



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

Product identifier	Ergotamine Tartrate	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1241506	
CAS number	379-79-3	
Chemical name	Ergotaman-3',6',18-trione, 12'-hydroxy-2'-methyl-5'-(phenylmethyl)-, (5'alpha)-, [R-(R*,R*)]-2,3-dihydroxy-butanedioate (2:1) (salt)	
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 1
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Harmful if swallowed. May cause genetic defects. May damage fertility or the unborn child.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Response</b>	If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Storage</b>	Store locked up.
<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	This product is supplied in a small quantity which does not constitute a combustible dust hazard. The physical properties of this material indicate that in large quantities accumulated dust may be hazardous.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Ergotamine Tartrate		379-79-3	100

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Cardiovascular effects. Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Treat symptomatically. Treatment of ergot alkaloid overdose may include the following: Do NOT induce vomiting due to potential for ergot-induced CNS depression and seizure. Administer activated charcoal as a slurry. Perform gastric lavage soon after ingestion (within one hour). Protect airway by placement in Trendelenburg and left lateral decubitus position or by endotracheal intubation. For vasoconstriction and hypertension, administer nitroprusside. In patients with evidence of ischemia, also consider intravenous heparin, and with evidence of significant end organ ischemia, also consider intravenous nitroglycerin or phentolamine. For mild peripheral vasoconstriction, treat with nifedipine, and for mild peripheral ischemia, consider prazosin. Surgical or mechanical intervention should only be considered with caution and if gangrene is imminent. For hypotension, infuse isotonic fluid. If hypotension persists, administer dopamine or norepinephrine. For seizures, administer intravenous diazepam or lorazepam. If seizures recur, consider phenobarbital. Monitor for hypotension, dysrhythmias, respiratory depression, and need for endotracheal intubation. Evaluate for hypoglycemia, electrolyte disturbances, and hypoxia.
<b>General information</b>	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Explosion hazard: Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear suitable protective equipment.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### Exposure limit values

##### Industrial Use Material

##### Type

##### Value

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS  
379-79-3)

TWA

10 micrograms/m3

#### Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

#### Appropriate engineering controls

No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

#### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.

##### Skin protection

##### Hand protection

Consider double gloves. Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.

##### Other

Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.

##### Respiratory protection

Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.

##### Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

#### General hygiene considerations

Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

#### Physical state

Solid.

#### Form

Powder.

#### Color

White. Yellow.

### Odor

Odorless.

### Odor threshold

Not available.

### pH

Not available.

### Melting point/freezing point

356 - 368.6 °F (180 - 187 °C)  
397.4 °F (203 °C) (decomposes)

### Initial boiling point and boiling range

Not available.

### Flash point

Not available.

<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Slightly soluble.
<b>Solubility (other)</b>	Methylene chloride: Soluble. Alcohol: Slightly soluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	2.5 (at 20 °C)
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	788 °F (420 °C) BAM (fluidized dust)
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Chemical family</b>	Ergoline derivative; ergot alkaloid.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	(C33H35N5O5)2 . C4H6O6
<b>Molecular weight</b>	1313.41

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	NOx. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause: Cardiovascular effects.
<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics</b>	Ergot alkaloids: Gastrointestinal disturbances. Itching. Vision problems. Bleeding. Dizziness. Drowsiness. Chest pain. Muscle pain. Difficulty breathing. Numbness of extremities.

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3)		
<u>Acute</u>		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	2840 mg/kg
	Rat	1152 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Skin sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	May cause genetic defects.	
Mutagenicity		
Ames test (Salmonella typhimurium)		
Result: Negative.		
Dominant lethal test		
Result: Positive.		
Species: Rat		
Mouse lymphoma assay		
Result: Negative.		
Mutagenicity, Cytogenetic studies in human lymphocytes		
Result: Positive.		
Sister chromatid exchange		
Result: Positive.		
Carcinogenicity	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.	
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity		
Not listed.		
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)		
Not regulated.		
US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		
Not listed.		
Reproductive toxicity	May damage fertility or the unborn child. Ergot alkaloids can decrease fetal blood supply and cause uterine contractions, possibly leading to miscarriage or fetal harm.	
Reproductivity		
Reproductivity / Developmental		
Result: Fetotoxicity, developmental abnormalities, pre and post implantation mortality in mice, rats, and rabbits.		
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Further information	Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.	
12. Ecological information		
Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.	
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.	
Bioaccumulative potential		
Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow		
2.5, (at 20 °C)		
Mobility in soil	No data available.	
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.	

### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

#### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**General information** It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

### 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

#### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3) Listed.

#### SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3) 500 LBS

#### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

#### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

##### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Chemical name	CAS number	Reportable quantity (pounds)	Threshold planning quantity (pounds)	Threshold planning quantity, lower value (pounds)	Threshold planning quantity, upper value (pounds)
Ergotamine Tartrate	379-79-3	500		500	10000

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**Classified hazard categories** Combustible dust  
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)  
Germ cell mutagenicity  
Reproductive toxicity

#### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

#### Other federal regulations

##### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

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##### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). List 1 & 2 Exempt Chemical Mixtures (21 CFR 1310.12(c))**

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3) 0 %WV

**DEA Exempt Chemical Mixtures Code Number**

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3) 8676

**US state regulations****California Proposition 65**

**WARNING:** This product can expose you to Ergotamine Tartrate, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

**California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Developmental toxin**

Ergotamine Tartrate (CAS 379-79-3) Listed: April 1, 1990

**US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))**

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**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	Yes
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

Issue date 10-11-2006

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**Further information** Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.

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