

**MSDS** *Material Safety Data Sheet*

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24 Hour Emergency Telephone: 908-859-2151  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

National Response in Canada  
CANUTEC: 613-996-6666

Outside U.S. and Canada  
Chemtrec: 703-527-3887

**NOTE:** CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service, 1-855-AVANTOR (855-282-6867) for assistance.

## L-TRYPTOPHAN

### 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** L-Trp; l-alpha-aminoindole-3-propionic acid

**CAS No.:** 73-22-3

**Molecular Weight:** 204.23

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 2092

Macron: 2741

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
L-Tryptophan	73-22-3	100%	Yes

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

**WARNING! MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 1 - Slight

Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 2 - Moderate

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

#### Potential Health Effects

Information on the human health effects from exposure to this substance is limited.

**Inhalation:**

No information found, but compound should be handled as a potential health hazard.

**Ingestion:**

May cause drowsiness, headache and nausea. Symptoms of muscle pain, and skin and respiratory tract problems have been associated with ingestion of a contaminant or byproduct of the amino acid L-tryptophan.

**Skin Contact:**

No information found, but compound should be handled as a potential health hazard. May cause irritation with redness and pain.

**Eye Contact:**

No information found, but compound should be handled as a potential health hazard. May cause irritation, redness and pain.

**Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

None established.

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

For conditions of use where exposure to dust or mist is apparent and engineering controls are not feasible, a particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### **Appearance:**

White crystals.

### **Odor:**

Odorless.

### **Solubility:**

Soluble in water.

### **Specific Gravity:**

1.34

### **pH:**

5.5-7.0 (1% aqueous solution)

### **% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

### **Boiling Point:**

Not applicable.

### **Melting Point:**

282C (540F) (Decomposes at 289C)

### **Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

### **Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

### **Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

0

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Burning may produce carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Strong oxidizers and strong acids.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral rat LD50: > 16 gm/kg. Investigated as a tumorigen, mutagen, reproductive effector.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
L-Tryptophan (73-22-3)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----				
Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
L-Tryptophan (73-22-3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----				
Ingredient	--Canada--			
	Korea	DSL	NDSL	Phil.

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L-Tryptophan (73-22-3) Yes Yes No Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----  
-SARA 302- -----SARA 313-----  
Ingredient RQ TPQ List Chemical Catg.

L-Tryptophan (73-22-3) No No No No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----  
-RCRA- -TSCA-  
Ingredient CERCLA 261.33 8(d)

L-Tryptophan (73-22-3) No No No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: No Fire: No Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

**Label Hazard Warning:**

WARNING! MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container closed.  
Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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