Material Safety Data Sheet
L-(+)-Tartaric acid

ACC# 22460

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** L-(+)-Tartaric acid  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC137850000, AC137850025, AC137855000, AC388280000, AC420000000, AC420001000, AC420005000, S75227, S80216, S93393, A313-12, A313-212, A313-500, A314-3, A314-500, A315-500  
**Synonyms:** 2,3-Dihydrosuccinic acid; 2,3-Dihydroxybutanedioic acid; Threaric acid; L-(+)-Tartaric Acid; d-Tartaric acid; L-Tartaric acid; 1,2-Dihydroxyethane-1,2-dicarboxylic acid.  
**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 solid.  
**Warning!** Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation.  
**Target Organs:** Respiratory system, eyes, skin.

**Potential Health Effects**

- **Eye:** Causes eye irritation.  
- **Skin:** Causes skin irritation. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
- **Ingestion:** May be harmful if swallowed. Causes gastrointestinal tract irritation.  
- **Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation. May be harmful if inhaled.  
- **Chronic:** No information found.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately 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. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes.  
**Ingestion:** Get medical aid immediately. 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. This material in sufficient quantity and reduced particle size is capable of creating a dust explosion.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

**Flash Point:** 210 deg C (410.00 deg F)

**Autoignition Temperature:** 425 deg C (797.00 deg F)

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

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 1; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid generating dusty conditions.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a tightly closed container.

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:** Tartaric acid: 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 gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** 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.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 1.6 (100 g/l H2O)

**Vapor Pressure:** Negligible.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.
Evaporation Rate: Not available.
Viscosity: Not available.
Boiling Point: Not applicable.
Freezing/Melting Point: 168 - 170 deg C
Decomposition Temperature: > 170 deg C
Solubility: Soluble.
Specific Gravity/Density: 1.76 g/cm³ @ 20°C
Molecular Formula: C₄H₆O₆
Molecular Weight: 150.09

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.
Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible materials, dust generation.
Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Fluorine, silver, metals, oxidizing agents, reducing agents, bases.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#: 
CAS# 87-69-4: WW7875000
LD50/LC50:
Not available.
Rat LDLo Oral; dose: 7500 mg/kg; Rabbit LDLo Oral; dose: 5000mg/kg. Dog LDLo Oral; dose: 5000 mg/kg.
Carcinogenicity: 
CAS# 87-69-4: 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 available.
Other Studies:

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: No data available. COD 425 mg O2/gBOD 350 mg O2/gBiodegradable: 95% after 3 days
Environmental: Readily biodegradable. No bioaccumulation is to be expected.
Physical: No information available.
Other: Do not empty into drains.

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
US DOT | Canada TDG
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Shipping Name: Not regulated | Not Regulated
Hazard Class: Not regulated | Not Regulated
UN Number: | |
Packing Group: | |

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA
CAS# 87-69-4 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.

SARA Codes
CAS # 87-69-4: immediate.

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 depletors.
This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

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# 87-69-4 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:
XI

Risk Phrases:
R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety Phrases:
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S 37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
CAS# 87-69-4: 0

Canada - DSL/NDSL
CAS# 87-69-4 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**

This product has a WHMIS classification of D2B.

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**

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 2/26/1999  
**Revision #7 Date:** 5/24/2007

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