

BEGONIA — REIGER, ELATIOR, HIEMALIS

Botanical Name *Begonia x hiemalis*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes. Plants are extremely sensitive to flower and bud drop when exposed to ethylene.

Interior Light 50-300 foot candles

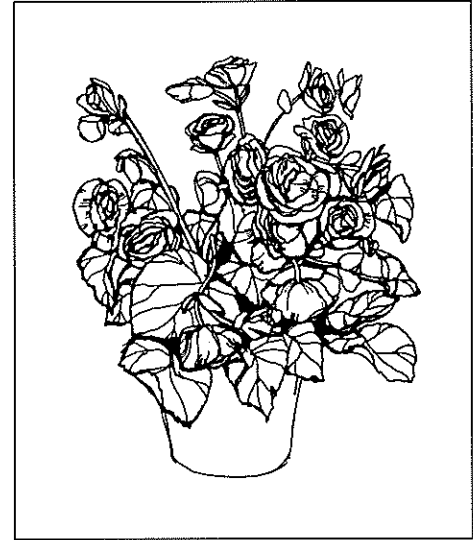
Storage 45-55°F. Plants should not be stored longer than five days.

Purchasing Hints Plants should be marketed with 30 to 50 percent of the flowers open.

Consumer Life Four to six weeks

Special Concerns Flower stalks elongate and flower color will fade under low light conditions. Plants are sensitive to overwatering.

Additional Information New compact varieties with profuse flowering make Elatior begonias a long-lasting plant indoors. Plants may be sensitive to temperatures below 45°F.



The species is named after Michel Begon (1638-1710), a promoter of botany. With over 1,000 species and 10,000 recorded hybrids, the genus is very complex. From a practical perspective, it is divided into three large groups according to root structure: fibrous-rooted, rhizomatous and tuberous.