



Northern Territory Government

Heliconia Psittacorum hybrid cv

“Golden Torch”

Product Description Language

Bract Appearance



1. Spear single point with all bracts closed

2. (2) point spear fully separated

3. (3) point spear fully separated

4. (4) point spear fully opened with day-flowers visible

General Description

Spear Sizes
Openness:
Green tip:
Colour:

Large 180 – 220 mm, Small 170 – 150 mm.
Stages 1-4.
Up to 4 mm acceptable.
Should not be modified by environmental conditions including bleaching and cold damage.

Leaf Attachment:
Stem Length:
Defects:

Generally one good leaf retained.
Determined by customer.
Broken bract, insect and fungal markings, dried tips, mechanical damage.

Harvesting:
Storage:

Optimum time before 10am.
Under cover, in clean water with protection from the wind. Held at 18-22° no longer than 24 hours at high humidity levels to preserve plant turgidity.

Tip Appearance



Green tips can remain up to 4 mm

Defects



Curvularia spot



Mechanical damage



Damaged bract



Wind damage



Dried tips



Choke



Insect chew