

TRADEMARK:	OZTUFF™ Couch	BOTANICAL NAME:	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>
PBR:	Oz-E-Green 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 is a highly attractive ornamental grass when well maintained.
- OZTUFF™ Couch requires very low fertiliser inputs to maintain a deep dark green colour.
- 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:

FIT FOR PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting fields • Coastal park plantings • Roadside swales • Golf courses • Racecourses • Local councils • Overflow carparks or showground areas • High density domestic housing developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapers • Specifiers • Parklands and foreshores • Golf course fairways • Erosion control • Shopping centres & large landscaping projects • Roadworks and traffic civil contractors
ESTABLISHMENT	OZTUFF™ Couch establishes quickly with heavier and less frequent watering.	
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	High	
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.	
MAINTENANCE	Medium – high	
MOWING	Recommended mowing height is between 18mm-40mm depending on use and aesthetic requirements.	
THATCHING	Moderate thatch layer.	
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.	

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PERFORMANCE (continued):

WEAR TOLERANCE	Very high
COLOUR	Retains dark green natural colour in poorer quality soils or where nutrition is low.
SHADE TOLERANCE	Low
COLD TOLERANCE	Low
SALT TOLERANCE	High
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.
DISEASE RESISTANCE	High
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.
SEED HEAD	Very little seed head production.

AVAILABILITY:

QLD, NSW & VIC

ADVISORY:

John Keleher, Agronomist, TPI Board Member & Turf Farmer

REFERENCES:

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



Parkland application



Sports field application

LICENSING & COMMERCIAL ENQUIRIES:

TurfBreed 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™ Couch can become part of your new project or as a long-term erosion control measure, please contact our Territory Managers.

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