



# Vital Sign<sup>®</sup> FUNGICIDE

A systemic fungicide for the control of diseases caused by *Pythium* spp. and other pathogens on turf.

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT**

Potassium Phosphite\* ..... 53.30%

**OTHER INGREDIENTS** ..... 46.70%

**TOTAL** ..... 100.00%

\* Phosphorous acid equivalent: 33.50% (4.1 lbs/gal)

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

### FIRST AID

<b>IF SWALLOWED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.</li> <li>• Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.</li> <li>• Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>• Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
<b>IF IN EYES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>• Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.	
<b>For chemical spill, leak, fire or exposure, call toll free 1-888-875-1724.</b>	
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL, DO NOT SHIP OR STORE WITH FOODS, FEEDS, DRUGS OR CLOTHING.	
See back panel for additional precautionary statements.	

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**  
**Hazard to humans and domestic animals**  
**CAUTION**

Harmful if swallowed or if absorbed through skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- waterproof gloves
- shoes plus socks.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water.

**USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Users should:

- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets in. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

For terrestrial uses, do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean highwater mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the State or Tribal agency responsible for pesticide regulation. Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

**AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), and restricted entry intervals (REI). The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval of 4 hours.

PPE requirement for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil or water, is coveralls, waterproof gloves and shoes plus socks.

**NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are not within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries or greenhouses.

Keep unprotected persons out of treated areas until sprays have dried.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Vital *Sign* is a systemic product, which contains potassium phosphite (phosphonate). The phosphonic anion is effective in prevention and control of diseases caused by *Pythium*, by fungicidal activity and activation of the plants' natural resistance mechanism. Vital *Sign* is intended for use as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system. When used in conjunction with good cultural management practices, and the recommended tank mixtures, and as part of a complete disease control program, Vital *Sign* will control *Pythium*, summer stress and anthracnose. In order to achieve maximum results in controlling the disease, spraying should be carried out before the appearance of the disease or when disease is first observed. Applications should be initiated when environmental conditions are favorable for disease development.

**MIXING AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Apply in 1-5 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet. Fill spray tank halfway with clean water. Add the required amount of Vital *Sign* to the tank as indicated in the table below. While agitating, add the remaining amount of water. Apply solution directly to turfgrass, unless directed otherwise in the directions for use. For optimum control, thorough coverage is required. Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.

**COMPATIBILITY**

Vital *Sign* is believed to be compatible with most commonly used pesticides. Consult specific product labels for additional information. It is always advisable to conduct a tank spray compatibility test when you plan to mix this product with other products. To determine the physical compatibility of this product with other products, use a jar test. Using a quart jar, add the proportionate amounts

of the products to approximately one quart of water with agitation. Add dry formulations first, then flowables, and then emulsifiable concentrates last. After thorough mixing, allow this mixture to stand for 5 minutes. If the combination remains mixed or can be readily remixed, it is physically compatible. Once compatibility has been proven, use the same procedure for adding products to the spray tank. Vital *Sign* has been evaluated for phytotoxicity on a large number of turf grasses under various growing conditions. However, testing all plant species, with all tank mixtures and combinations is not feasible. Test a small portion of the area to be treated for phytotoxicity, prior to treating the entire area.

**APPLICATION RATE FOR *PYTHIUM* DISEASE CONTROL**

Vital *Sign* is a systemic fungicide, which provides control of the three forms of *Pythium* disease that attack turf grass, when the product is applied in a preventative manner. Begin spraying when environmental conditions are favorable for the development of *Pythium* diseases. It may be used on turf on golf courses, sod farms or other turf areas.

Use Site	Disease	Rate	Application Interval	Remarks
Turf	Pythium blight	3-4 fl. oz./1000 sq. ft.	7-14 days	Use the lower rate program when applications are started early in the season or when tank mixing multiple products under high temperatures (>90°F).
		4-6 fl. oz./1000 sq. ft.	14 days	Begin preventative applications when conditions first favor blight. As disease pressure increases, increase the rate of Vital <i>Sign</i> .
	Pythium root & crown rot	6-8 fl. oz./1000 sq. ft.	7-14 days	Best applied in combination, as shown below, in a stress decline program.
	Pythium damping	6-8 fl. oz./1000 sq. ft.	7-14 days	Apply to the seedbed and continue on a protective program.

- Do not apply to turf under stress or during severe weather conditions, such as very high temperatures.
- Do not mow or water treated areas until the foliage is completely dry.
- Apply in a spray solution of 1 to 5 gallons per 1000 square feet.
- Do not apply above the recommended rates.
- Use a shorter spray interval and a higher rate under extra disease pressure.
- When Vital *Sign* is applied to stressed turf, in combination with several products in the same spray tank, there is a risk of causing tip burn. This tip burn is more prevalent when the spray solution has a pH of 5.5 or less, and under high temperatures. The tip burn is temporary and usually disappears after 3-5 days. Using the following strategies to mitigate tip burn when using multiple product applications: 1) not mowing immediately before application, 2) spraying early in the day, 3) lightly watering before application, and 4) watering 2-4 hours after product application.

**TURF TANK MIXES TO CONTROL:**

(1) Summer Stress Complex (*Pythium, Anthracnose, and Rhizoctonia*)

Vital *Sign* can be tank-mixed with the products registered to control this disease complex on turf (including common turfgrasses on golf courses, sod farms, industrial or municipal turf areas, and professional applications to residential lawns) in accordance with the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions. Do not exceed the label dosage rates. Preventive applications must be made prior to the appearance of the disease and reapplied on a 14 day interval while conditions favor the disease. This product cannot be mixed with any product containing a label prohibiting against such mixture.

(2) Anthracnose (*Colletotrichum graminicola*)

For improved control of anthracnose Vital *Sign* tank mixed with Chlorothalonil products such as Pegasus 6L and Pegasus DF can be applied on a 14 day program for use on common turfgrasses on golf courses, sod farms, industrial or municipal turf areas in accordance with the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions. A preventative, multi-application program must be started prior to the appearance of the disease and when the conditions are favorable for anthracnose.

NOTE: To improve the control of dollar spot (*Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*) apply products containing propiconazole, such as Kestrel® at 0.5-2 fl. oz./1000 sq. ft. to the tank mix.

Use the same restrictions as shown above for *Pythium* control.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**Pesticide Storage:** Store in a dry, cool place.

**Pesticide Disposal:** To avoid wastes, use all material in this container by application according to label directions. If wastes cannot be avoided, offer remaining product to waste disposal facility or pesticide disposal program (often such programs are run by state or local governments or by industry).

**Container Disposal:** Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into the application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container  $\frac{1}{4}$  full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling, if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration. Do not burn unless allowed by state and local ordinances.

## WARRANTY LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMER

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Phoenix Environmental Care warrants that at the time of delivery, the product will conform to its chemical description on the label, that it will pass without objection in the trade under the contract description, that seller will convey good title thereto, and that such product will be delivered free from any lawful security interest, lien or encumbrance.

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