

**Monsanto Canada**  
Material Safety Data Sheet  
Commercial Product

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product name**

**R/T 540 Liquid Herbicide**

**PCP Reg. No.**

28487

**Product use**

Herbicide

**Chemical name**

Not applicable.

**Synonyms**

None.

**Company**

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**Emergency numbers**

FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCY, SPILL LEAK, FIRE, EXPOSURE, OR ACCIDENT Call CANUTEC - Day or Night: 613-996-6666 (collect calls accepted) or MONSANTO: 314-694-4000 (collect calls accepted).

FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY - Day or Night: +1 (314) 694-4000 (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.

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## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency overview**

**Appearance and odour (colour/form/odour):** Amber - Brown / Liquid / Odourless

CAUTION!

POISON

HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED

HARMFUL IF INHALED

CAUSES EYE IRRITATION

CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION

**Potential health effects**

**Likely routes of exposure**

Skin contact, eye contact

**Eye contact, short term**

May cause temporary eye irritation.

**Skin contact, short term**

Irritating to skin.

**Inhalation, short term**

Harmful by inhalation.

**Single ingestion**

Harmful if swallowed.

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

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## 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.

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash point**

Does not flash.

**Extinguishing media**

Recommended: Water, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**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<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

**Fire fighting equipment**

Self-contained breathing apparatus.

Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

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## 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.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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

**Handling**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing vapour or mist.

When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling or contact.

Thoroughly clean equipment after use.

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

Emptied containers retain vapour and product residue.

FOLLOW LABELLED 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.

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**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.  
Applicators and other handlers must wear:  
Wear long sleeved shirt, long pants and shoes with socks.  
If there is significant potential for contact:  
Wear face shield.  
Wear chemical resistant clothing/footwear.

### 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.

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## 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:	Amber - Brown
Form:	Liquid
Odour:	Odourless
Flash point:	Does not flash.
Specific gravity:	1.3573 20 °C / 15.6 °C
pH:	4.5 - 4.9 67.7 g/l
Partition coefficient (log Pow):	-3.2 @ 25 °C (glyphosate)

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## 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.

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## 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.

**Skin irritation**

**Rabbit, 3 animals, OECD 404 test:**

Days to heal: 14

Primary Irritation Index (PII): 2.2/8.0

Moderate irritation.

FIFRA category III.

**Eye irritation**

**Rabbit, 3 animals, OECD 405 test:**

Days to heal: 3

Moderate irritation.

FIFRA category III.

**Acute inhalation toxicity**

**Rat, LC50, 4 hours, aerosol:** > 1.20 mg/L

Slightly toxic.

FIFRA category III.

No mortality. For purposes of the inhalation test, product was artificially aerosolized. Since this material will not become aerosolized to a hazardous concentration during transport, it is classified as non-hazardous under the transportation regulations in accordance with 2.6.2.2.4.7(b) and (c) of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

**Skin sensitization**

**Guinea pig, Buehler test:**

Positive incidence: 0 %

**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

**Chronic effects/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, 2 generations:**

NOAEL toxicity: 10,000 mg/kg diet

NOAEL reproduction: > 30,000 mg/kg diet  
Target organs/systems in parents: none  
Other effects in parents: decrease of body weight gain  
Target organs/systems in pups: none  
Other effects in pups: decrease of body weight gain  
Effects on offspring only observed with maternal toxicity.

#### **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

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## **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**

##### **Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*):**

Acute toxicity, 96 hours, semi-static, LC50: 3.13 mg/L  
Moderately toxic.

#### **Aquatic toxicity, algae/aquatic plants**

##### **Green algae (*Selenastrum capricornutum*):**

Acute toxicity, 72 hours, static, EbC50 (biomass): 0.124 mg/L  
Highly toxic.

#### **Arthropod toxicity**

##### **Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):**

Contact, 48 hours, LD50: > 250 µg/bee  
Practically non-toxic.

##### **Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):**

Oral, 48 hours, LD50: > 238.8 µg/bee  
Practically non-toxic.

#### **Soil organism toxicity, invertebrates**

##### **Earthworm (*Eisenia foetida*):**

Acute toxicity, 14 days, LC50: > 10,000 mg/kg dry soil  
Practically non-toxic.

#### **Soil organism toxicity, microorganisms**

##### **Nitrogen and carbon transformation test:**

40 L/ha, 28 days: Less than 25% effect on nitrogen or carbon transformation processes in soil.

### **Similar formulation**

#### **Aquatic toxicity, invertebrates**

##### **Water flea (*Daphnia magna*):**

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

Moderately toxic.

**N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine; {glyphosate}**

**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.

**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

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## 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.

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## 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.

Not hazardous under the applicable DOT, ICAO/IATA, IMO, TDG and Mexican regulations.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

PCPA registered.

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## 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.

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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