

# MIDNIGHT II

## Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*)

*A collaboration between Pure Seed Testing, Inc. and Rutgers University, Midnight II is the long-awaited true successor to Midnight, the world's most popular and successful Kentucky bluegrass. Midnight II provides improved turfgrass performance, a darker green color and significantly improved wear tolerance. Midnight II is in the top statistical group for overall turf quality in all three NTEP management regimes (2003 report).*

*Residential / Commercial turf • Sports turf at or above 0.5"  
Sod Production • Parks / Recreational / Cemeteries  
Golf course tees, fairways and rough*



## Growth Habit and Characteristics:

- Tested as PST-739 and A98-739
- Compact, spreading growth habit / moderately aggressive / medium fine leaf texture
- Very uniform, dense turf with very dark green color
- Performs well in a wide range of well-drained soils, pH 5.5–7.5

## Performance Characteristics / Adaptations:

- Outstanding performance throughout the traditional range of Kentucky bluegrass
- Excellent wear tolerance and recovery
- Significantly improved winter color
- Very good summer and heat performance
- Solid 'low mow' performance to 0.5"
- Improved disease resistance, esp. summer patch, brown patch, stripe smut, and dollar spot
- Strong resistance to billbugs
- Performs well in full sun to light shade
- A quality addition for all cool season mixes / very compatible with very dark elite Kentucky bluegrasses, including Moonlight, Midnight Star and Serene

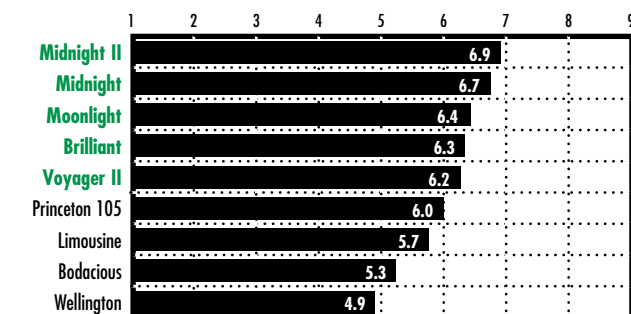
## Establishment and Maintenance:

- Seed at 2–3 lbs / 1,000 sq ft (10–15 g/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Early fall and spring seeding are best. Late spring / summer plantings are not recommended in most locations
- Seedbed should be kept moist during germination and early establishment
- Germinates in 14–21 days with optimal soil temperatures, 55°–80° F (12°–26° C)
- Full coverage in 8–10 weeks
- First mowing recommended when turf reaches approximately 2" in height

## Established Turf Maintenance:

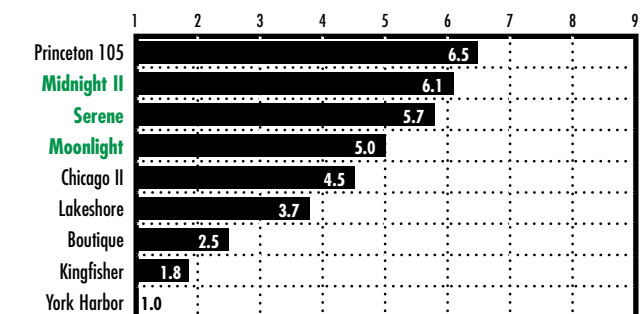
- For best results, fertilize at annual rate of 3–4 lbs / 1,000 sq ft of N (15–20 g/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Deep, infrequent irrigation during the cooler months as needed / light, more frequent irrigations during the summer months in absence of rainfall
- Recommended mowing height of 0.5"–2.5"

NTEP, 2003 Progress report, Turf Quality Schedule 'C' (Low Maintenance)  
5 locations, 173 Kentucky blues evaluated, Rated 1 – 9  
9 = Ideal LSD 0.4



Green = Scotts Professional Seed Varieties

NTEP, 2003 Progress report, Traffic Study, New Brunswick, NJ,  
Mowed 0.6-1.0" 173 Kentucky blues evaluated,  
Rated 1 – 9 9=Best LSD 0.6



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