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(54) **PETUNIA PLANT NAMED**
‘DOPETPOTPURVEI98’

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named ‘Dopetpotpurvei98’, characterized by its semi-upright and uniformly mounding plant habit; vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate; freely branching habit; early and freely flowering habit; large purplish pink-colored flowers with reddish purple-colored venation; and good container and garden performance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical designation: *Petunia X hybrida*.
Cultivar denomination: ‘DOPETPOTPURVEI98’.

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 ‘Dopetpotpurvei98’.

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, 2020 in Rheinberg, Germany of a proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT21-K0851, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT19-K0848, 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 cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Rheinberg, Germany in May, 2022.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Petunia* plant by terminal vegetative cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environment in Rheinberg, Germany since June, 2022 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.

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The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Dopetpotpurvei98’. These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Dopetpotpurvei98’ as a new and distinct *Petunia* plant:

1. Semi-upright and uniformly mounding plant habit.
2. Vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate.
3. Freely branching habit.
4. Early and freely flowering habit.
5. Large purplish pink-colored flowers with reddish purple-colored venation.
6. Good container and 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 the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Petunia* are more freely flowering than plants of the female parent selection.
2. Plants of the new *Petunia* have larger flowers than plants of the female parent selection.
3. Plants of the new *Petunia* have purplish pink-colored flowers with reddish purple-colored venation whereas plants of the female parent selection have light pink-colored flowers and venation.

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 the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Petunia* are not as compact as plants of the male parent selection.
2. Flower petals of plants of the new *Petunia* do not recurve whereas flower petals of plants of the male parent selection recurve with development.
3. Plants of the new *Petunia* have purplish pink-colored flowers with reddish purple-colored venation whereas plants of the male parent selection have white-colored flowers with purple-colored venation.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of *Petunia X hybrida* 'Revolution Bluevein', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 9,322. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Petunia* and 'Revolution Bluevein' differ primarily in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Petunia* are more compact than and not as vigorous as plants of 'Revolution Bluevein'.
2. Plants of the new *Petunia* are more freely flowering than plants of 'Revolution Bluevein'.
3. Plants of the new *Petunia* have larger flowers than plants of 'Revolution Bluevein'.
4. Plants of the new *Petunia* have purplish pink-colored flowers with reddish purple-colored venation whereas plants of 'Revolution Bluevein' have light purplish blue-colored flowers with deep violet-colored venation.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates 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 photograph 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 is a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Dopetpotpurvei98' grown in a container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the spring and 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 photograph was 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* 'Dopetpotpurvei98'.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT21-K0851, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as code number TT19-K0848, 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.—Semi-upright and uniformly mounding plant habit; freely branching habit with about eight primary lateral branches each with about nine secondary branches developing after pinching; vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate.

Plant height, soil level to top of foliar plane.—About 18.1 cm.

Plant height, soil level to top of floral plane.—About 19.5 cm.

Plant diameter.—About 62 cm.

Lateral branch description:

Length.—About 31 cm.

Diameter.—About 4 mm.

Internode length.—About 1.2 cm.

Strength.—Moderately strong.

Aspect.—Initially upright to somewhat outwardly spreading.

Texture and luster.—Pubescent; semi-glossy.

Color, developing.—Close to 144A.

Color, developed.—Close to 144B.

Leaf description:

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

Length.—About 4.9 cm.

Width.—About 2.5 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 and fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to 137A; venation, close to 144A. Developing and fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 137B; venation, close to 144A.

Petioles.—Length: About 3 mm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Strength: Moderately strong; firm. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; matte. Color, upper surface: Close to 143A. Color, lower surface: Close to 143B.

Flower description:

Flower type and flowering habit.—Single salverform flowers arising from leaf axils; freely flowering habit with usually about 344 flowers and flower buds developing per plant during the flowering season; 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 3.2 cm. Diameter: About 4 mm. Shape: Ovoid. Texture and luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Color: Close to N79A.

Flower diameter.—About 5.5 cm by 5.8 cm.

Flower depth (height).—About 4.1 cm.

Flower throat diameter.—About 1 cm.

Flower tube length.—About 2 cm.

Flower tube diameter, proximally.—About 5 mm.

Corolla.—Arrangement: Five petals fused at the base and opening into a flared trumpet. Petal lobe length (from throat): About 2.7 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: Rippled, glabrous; semi-glossy. Throat texture and luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Tube texture and luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Color: Petal lobe, when opening, upper surface: Close to 76D. Petal lobe, when opening, lower surface: Close to NN77A; towards the tube, close to 150B. Petal lobe, fully opened, upper surface: Close to N78C; venation, close to N78A; color does not change with subsequent development. Petal lobe, fully opened, lower surface: Close to N78D; venation, close to N77B; color does not change with subsequent development. Flower throat: Close to 79A; venation, close to N79A. Flower tube: Close to N79B; venation, close to 145A.

Sepals.—Arrangement: Five sepals fused at the base forming a tubular star-shaped calyx. Length: About 1.8 cm. Diameter: About 2.9 mm. Shape: Oblong. Apex: Rounded. Base: Decurrent. Margin: Entire. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 146A. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 146B.

Peduncles.—Length: About 3.4 cm. Diameter: About 1 mm. Strength: Moderately strong. Texture and luster: Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: Close to 143A.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Five. Filament length: About 1.9 cm. Filament color: Close to 156D. Anther length: About 1.9 mm. Anther shape: Ovate. Anther color: Close to 85B. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to N155A. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 2.2 cm. Style length: About 1.6 cm. Style color: Close to 144C. Stigma diameter: About 1.6 mm. Stigma shape: Rounded. Stigma color: Close to 143B. Ovary color: Close to 144A. Fruits: Quantity produced per plant: About 108 during the flowering season. Length: About 8 mm. Diameter: About 6 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 161D. Seeds: Quantity per flower: About 190. Length: About 0.3 mm. Diameter: About 0.3 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 200B.

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 11.

Pathogen & pest resistance: To date, plants of the new *Petunia* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Petunia* plants.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Petunia* plant named ‘Dopetpotpurvei98’ as illustrated and described.

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