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(54) **PETUNIA PLANT NAMED**  
**‘DOPETPOPLUCOBL’**

(50) Latin Name: *Petunia X hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **Dopetpoplucobl**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named ‘Dopetpoplucobl’, characterized by its relatively compact, semi-upright and mounding plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit; freely branching habit; early and freely flowering habit; large dark violet-colored flowers with dark purple-colored throats and venation; and good garden performance.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Botanical designation: *Petunia X hybrida*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘DOPETPOPLUCOBL’.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant, botanically known as *Petunia X hybrida* and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Dopetpoplucobl’.

The new *Petunia* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Rheinberg, Germany. The objective of the breeding program is to create new compact, freely branching and early-flowering *Petunia* plants with numerous attractive flowers.

The new *Petunia* plant originated from a cross-pollination made by the Inventor in July, 2018 in Rheinberg, Germany of a proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT17-028109-001, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT17-015094-001, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Petunia* plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a single flowering plant from within the progeny of the stated

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cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Rheinberg, Germany in May, 2021.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Petunia* plant by terminal vegetative cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environment in Rheinberg, Germany since June, 2021 has shown that the unique features of this new *Petunia* plant are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Petunia* have not been observed under all possible combinations of environmental conditions and cultural practices. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environmental conditions such as temperature and light intensity without, however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Dopetpoplucobl’. These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Dopetpoplucobl’ as a new and distinct *Petunia* plant:

1. Relatively compact, semi-upright and mounding plant habit.
2. Moderately vigorous growth habit.
3. Freely branching habit.
4. Early and freely flowering habit.
5. Large dark violet-colored flowers with dark purple-colored throats and venation.
6. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of the female parent selection. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Petunia* differ primarily from plants of the female parent selection in flower color as flowers of plants of the new *Petunia* are more blue in color than flowers of plants of the female parent selection.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of the male parent selection. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Petunia* differ primarily from plants of the male

parent selection in plant habit as plants of the new *Petunia* are more compact than plants of the male parent selection.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of *Petunia X hybrida* 'Keiburtel', not patented. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Petunia* and 'Keiburtel' differ primarily in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Petunia* are more compact and more upright than plants of 'Keiburtel'.
2. Plants of the new *Petunia* have narrower leaves than plants of 'Keiburtel'.
3. Flowers of plants of the new *Petunia* are dark violet in color whereas flowers of plants of 'Keiburtel' are dark purplish red in color.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new *Petunia* plant showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Petunia* plant.

The photograph on the first sheet (FIG. 1) is a top perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Dopetpoplucobl' grown in a container.

The photograph on the second sheet (FIG. 2) is a close-up view of a typical flowering plant of 'Dopetpoplucobl'.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photographs and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the spring and early summer in 22-cm containers in a glass-covered greenhouse in Rheinberg, Germany and under cultural practices typical of commercial *Petunia* production. During the production of the plants, day and night temperatures averaged 18° C. and light levels averaged 4,500 lux. Plants were twelve weeks old when the photographs were taken and 25 weeks old when the description was taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, Fifth Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Petunia X hybrida* 'Dopetpoplucobl'.

Parentage:

*Female, or seed, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT17-028109-001, not patented.

*Male, or pollen, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT17-015094-001, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type.*—By terminal vegetative cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots, summer.*—About five days at temperatures about 20° C.

*Time to initiate roots, winter.*—About seven days at temperatures about 20° C.

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.*—About three weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.*—About four weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

*Root description.*—Fine, fibrous; close to 155B in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on

substrate composition, water quality, fertilizers, substrate temperature and age of roots.

*Rooting habit.*—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

*Plant and growth habit.*—Relatively compact, semi-upright and mounding plant habit; freely branching habit with about four primary lateral branches each with about seven secondary branches developing after pinching; moderately vigorous growth habit and slow growth rate.

*Plant height, soil level to top of foliar plane.*—About 20.5 cm.

*Plant height, soil level to top of floral plane.*—About 23 cm.

*Plant diameter.*—About 31.5 cm.

Lateral branch description:

*Length.*—About 19 cm.

*Diameter.*—About 3.5 mm.

*Internode length.*—About 1.9 cm.

*Strength.*—Moderately strong.

*Aspect.*—Initially upright to somewhat outwardly spreading.

*Texture and luster.*—Pubescent; semi-glossy.

*Color, developing and developed.*—Close to 144A to 144B.

Leaf description:

*Arrangement.*—Before flowering, alternate; after flowering, opposite; simple.

*Length.*—About 3.5 cm.

*Width.*—About 2.1 cm.

*Shape.*—Spatulate.

*Apex.*—Obtuse.

*Base.*—Attenuate.

*Margin.*—Entire.

*Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces.*—Pubescent; leathery; semi-glossy.

*Venation pattern.*—Pinnate; arcuate.

*Color.*—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to 144B. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to 143C. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to 144A to 144B; venation, close to 144C. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 143C; venation, close to 144D.

*Petioles.*—Length: About 2.6 mm. Diameter: About 1.7 mm. Strength: Moderately strong; firm. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; matte. Color, upper surface: Close to 145B. Color, lower surface: Close to 144B.

Flower description:

*Flower type and flowering habit.*—Single salverform flowers arising from leaf axils; freely flowering habit with usually about 170 flowers and flower buds developing per plant; flowers face mostly upright to outwardly.

*Fragrance.*—None detected.

*Natural flowering season.*—Plants flower continuously during the spring and summer in Germany; early flowering habit, plants typically beginning flowering about eleven weeks after planting.

*Flower longevity.*—Individual flowers last about two to three days on the plant; flowers persistent.

*Flower buds.*—Length: About 3.8 cm. Diameter: About 5 mm. Shape: Ovoid. Texture and luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Color: Close to 79A.

*Flower diameter.*—About 5.3 cm by 5.8 cm.

*Flower depth (height).*—About 5.3 cm.

*Flower throat diameter.*—About 1.3 cm.

*Flower tube length.*—About 2.5 cm.

*Flower tube diameter, proximally.*—About 7 mm.

*Corolla.*—Arrangement: Five petals fused at the base  
and opening into a flared trumpet. Petal lobe length  
(from throat): About 2.9 cm. Petal lobe width: About  
2.7 cm. Petal shape: Roughly spatulate. Petal apex:  
Obtuse. Petal margin: Entire; slightly undulate. Petal  
texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: 5  
Rippled, glabrous; semi-glossy. Throat texture and  
luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Tube texture and luster:  
Rippled; semi-glossy. Color: Petal lobe, when open-  
ing, upper surface: Close to 86A. Petal lobe, when  
opening, lower surface: Close to 83B. Petal lobe, 10  
fully opened, upper surface: Close to N88A; venation,  
close to 79A; color becoming closer to N82A  
with subsequent development. Petal lobe, fully  
opened, lower surface: Close to 86B; venation, close  
to 79B; color becoming closer to N82D with subse-  
quent development. Flower throat: Close to 86B;  
venation, close to 86B. Flower tube: Close to 79C;  
venation, close to 79B.

*Sepals.*—Arrangement: Five sepals fused at the base  
forming a tubular star-shaped calyx. Length: About 25  
1.1 cm. Diameter: About 2.8 mm. Shape: Oblong.  
Apex: Rounded. Base: Decurrent. Margin: Entire.  
Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Pubes-  
cent; semi-glossy. Color: When opening, upper sur-  
face: Close to 143A. When opening, lower surface:  
Close to 143B. Fully opened, upper surface: Close to  
143A. Fully opened, lower surface: Close to 143C.

*Peduncles.*—Length: About 2.1 cm. Diameter: About 2  
mm. Strength: Moderately strong. Texture and luster:  
Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: Close to  
144A to 144B.

*Reproductive organs.*—Stamens: Quantity per flower:  
Five. Filament length: About 2.2 cm. Filament color:  
Close to 157C. Anther length: About 1.2 mm. Anther  
shape: Ovate. Anther color: Close to 156A. Pollen  
amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to 188A.  
Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About  
2.3 cm. Style length: About 1.8 cm. Style color:  
Close to 145B. Stigma diameter: About 1.3 mm.  
Stigma shape: Rounded. Stigma color: Close to  
189A. Ovary color: Close to 145A. Fruits: Quantity  
produced per plant: About 80 during the flowering  
season. Length: About 6 mm. Diameter: About 5  
mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to  
197A. Seeds: Quantity per flower: About 220.  
Length: About 0.2 mm. Diameter: About 0.2 mm.  
Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 200A.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Petunia* have been  
observed to have good garden performance and tolerate  
wind, rain, temperatures ranging from about 5° C. to  
about 40° C. and to be suitable for USDA Hardiness Zone  
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Pathogen & pest resistance: To date, plants of the new  
*Petunia* have not been observed to be resistant to patho-  
gens and pests common to *Petunia* plants.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Petunia* plant named 'Dopetpoplu-  
cobl' as illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2