Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR)		

KEY FEATURES:



- Prestige® is the “darkest green” of Buffalo’s and has been bred exclusively to suit residential civic spaces.
- Prestige® stays more attractive than competitor Buffalo varieties for longer including during cooler temperatures.
- Prestige® tends to be more ground-hugging than other commercial Buffalo varieties.
- Prestige® has very little seed head production, which greatly reduces mowing schedules particularly in public spaces.
- Prestige® meets the Erosion Control Australian Standard No# AS5181: 2017 – *Use and installation of turf as an erosion, nutrient and sediment control measure.*

SUGGESTED USES:

DOMESTIC USE	DEVELOPER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manicured appearance is excellent for high-end consumer. • Dark leaf colour attractive to lawn enthusiast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast runner/stolon growth for a quick recovery rate from wear and damage. • Dark leaf colour – attractive for longer in winter.

MORPHOLOGY:

PLANT	Growth:	Stoloniferous	Vigour:	Strong to very strong
STOLON	Stolon length:	Long to very long	Stolon diameter of node:	Medium to broad
	Internode length:	Medium to long	Internode thickness:	Medium
	Internode colour:	Yellow/green (RHS 197A)		
LEAF BLADE	Shape:	Glabrous	Length:	Medium
	Colour:	Dark green (RHS 138A)		

PERFORMANCE:

PURPOSE	All-purpose turf suitable for domestic and developers wanting a dark leaf, quick recovering, long lasting colour and high-end turf product.
ESTABLISHMENT	Can be established year-round except in cold climates where it is below freezing.
MOWING	Requires regular mowing to maintain good colour but lower than other Buffalos due to low seed head production (about 3 times per month).
MAXIMUM UNMOWN HEIGHT	100-150mm
MAINTENANCE	Medium to high.
RECOMMENDED MOWING HEIGHT	25-50mm full sun. 50-70mm in shade.
WATER REQUIREMENTS	Required for establishment: 1-14 days (4mm twice a day), 15-28 days (7.5mm once per day), 29-35 days (7.5mm every 2nd day). Then twice weekly to maintain good colour.
COLOUR	Excellent winter colour. Holds winter colour longer than other commercial Buffalo varieties.

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PERFORMANCE (continued):	
FERTILISER	Every 3 months or as required.
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	High
DISEASE RESISTANCE	Avoid watering late afternoon or in the evening to limit leaf spot diseases.
SEED HEAD	Has low seed head production in ideal growing conditions. If seed head is prolific, it is an early indication of plant stress.
COLD TOLERANCE	Tolerates to -7°C.
HUMIDITY TOLERANCE	High: Rust may appear in humidity if nutritionally deficient, cosmetic only, but can cause damage to leaf structure if untreated. More prone when establishing, and less likely once established.
SALT TOLERANCE	Medium
WEED RESISTANCE	High: Its dense growth makes it harder for weeds to invade.
WEAR AND TEAR RECOVERY	High (<i>due to quick growing stolons</i>).
SUN REQUIREMENTS	Requires 2-4hrs of sun per day.
SHADE TOLERANCE	Full sun to 45% shade.
PEST RESISTANCE	High
THATCHING	Low

ADVISORY:

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REFERENCES:

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LICENSING & COMMERCIAL ENQUIRIES:

TurfBreed Pty Ltd's contracts under license a large network of growers across the country to grow Prestige® Buffalo fit for purpose and region.

To discuss how Prestige® Buffalo can become part of your new project or as a long-term erosion control measure, please contact our Territory Managers.

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