

Catapult[®]



Variety snapshot

- Mid-slow maturity, with a very flexible sowing window
- Safer option for sowing dry when germination date is unknown
- Wide adaptation, will fit the front end of most growers' cropping programs
- Good pre-harvest sprouting tolerance, better than Rockstar[®]
- Excellent choice for wheat-on-wheat situations
- Better CCN resistance than LRPB Trojan[®] and Rockstar[®]
- Very good physical grain quality characteristics with an AH quality classification

Breeder's comments

Sometimes in breeding, you get unexpected but very exciting results. Out of a standard Mace[®] cross, Catapult[®] has emerged as a unique combination of features that we believe will help growers increase productivity, while providing flexibility that has not been available previously.

Growers are continually looking for earlier sowing options that don't compromise on yield, to complement high yielding main season varieties like Scepter[®] so that an increase in over-all farm yield is achieved. Catapult[®] may be viewed as a 'long season' Scepter[®], allowing growers to achieve Scepter[®]-like yields when sown in late April/early May. When sown around ANZAC day, Catapult[®] has consistently out-yielded LRPB Trojan[®] and Cutlass[®]. The high yield potential relative to other varieties has been recorded across a large range of growing conditions and environments, highlighting Catapult's[®] very wide suitability for most cropping programs.

These days, much of the wheat crop is planted dry. In many instances germination of dry sown crops may be delayed considerably if the arrival of the break in the season is unknown, and therefore variety choice for these situations is very important. A variety like Catapult[®] is a great choice for dry sowing because it maintains its high yield over a wide range of germination dates, including well into May where it remains competitive with the benchmark variety Scepter[®].

Catapult[®] is also one of the best choices for use in wheat-on-wheat rotations, with very good yellow leaf spot resistance.

Catapult[®] is very closely related to Scepter[®] and shares its physical grain quality characteristics of high test weight, low screenings and AH quality classification.

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	RAC2484
Released	2019
EPR rate	\$3.25/tonne + GST

Performance

Grain yield	Please consult the NVT website for current data: https://nvt.grdc.com.au/
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Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MR
Stripe Rust resistance*	S
Leaf Rust resistance*	S
Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	S
Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	MSS
CCN resistance*	R
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	S
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	MII
Eyespot resistance*	S
Crown Rot resistance*	MSS

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed^	Mid-slow
Maturity habit^	Spring
Sowing window^	Early & Main
Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type^	Awned
Plant height^	Moderate
Coleoptile length^	Short
Lodging tolerance^	MI

Abiotic Stress

Boron tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene
Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene

Grain Quality

Quality classification	AH
Screenings level^	White
Retentions level^	Low
Test weight^	High
Sprouting tolerance^o	MII
Black Point resistance*	S

Legend

R	Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MR	Moderately Resistant	(P)	Provisional rating	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/TraitRatings
MS	Moderately Susceptible	NA	Not Available		
S	Susceptible	/	Pathotype differences		
VS	Very Susceptible	-	Range		
T	Tolerant	,	Mixed phenotype		
MT	Moderately Tolerant	#	May be more susceptible to alternate pathotypes		
MI	Moderately Intolerant	*	NVT consensus ratings 2025		
I	Intolerant				



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