



NewGen Independence® Boxwood

Good resistance to boxwood blight with proper care

Good resistance to boxwood leafminer

WOW factor in the garden

Deer resistant



Cultivar: *Buxus* NewGen Independence® 'SB 108' PP28888

Zones: 5-8

Growth Rate: Medium, 2 to 4 inches per year

Sun Exposure: Sun, part sun, shade

Attributes: NewGen Independence® is a very deep green medium-sized cultivar that holds excellent color throughout the winter. It has a rounded habit that is nearly as tall as wide. NewGen Independence® can be used in formal plantings where a medium-sized round plant is desired. Great substitute for *Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa' (English Boxwood) when designing foundational plantings. Branching structure is very strong allowing it to withstand most moderate to heavy snow loads. Deer resistant.

Care: Prune lightly in late winter to early spring to maintain uniform shape. If fall frosts burn new growth, clip off in early winter. Thinning is not necessary. Space plants to ensure good air movement and apply a light layer of mulch annually.

Comments: NewGen Independence® was chosen for the NewGen® brand based on its good resistance to boxwood blight with proper care, as well as good performance in boxwood leafminer trials. Habit is similar to 'Green Beauty' but with much better boxwood leafminer resistance. NewGen Independence® was a chance seedling found in the Williamsburg, Virginia area.

Uses: Medium specimen, medium hedge, foundation plant

Substitutes: 'Green Beauty', 'Suffruticosa', 'Green Velvet', 'Green Mound'

Size: 15 years (3' Tall and 3' Wide) 25 years (4.5' Tall and 4.5' Wide)

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All boxwood cultivars show some level of susceptibility to boxwood blight under extreme circumstances. Always follow Best Management Practices to minimize damage.