

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Catechol  
**Cat No. :** P370-500  
**Synonyms** 1,2-Benzenediol; Pyrocatechol  
**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Combustible dust	Yes

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
Toxic if swallowed  
Toxic in contact with skin  
Causes skin irritation  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Causes serious eye damage  
Harmful if inhaled  
Suspected of causing genetic defects

Suspected of causing cancer



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use  
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 Wear protective gloves

#### Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
 Rinse mouth

#### Storage

Store locked up  
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause cancer.

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Catechol	120-80-9	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

#### General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

#### Eye Contact

In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes severe eye damage. May cause allergic skin reaction. May cause methemoglobinemia: Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	131 °C / 267.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	°C / 890.6 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Dust can form an explosive mixture in air.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	1	1	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust
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formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest.

**Storage**

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from direct sunlight. Material darkens in color during storage.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Catechol	TWA: 5 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

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 and body protection**

Long sleeved clothing.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light brown
<b>Odor</b>	aromatic
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	3,2 10% aq. sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	103 - 106 °C / 217.4 - 222.8 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	245 °C / 473 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	131 °C / 267.8 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.344
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	°C / 890.6 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable

Molecular Formula C<sub>6</sub> H<sub>6</sub> O<sub>2</sub>  
 Molecular Weight 110.11

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard** None known, based on information available

**Stability** Light sensitive. Air sensitive.

**Conditions to Avoid** Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Incompatible products.

**Incompatible Materials** Bases, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides, Acids, Oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Hazardous Polymerization** No information available.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Catechol	LD50 = 260 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 800 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** Risk of serious damage to eyes Irritating to skin

**Sensitization** May cause sensitization by skin contact

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Catechol	120-80-9	Group 2B	Not listed	A3	X	A3

*IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

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*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

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*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

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*A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen*

*A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*

*A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen*

**Mutagenic Effects** Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals. Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans.

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	None known
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	May cause methemoglobinemia: Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not empty into drains. Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. Contains a substance which is: Toxic to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Catechol	EC50: 50 - 135 mg/L, 6h (Chlorella vulgaris)	LC50: = 8.9 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 3.5 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 174 mg/L 210 min EC50 = 29.7 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 32.0 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 620 mg/L 48 h	EC50: = 1.66 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Catechol	0.88

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2811
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	6.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2811
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	6.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2811
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	6.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2811  
 Proper Shipping Name TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group III

**15. Regulatory information**

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

**International Inventories**

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Catechol	X	X	-	204-427-5	-		X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**TSCA 12(b)**

**SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Catechol	120-80-9	>95	0.1

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard Yes  
 Chronic Health Hazard Yes  
 Fire Hazard No  
 Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No  
 Reactive Hazard No

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Catechol	X		-

**OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration**  
 Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Catechol	100 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following proposition 65 chemicals

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Catechol	120-80-9	Carcinogen	-	Carcinogen

#### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Catechol	X	X	X	X	X

#### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

#### Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

### 16. Other information

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