

MONSANTO Europe S.A.
Material Safety Data Sheet
Commercial Product

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name

Roundup® Biactive K

Product use

Herbicide

Chemical name

Not applicable.

Synonyms

None.

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Active ingredient

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

Composition

Components	CAS No.	EINECS/ ELINCS No.	% by weight (approximate)	EU Symbols & R phrases of components
Potassium salt of glyphosate	70901-12-1		35.5	N; R51/53; {b}
Surfactant	68478-96-6		6	Xn, N; R22, 41, 51/53; {a}
Water and minor formulating ingredients			58.5	

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EU label (manufacturer self-classification) - Classification following the EU Dangerous Preparations' Directive 1999/45/EC.

R52/53

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

National classification - U.K.

Xi - Irritant, N - Dangerous for the environment

R36

Irritating to eyes.

R51/53

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Potential health effects

Likely routes of exposure

Skin contact, eye contact, inhalation

Eye contact, short term

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

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.

Potential environmental effects

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

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

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact

Immediately flush with plenty of water.

If easy to do, remove contact lenses.

If there are persistent symptoms, obtain medical advice.

Skin contact

Wash affected skin with plenty of water.

Take off contaminated clothing, wristwatch, jewellery.

Wash clothes and clean shoes before re-use.

If there are persistent symptoms, obtain medical advice.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air.

Ingestion

Immediately offer water to drink.

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

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

Minimise spread.
Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and water ways.
Notify authorities.

Methods for cleaning up

Absorb in earth, sand or absorbent material.
Dig up heavily contaminated soil.
Refer to section 7 for types of containers.
Collect in containers for disposal.
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.
When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
Wash hands thoroughly after handling or contact.
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
Thoroughly clean equipment after use.
Do not contaminate drains, sewers and water ways when disposing of equipment rinse water.
Refer to section 13 of the safety data sheet for disposal of rinse water.
Emptied containers retain vapour and product residue.
FOLLOW LABELLED WARNINGS EVEN AFTER CONTAINER IS EMPTIED.

Storage

Minimum storage temperature: -15 °C
Maximum storage temperature: 50 °C
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 container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.
Keep only in the original container.
Minimum shelf life: 2 years.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Airborne exposure limits

Components	Exposure Guidelines
Potassium salt of glyphosate	No specific occupational exposure limit has been established.
Surfactant	No specific occupational exposure limit has been established.
Water and minor formulating 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

If repeated or prolonged contact:

Wear chemical resistant gloves.

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:	Yellow - Amber
Form:	Liquid
Odour:	Slight, Amines
Flash point:	Does not flash.
Kinematic viscosity:	6.36 cSt @ 20 °C
Density:	1.248 g/cm ³ @ 20 °C
pH:	4.8 @ 10 g/l
Partition coefficient (log Pow):	-3.2 @ 25 °C (glyphosate)

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.

More concentrated formulation

Skin sensitization

Guinea pig, 9-induction Buehler test:
Negative.

More concentrated formulation

Acute oral toxicity

Rat, LD50 (limit test): > 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Target organs/systems: none
No mortality.

Acute dermal toxicity

Rat, LD50 (limit test): > 5,000 mg/kg body weight
Target organs/systems: none
No mortality.

Skin irritation

Rabbit, 6 animals, OECD 404 test:

Redness, mean EU score: 0.5
Swelling, mean EU score: 0.0
Days to heal: 3

Eye irritation

Rabbit, 6 animals, OECD 405 test:

Conjunctival redness, mean EU score: 1.83
Conjunctival swelling, mean EU score: 1.44
Corneal opacity, mean EU score: 1.33
Iris lesions, mean EU score: 0.89
Days to heal: 14
Slightly irritating to eyes but not sufficient for classification.

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

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.

More concentrated formulation

Aquatic toxicity, fish

Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*):

Acute toxicity, 96 hours, static, LC50: 18 mg/L

Aquatic toxicity, invertebrates

Water flea (*Daphnia magna*):

Acute toxicity, 48 hours, static, EC50: 52 mg/L

Avian toxicity

Bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*):

Acute oral toxicity, single dose, LD50: > 2,250 mg/kg body weight

Arthropod toxicity

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):

Oral, 48 hours, LD50: > 281 µg/bee

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*):

Contact, 48 hours, LD50: > 273 µg/bee

Soil organism toxicity, invertebrates

Earthworm (*Eisenia foetida*):

Acute toxicity, 14 days, LC50: > 10,000 mg/kg dry soil

Soil organism toxicity, microorganisms

Nitrogen and carbon transformation test:

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

More concentrated formulation

Aquatic toxicity, algae/aquatic plants

Green algae (*Selenastrum capricornutum*):

Acute toxicity, 72 hours, static, ErC50 (growth rate): 14 mg/L

N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine: {glyphosate}

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.

Dispose of as hazardous industrial waste.

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.
Pour rinse water into spray tank.
Ensure packaging cannot be reused.
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.

Not regulated for transport.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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S2 Keep out of reach of children.

S13 Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S37 Wear suitable gloves.

Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.

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.

This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared following the EU Directive 91/155/EEC as last amended by EU Directive 2001/58/EC.

EU Symbols & R phrases of components

Components	EU Symbols & R phrases of components
Potassium salt of glyphosate	N - Dangerous for the environment R51/53 Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
Surfactant	Xn - Harmful N - Dangerous for the environment R22 Harmful if swallowed. R41 Risk of serious damage to eyes. R51/53 Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
Water and minor formulating ingredients	

Endnotes:

{a} EU label (manufacturer self-classification)

{b} EU label (Annex I)

{c} National classification

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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