

MONSANTO COMPANY
Material Safety Data Sheet
Commercial Product

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name

RT Master® II Herbicide

EPA Reg. No.

524-539

Chemical name

Not applicable.

Synonyms

None.

Company

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Emergency numbers

FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCY, SPILL LEAK, FIRE, EXPOSURE, OR ACCIDENT Call CHEMTREC - Day or Night: 1-800-424-9300 toll free in the continental U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, or Virgin Islands. For calls originating elsewhere: 703-527-3887 (collect calls accepted).

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Active ingredient

Potassium salt of N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine; {Potassium salt of glyphosate}

Composition

| COMPONENT | CAS No. | % by weight (approximate) |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Potassium salt of glyphosate | 70901-12-1 | 49 |
| Other ingredients | | 51 |

The specific chemical identity is being withheld because it is trade secret information of Monsanto Company.

OSHA Status

This product is hazardous according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency overview

Appearance and odour (colour/form/odour): Blue / Liquid / Odourless

CAUTION!

CAUSES MODERATE EYE IRRITATION

Potential health effects

Likely routes of exposure

Skin contact, eye contact, inhalation

Eye contact, short term

May cause temporary eye irritation.

Skin contact, short term

Not expected to produce significant adverse effects when recommended use instructions are followed.

Inhalation, short term

Not expected to produce significant adverse effects when recommended use instructions are followed.

Refer to section 11 for toxicological and section 12 for environmental information.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact

If in eyes, hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing.

Skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing, wristwatch, jewellery.
Wash affected skin with plenty of water.
Continue for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation

If inhaled, move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call emergency number or ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible.

Ingestion

Immediately offer water to drink.
Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel.
If symptoms occur, get medical attention.

Advice to doctors

This product is not an inhibitor of cholinesterase.

Antidote

Treatment with atropine and oximes is not indicated.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash point

Does not flash.

Extinguishing media

Recommended: Water, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Unusual fire and explosion hazards

Minimise use of water to prevent environmental contamination.
Environmental precautions: see section 6.

Hazardous products of combustion

Carbon monoxide (CO), phosphorus oxides (P_xO_y), nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Fire fighting equipment

Self-contained breathing apparatus.
Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protection recommended in section 8.

Environmental precautions

SMALL QUANTITIES:

Low environmental hazard.

LARGE QUANTITIES:

Minimise spread.

Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and water ways.

Methods for cleaning up

SMALL QUANTITIES:

Flush spill area with water.

LARGE QUANTITIES:

Absorb in earth, sand or absorbent material.

Dig up heavily contaminated soil.

Collect in containers for disposal.

Refer to section 7 for types of containers.

Flush residues with small quantities of water.

Minimise use of water to prevent environmental contamination.

Refer to section 13 for disposal of spilled material.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Good industrial practice in housekeeping and personal hygiene should be followed.

Handling

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling or contact.

Do not contaminate drains, sewers and water ways when disposing of equipment rinse water.

Thoroughly clean equipment after use.

Refer to section 13 for disposal of rinse water.

Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

Emptied containers retain vapour and product residue.

FOLLOW LABELED WARNINGS EVEN AFTER CONTAINER IS EMPTIED.

Storage

Compatible materials for storage: stainless steel, aluminium, fibreglass, plastic, glass lining

Incompatible materials for storage: galvanised steel, unlined mild steel, see section 10.

Keep out of reach of children.

Keep away from food, drink and animal feed.

Keep only in the original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Airborne exposure limits

| Components | Exposure Guidelines |
|------------------------------|---|
| Potassium salt of glyphosate | No specific occupational exposure limit has been established. |
| Other ingredients | No specific occupational exposure limit has been established. |

Engineering controls

No special requirement when used as recommended.

Eye protection

If there is significant potential for contact:

Wear chemical goggles.

Skin protection

Wear chemical resistant gloves.
If there is significant potential for contact:
Wear face shield.
Wear chemical resistant clothing/footwear.
Applicators and other handlers must wear:
Wear long sleeved shirt, long pants and shoes with socks.
Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining Personal Protective Equipment.
If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water.

Respiratory protection

No special requirement when used as recommended.

When recommended, consult manufacturer of personal protective equipment for the appropriate type of equipment for a given application.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

These physical data are typical values based on material tested but may vary from sample to sample. Typical values should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis of any specific lot or as specifications for the product.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Colour/colour range: | Blue |
| Form: | Liquid |
| Odour: | Odourless |
| Flash point: | Does not flash. |
| Specific gravity: | 1.3565 |
| Density: | 11.3 lb/gal |
| pH: | 4.6 - 4.9 |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability

Stable under normal conditions of handling and storage.

Hazardous decomposition

Thermal decomposition: Hazardous products of combustion: see section 5.

Materials to avoid/Reactivity

Reacts with galvanised steel or unlined mild steel to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable gas that could explode.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This section is intended for use by toxicologists and other health professionals.

Data obtained on similar products and on components are summarized below.

Similar formulation

Acute oral toxicity

Rat, LD50: > 5,000 mg/kg body weight

Practically non-toxic.

FIFRA category IV.

Acute dermal toxicity

Rat, LD50: > 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Practically non-toxic.
FIFRA category IV.

Eye irritation

Rabbit, 3 animals, OECD 405 test:
Days to heal: 7
Moderate irritation.
FIFRA category III.

Acute inhalation toxicity

Rat, LC50, 4 hours, aerosol:
Practically non-toxic.
FIFRA category IV.
No 4-hr LC50 at the maximum tested concentration.

Skin sensitization

Guinea pig, Buehler test:
Positive incidence: 0 %

Similar formulation

Skin irritation

Rabbit, 3 animals, OECD 404 test:
Days to heal: 7
Primary Irritation Index (PII): 2.3/8.0
Moderate irritation.
FIFRA category III.

N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine: {glyphosate}

Mutagenicity

In vitro and in vivo mutagenicity test(s):
Not mutagenic.

Repeated dose toxicity

Rabbit, dermal, 21 days:
NOAEL toxicity: > 5,000 mg/kg body weight/day
Target organs/systems: none
Other effects: none

Rat, oral, 3 months:
NOAEL toxicity: > 20,000 mg/kg diet
Target organs/systems: none
Other effects: none

Carcinogenicity

Mouse, oral, 24 months:
NOEL tumour: > 30,000 mg/kg diet
NOAEL toxicity: ~ 5,000 mg/kg diet
Tumours: none
Target organs/systems: liver
Other effects: decrease of body weight gain, histopathologic effects

Rat, oral, 24 months:
NOEL tumour: > 20,000 mg/kg diet
NOAEL toxicity: ~ 8,000 mg/kg diet
Tumours: none
Target organs/systems: eyes
Other effects: decrease of body weight gain, histopathologic effects

Toxicity to reproduction/fertility

Rat, oral, 3 generations:
NOAEL toxicity: > 30 mg/kg body weight
NOAEL reproduction: > 30 mg/kg body weight

Target organs/systems in parents: none

Other effects in parents: none

Target organs/systems in pups: none

Other effects in pups: none

Developmental toxicity/teratogenicity

Rat, oral, 6 - 19 days of gestation:

NOAEL toxicity: 1,000 mg/kg body weight

NOAEL development: 1,000 mg/kg body weight

Other effects in mother animal: decrease of body weight gain, decrease of survival

Developmental effects: weight loss, post-implantation loss, delayed ossification

Effects on offspring only observed with maternal toxicity.

Rabbit, oral, 6 - 27 days of gestation:

NOAEL toxicity: 175 mg/kg body weight

NOAEL development: 175 mg/kg body weight

Target organs/systems in mother animal: none

Other effects in mother animal: decrease of survival

Developmental effects: none

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This section is intended for use by ecotoxicologists and other environmental specialists.

Data obtained on similar products and on components are summarized below.

Similar formulation

Aquatic toxicity, fish

Bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*):

Acute toxicity, 96 hours, static, LC50: 5.2 mg/L

Moderately toxic.

Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*):

Acute toxicity, 96 hours, static, LC50: 4.0 mg/L

Moderately toxic.

Aquatic toxicity, invertebrates

Water flea (*Daphnia magna*):

Acute toxicity, 48 hours, static, EC50: 8.0 mg/L

Moderately toxic.

N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine; {glyphosate}

Aquatic toxicity, algae/aquatic plants

Diatom (*Skeletonema costatum*):

Acute toxicity, 4 days, static, EC50: 1.3 mg/L

Moderately toxic.

Duckweed (*Lemna gibba*):

Acute toxicity, 14 days, static, EC50: 25.5 mg/L

Green algae (*Selenastrum capricornutum*):

Acute toxicity, 72 hours, static, ErC50 (growth rate): 450 mg/L

Practically non-toxic.

Avian toxicity

Bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*):

Dietary toxicity, 5 days, LC50: > 4,640 mg/kg diet

No more than slightly toxic.

Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*):

Dietary toxicity, 5 days, LC50: > 4,640 mg/kg diet

No more than slightly toxic.

Bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*):

Acute oral toxicity, single dose, LD50: > 3,851 mg/kg body weight
Practically non-toxic.

Arthropod toxicity

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):

Oral, 48 hours, LD50: 100 µg/bee

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):

Contact, 48 hours, LD50: > 100 µg/bee

Practically non-toxic.

Bioaccumulation

Bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*):

Whole fish: BCF: < 1

No significant bioaccumulation is expected.

Dissipation

Soil, field:

Half life: 2 - 174 days

Koc: 884 - 60,000 L/kg

Adsorbs strongly to soil.

Water, aerobic:

Half life: < 7 days

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and water ways.
Recycle if appropriate facilities/equipment available.
Burn in proper incinerator.
Follow all local/regional/national/international regulations.

Container

See the individual container label for disposal information.
Emptied containers retain vapour and product residue.
Observe all labelled safeguards until container is cleaned, reconditioned or destroyed.
Empty packaging completely.
Triple or pressure rinse empty containers.
Do NOT contaminate water when disposing of rinse waters.
Ensure packaging cannot be reused.
Do NOT re-use containers.
Store for collection by approved waste disposal service.
Recycle if appropriate facilities/equipment available.
Follow all local/regional/national/international regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The data provided in this section is for information only. Please apply the appropriate regulations to properly classify your shipment for transportation.

This product is not hazardous under the applicable DOT, ICAO/IATA, or IMDG regulations.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory

Exempt

OSHA Hazardous Components

Surfactant(s)

SARA Title III Rules

- Section 311/312 Hazard Categories
Immediate
- Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
Not applicable.
- Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s)
Not applicable.

CERCLA Reportable quantity

Not applicable.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The information given here is not necessarily exhaustive but is representative of relevant, reliable data. Follow all local/regional/national/international regulations. Please consult supplier if further information is needed. In this document the British spelling was applied.

| | Health | Flammability | Instability | Additional Markings |
|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| NFPA | 2 | 1 | 1 | |

0 = Minimal hazard, 1 = Slight hazard, 2 = Moderate hazard, 3 = Severe hazard, 4 = Extreme hazard

Full denomination of most frequently used acronyms. BCF (Bioconcentration Factor), BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand), COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand), EC50 (50% effect concentration), ED50 (50% effect dose), I.M. (intramuscular), I.P. (intraperitoneal), I.V. (intravenous), Koc (Soil adsorption coefficient), LC50 (50% lethality concentration), LD50 (50% lethality dose), LDLo (Lower limit of lethal dosage), LEL (Lower Explosion Limit), LOAEC (Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Concentration), LOAEL (Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level), LOEC (Lowest Observed Effect Concentration), LOEL (Lowest Observed Effect Level), MEL (Maximum Exposure limit), MTD (Maximum Tolerated Dose), NOAEC (No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration), NOAEL (No Observed Adverse Effect Level), NOEC (No Observed Effect Concentration), NOEL (No Observed Effect Level), OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit), PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit), PII (Primary Irritation Index), Pow (Partition coefficient n-octanol/water), S.C. (subcutaneous), STEL (Short-Term Exposure Limit), TLV-C (Threshold Limit Value-Ceiling), TLV-TWA (Threshold Limit Value - Time Weighted Average), UEL (Upper Explosion Limit)

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