



Coco-chips



“Coco-chips,
a great additive
to increase air-ratio”



Popular substrate and additive:

Coco-chips are used in different ways. It is used as an additive in growing media since the early nineties and also as a complete growing medium.

The popularity is due to the improvements of the characteristics of the growing media and because Coco-chips is easy to handle in the culture.

Using Coco-chips as an additive in potting mixtures creates a growing medium with the ideal physical properties. The chips can absorb water and yet leave enough air available for sensitive plants such as Gerberas and Orchids.



The production of Coco-chips is the following:

The husk which grows around the hard coconut is aged so that it is more stabile.

After several different ways of cutting, the chips are screened and washed. After this washing, the chips are dried on a clean concrete floor. When drying is realised, Coco-chips are pressed in bales of 4-5 kg to be shipped to the potting soil producer or the end user.

- Coco-chips improves capillarity in your substrate.
- Coco-chips keeps your growing media elastic.
- Coco-chips is an additive with a long experience.
- Coco-chips is a 100% organic material.
- Coco-chips is easy in handling because of the size.
- Coco-chips of Dutch Plantin is traded under the RHP-mark.

The qualifications of Coco-chips are very high; not only should the EC (electrical conductivity) be low, the material must be easy to process and must not decompose too quickly. Thanks to our knowledge of potting mixtures and other growing media, Dutch Plantin is able to produce Coco-chips that meets the following demands:

- Sizes which are practical to use in the professional horticulture.
 - The Coco-chips "fine" (5-11 mm) is a homogeneous material which is often used as a coarse "peat look-alike" and which is easy to mix with other raw materials.
 - The Coco-chips "medium" (10-15 mm) is often used for cultures which like more air, like Orchids and also Gerbera's.
- There is a minimum of long fibres in the Coco-chips.
 - To avoid problems with equipment and handling, an extra shifting is realized at the production plants of Dutch Plantin so that irregularities can be avoided.
- A low EC after the washing-proces.
 - because Coco-chips can be used as an additive, it influences the whole growing medium

**"Coco-chips,
only aged chips
leave our factories!"**

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