

Maximize Root Growth With Anderson Bands

Investing in quality Anderson Bands and trays maximizes long-term value and positively impacts your bottom line

Located in Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley, Anderson Die & Manufacturing Company is an industry-leading innovator in reusable plastic nursery containers and has been ever since the company released its first plastic nursery pot more than 50 years ago. As a leader in reusable and recyclable nursery containers, Anderson Pots are available from authorized distributors in the western half of the US and Canada, as well as directly from the company. Learn more about the Anderson products at www.andersonpots.com.

A unique Anderson product, widely prized for plant root growth, is the Anderson Cross-Bottom Band. The Cross-Bottom Band and Anderson's matching Propagation Flats are quality investments top growers make to improve their bottom lines. It is not uncommon to see Anderson Bands and other Anderson products more than a decade old still in use, helping growers maximize their plant material.

John Lewis of JLPN Inc. with a 200,000-square-foot greenhouse facility on 110 acres in Salem, Ore., has been a major proponent of using Anderson Bands. Anderson Bands are specifically mentioned on JLPN's web site, in the company's catalog and in lectures on



John Lewis of JLPN Inc. grows tree liners in Anderson's Cross-Bottom Bands.

JLPN's successful growing methods. John says he has tried other containers that claimed enhanced root growth, but has never found anything to be better than Anderson's Cross-Bottom Bands. JLPN's customers are encouraged to return Bands to the JLPN nursery where they are reused year after year. JLPN's website at <http://jlpnliners.com> says "the Anderson Band Pot is the perfect growing container for several reasons" and includes the following testimonial: The 27⁷/₈" x 27⁷/₈" x 5¹/₂" Anderson Band, our standard growing container, has a soil volume of 45 cubic inches. The width of the container, coupled with its depth provides ample room for root systems to develop in one growing season without becoming root bound, or restricted in growth. Contrary to what some manufacturers might claim, roots can circle in any container shape, size or configuration. That is fact. While a root system

can go any direction it wants until it hits a sidewall of a container, the ridges built into the Band sidewalls, and the square design of the Anderson Band eliminate a great deal of directional circling.

In marked contrast to the pitfalls inherent in trying to grow quality plants in thin-walled plastic throwaways, the Anderson Band offer growers:

- Higher plant survival rates
- Exceptional root development
- Internal ribs designed to inhibit root circling
- Improved root protection from the sun's harmful rays
- Improved cold weather thermal protection
- Ease of handling for potting and grafting

Cross-Bottom Bands are available in sizes designed specifically for perennial and bedding plant growing, and as the larger volume deep tree bands, which come in various sizes up to a 5 inch by 12 inch design that hold 4.6 quarts. The popular 27⁷/₈" x 9" (SP4) size has, in recent years, been in high demand for the propagation of wine grape planting stock and other uses. A variation of the Cross-Bottom Bands that has a full bottom with bottom drainage holes is also available in several of the smaller Band sizes.

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If your nursery seeks to maximize long term value, Anderson Bands may be exactly what you need. Anderson's reusable containers offer extremely long service lifespans. They are demonstrably superior for plant root growth as proven by leading growers in the West and throughout North America. ■