Material Safety Data Sheet
L-Tryptophan

ACC# 12387

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** L-Tryptophan  
**Catalog Numbers:** BP395-100, BP395100  
**Synonyms:** Tryptophan, L-; Alanine, 3-indol-3-yl-; alpha'-Amino-3-indolepropionic acid; Indole-3-alanine; Indole-3-propionic acid, alpha-amino-; 1-beta-3-Indolyllalanine; Propionic acid, 2-amino-3-indol-3-yl-

**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
For information, call: 201-796-7100  
Emergency Number: 201-796-7100  
For CHEMTREC assistance, call: 800-424-9300  
For International CHEMTREC assistance, call: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white to yellow solid.  
**Caution!** May cause eye and skin irritation. May cause respiratory and digestive tract irritation. This substance has caused adverse reproductive and fetal effects in animals. The toxicological properties of this material have not been fully investigated.  
**Target Organs:** No data found.

**Potential Health Effects**  
**Eye:** May cause eye irritation.  
**Skin:** May cause skin irritation.  
**Ingestion:** May cause irritation of the digestive tract. The toxicological properties of this substance have not been fully investigated.  
**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. The toxicological properties of this substance have not been fully investigated.  
**Chronic:** May cause reproductive and fetal effects. Laboratory experiments have resulted in mutagenic effects. Animal studies have reported the development of tumors.
Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

**Skin:** Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid. Do NOT induce vomiting. If conscious and alert, rinse mouth and drink 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Dusts at sufficient concentrations can form explosive mixtures with air. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use agent most appropriate to extinguish fire. Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 1; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Sweep up or absorb material, then place into a suitable clean, dry, closed container for disposal. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection
Engineering Controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

### Exposure Limits

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** L-(-)-Tryptophan: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

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**Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white to yellow

**Odor:** none reported

**pH:** 5.5-7.0

**Vapor Pressure:** Negligible.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Negligible.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 280 - 285 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** 285 deg C

**Solubility:** Soluble.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** Not available.

**Molecular Formula:** C11H12N2O2

**Molecular Weight:** 204.0962

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**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation, excess heat, strong oxidants.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, carbon dioxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.

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**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**
RTECS#:  
CAS# 73-22-3: YN6130000  

LD50/LC50:  
CAS# 73-22-3:  
Oral, rat: LD50 = >16 gm/kg;

Carcinogenicity:  
CAS# 73-22-3: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

Epidemiology: No information available.  
Teratogenicity: No information available.  
Reproductive Effects: No information available.  
Mutagenicity: No information available.  
Neurotoxicity: No information found  
Other Studies:

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No information available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.  
RCRA P-Series: None listed.  
RCRA U-Series: None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL
TSCA
   CAS# 73-22-3 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
   None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
   None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
   None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
   None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
   None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
   None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

Section 313
   No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:
   This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
   This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.
   This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

Clean Water Act:
   None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
   None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
   None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
   None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
   CAS# 73-22-3 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:
   Not available.

Risk Phrases:

Safety Phrases:

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
   CAS# 73-22-3: 0

Canada - DSL/NDSL
   CAS# 73-22-3 is listed on Canada’s DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
   This product has a WHMIS classification of Not controlled..

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

Section 16 - Additional Information
MSDS Creation Date: 7/14/1999
Revision #5 Date: 6/29/2007

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