

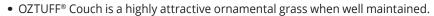
TRADEMARK: OZTUFF® Couch BOTANICAL NAME: Cynodon dactylon

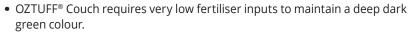
PBR: Oz-E-Green 2004/035 This variety is protected by Australian Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR)

KEY FEATURES:



- OZTUFF® Couch's fine leaf is soft to the touch and dense underfoot.
- OZTUFF® Couch's extensive deep root system aids with drought tolerance and wear recovery.
- OZTUFF® has the highest salt tolerance of any Couch variety, making it suitable for coastal areas and pool sides.
- OZTUFF® Couch tolerates low water quality, such as recycled water and site run-off water.
- OZTUFF® Couch maintains a natural dark green colour and grows well even in poorer quality soils where nutrition would be considered inadequate for other turf varieties.





- OZTUFF® Couch was ranked #1 for wear tolerance in a 4-year Horticultural Australia Limited study (TU08018). Data collected mirrored results seen in the field where it was planted on sports fields receiving high use.
- OZTUFF® Couch has a moderate thatch layer which provides greater wear resistance.
- OZTUFF® Couch has demonstrated it can handle saltwater levels 50% of that of sea water. (TU06006 & TU02005)
- OZTUFF® Couch is a dark green coloured turf.



PERFORMANCE:		
ESTABLISHMENT	OZTUFF® Couch establishes quickly with heavier and less frequent watering.	
MAINTENANCE	Low - medium	
MOWING	Low – medium. Less mowing than other Couch varieties.	
RECOMMENDED MOWING HEIGHT	Summer & Spring: every 2-3 weeks, at 5-40mm height.	
	Winter & Autumn: every 4-5 weeks, at 20-40mm height.	
WATER REQUIREMENTS	Post establishment a deep watering once a week. You can reduce this to fortnightly in winter and autumn or as required depending on climate conditions.	
COLOUR	Retains dark green natural colour in poorer quality soils or where nutrition is low.	
SEED HEAD	Prostrate growth with fewer seed heads.	
FERTILISER	Fertilise at the start of spring and again, at the start of autumn. OZTUFF® Couch has a low nutritional requirement, so don't over feed.	
COLD TOLERANCE	Low to medium	
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	High	
SALT RESISTANCE	High	
SHADE TOLERANCE	Low to medium	



PERFORMANCE (continued):			
WEED RESISTANCE	OZTUFF's dense mat forming nature acts like a mulch inhibiting the establishment of weeds. OZTUFF® Couch is tolerant of all post and pre-emergent herbicides registered for use on green Couch.		
PEST RESISTANCE	Damage from common Lawn Grubs, Sod Web Worm and Army Worm can occur but a healthy OZTUFF® Couch lawn will quickly recover. All commonly available insecticides are suitable for use. OZTUFF® Couch is resistant to Couch Smut.		
WEAR AND TEAR RECOVERY	Very high		
THATCHING	Moderate thatch layer		
DISEASE RESISTANCE	High		
USAGE	 Sporting fields Coastal park plantings Roadside swales Golf courses Racecourses Local councils Overflow carparks or showground areas High density domestic housing developments. 	 Landscapers Specifiers Parklands and foreshores Golf course fairways Erosion control Shopping centres & large landscaping projects. Roadworks and traffic civil contractors. 	
AVAILABILITY	QLD & NSW		

ADVISORY:

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REFERENCES:

*Nationally funded HAL (Horticulture Australia Limited) research projects: TU08018, TU06006 and TU02005.

LICENSING & COMMERCIAL ENQUIRIES:

 $Turf Breed\ Pty\ Ltd's\ contracts\ under\ license\ a\ large\ network\ of\ growers\ across\ the\ country\ to\ grow\ OZTUFF^{\$}\ Couch\ fit\ for\ purpose\ and\ region.$

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



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