

# easy grow guide

## Tomato Megabite (US) Megabyte (UK & EU)

(Lycopersicon esulentum)



### Plug Production: 288 plugs or larger

<b>Sowing/Media:</b>	Use a well-drained, disease-free, peat based plug medium with pH 5.5-6.0, EC <1.0 mmhos.
<b>Germination Stage 1: (4-7 days)</b>	Media should be saturated and humidity needs to be high until radicle emergence. Temperature should be 60-72°F (16-22°C). Light is not necessary for germination so a very light covering of vermiculite or growing medium can aid humidity.
<b>Germination Stage 2: (7-10 days)</b>	Once radicles emerge, maintain media temperature at 65-72°F (18-22°C). Once cotyledons are fully open, allow the media to become moist, not saturated and maintain even moisture. Humidity can now be reduced. Keep light levels between 1000-2000 f.c. HID lights can be used to boost light levels during periods of low light.
<b>Germination Stages 3&amp;4:</b>	Temperature can now be kept around 60-70°F (15-21°C) but reduced slightly during the night. Dry media down slightly between irrigations but avoid wilt. Increase light levels to around 2500 -3000 f.c, this will help stop stretching. Fertilize as required using balanced calcium fertiliser such as a 14-0-14 at 50-100ppm. Keep media pH at 5.5-6.0 and EC <1.0 mmhos.

### Growing On to Finish: 8”(20cm), 10”(25cm) or 12”(30cm) pot (cage optional)

<b>Media:</b>	Use a well-drained, disease free, peat-based growing mix with pH 5.5-6.2 and EC <1 mmhos.
<b>Temperatures:</b>	Day temperatures can be 60-70°F (16-21°C), night temperatures can be 50-60°F (10-16°C).
<b>Light:</b>	Light levels should be increased and maintained at 4000-5000 f.c.
<b>Irrigation:</b>	Once plants have established in the pot, practice a good wet/dry cycle to aid root development and control plant height. This will also benefit pest and disease pressures.
<b>Fertiliser:</b>	Feed every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> watering with a balanced fertiliser such as 13-2-13 or 15-0-15 at a rate of 150-200ppm. Calcium is important. Add calcium to your fertiliser or use a calcium based product. If growing to first ripe fruit, increase fertigation to every watering.
<b>Growth Regulators:</b>	Good moisture and fertiliser management combined with the correct light levels and temperatures should limit the need for PGRs. This variety is naturally compact. DO NOT USE
<b>Pests:</b>	Whitefly, Aphid
<b>Diseases:</b>	Pythium

### Plug Times:

<b>288 plug:</b>	14-21 days from sowing to transplant
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### Transplant to Finish:

Container	Plants/Container	Transplant to green fruit (retail)	Total Crop Time
<b>8” (20cm) Pot</b>	1 x plug	7-9 weeks	11-13 weeks
<b>12” (30cm) Pot</b>	1 x plug	10-12 weeks	13-15 weeks

Crop times are based on optimum conditions. Alternative environmental conditions and cultural regimes can lengthen the crop times stated above.