

Nomenclature of Aromatic Compounds

COMMON SUBSTITUTED BENZENES

Common name	Substituted benzene	Formula
Toluene	Methylbenzene	CH ₃ C ₆ H ₅ CH ₃
Styrene	Ethenylbenzene	C ₆ H ₅ CH=CH ₂
Phenol		OH C ₆ H ₅ OH
Anisole	Methoxybenzene	С ₆ H ₅ OH ОСН ₃ С ₆ H ₅ OCH ₃



Solved Example



The substituent chain is C2 therefore = ethylbenzene

- When a benzene ring is attached to an aliphatic chain having a functional group, it is named as phenyl derivative of that aliphatic compound.
- Aralkylamines :



Ketones:



1-phenylethan-1-one (Accetophenone or methyl phenyl ketone)



2-phenylethanamine (β-phenylethylamine)



diphenylmethanone (Benzophenone or Diphenyl ketone)



1-phenylpropan-1-one (Propiophenone)

Aromatic hydrocarbons (Arenes) :

Hydrocarbons which contain both alphatic and aromatic units are called arenes.



- Phenyl locant = 3 3-phenylpropene









(OH is the principal functional group) (–COOH is the principal functional group) (–CHO is the principal functional group)

Alphabatic Order Rule : If lowest locant set rule is failed, give preference alphabetically.



When a substituent is such which when taken together with the benzene ring gives a special name to the molecule, then it is named as a derivative of that molecule with the substituent at position 1.

Solved Example



Solved Example

- Principal functional group is the methylbenzene therefore root = toluene
- There is a bromine substituent therefore **bromo**
- There is a chlorine substituent therefore chloro
- Numbering from the CH₃ (priority group at C1) gives the substituents the locants = 2 and 4

2-bromo-4-chlorotoluene

Solved Example

- Principal functional group is the aromatic alcohol therefore phenol
- There are two C1 substituents therefore dimethyl
- Numbering from the -OH (priority group at C1) gives the substituent the locant = 3, 5
- 3,5-dimethylphenol



CH3

CH₃

Br

Solved Example

- Principle functional group is the aromatic amine therefore = aniline
- There is a C1 substituent therefore methyl
- There is a C2 substituent therefore ethyl
- Numbering from the -NH₂ (priority group at C1) gives the substituents the locants = 2 and 3

2-ethyl-3-methylaniline

SPECIAL TOPIC

NITRO COMPOUNDS (R-NO₂) CONTAIN THE NITRO GROUP (NO₂)

The nitro group (NO_2) is often incorrectly drawn with five bonds to nitrogen which you will see in Chapter 4, is impossible. Make sure you draw it correctly when you need to draw it out in detail. If you write just NO₂ you are all right!. Several nitro groups in one molecule can make it quite unstable and even explosive. Three nitro groups give the most famous explosive of all.







nitrogen cannot have five bonds!

TNT (trinitrotoluene)

incorrect structure for the nitro group

However, functional groups refuse to be stereotyped. Nitrazepam also contains a nitro group, but this compound is marketed as Mogadon®, the sleeping pill.

Aryl groups :





Only a few ketones have common names. The smallest ketone, propanone, is usually referred to by its common name, acetone. Acetone is a widely used laboratory solvent. Common names are also used for some phenyl-substituted ketones; the number of carbons (other than those of the phenyl group) is indicated by the common name of the corresponding carboxylic acid, substituting "-ophenone" for "-ic acid."



common name: derived name:

methyl phenyl ketone

phenyl propyl ketone

diphenyl ketone

Carboxylic acids in which a carboxyl group is attached to a ring are named by adding "carboxylic acid" to the name of the cyclic compound.





COOH COOH

1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid

Phenols : The simplest hydroxy derivative of benzene is phenol. It is its common name and also an accepted IUPAC name.

Common name IUPAC Name :



Common names : **IUPAC** names :









OH

Resorcinol

Benzene-1,3-diol



Hydroquinone or quinol Benzene-1,4-diol



acetone

acetophenone

propiophenone

benzophenone

Structure	Common name	IUPAC name
СНО	Phthaldehyde	Benzene-1,2-dicarbaldehyde
CHO CHO Br	<i>m</i> -Bromophthaldehyde	3-Bromobenzene-1,2-dicarbaldehyde

Aromatic Amines :

Aromatic amines are named as derivatives of aniline.



SINGLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the following represent incorrectly named IUPAC compound?
 - (A) $CH_3COC_6H_5$ 1-Phenylethanone
 - (B) $CH_3CH_2COCH(CH_3)_2$ 3-Hexanone
 - (C) (CH₃)₂CHCOCH(CH₃)₂ 2, 4-Dimethyl 3-Pentanone

3

- (D) $C_6H_5COC_6H_5$ Diphenyl methanone
- 2. Which of the following represent incorrect number of carbons in parent chain?
 - (A) $CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{3}CO(CH_{2})_{3}CH_{3}$ 9
 - (C) C₆H₅CHCH₂CHO
- 3. IUPAC name of the given compound is :
 - (A) 2-Fluoro-5-formylbenzenol
 - (B) 4-Fluoro-3-hydroxybenzenecarbaldehyde
 - (C) 1-Fluoro-4-formyl-2-hydroxybenzene
 - (D) 4-Fluoro-5-hydroxybenzenecarbaldehyde
- 4. Write the IUPAC name of the following compound :
 - (A) ethyl-2-(chlorocarbonyl) benzoate
 - (B) ethyl-2-(chlorocarbonyl) hexanoate
 - (C) 2-(ethoxycarbonyl) benzoyl chloride
 - (D) None of these



- 5. The correct IUPAC name for the molecule is :
 - (A) 1-furoic acid
 - (B) furanyl carboxylic acid
 - (C) 2-furoic acid
 - (D) 3-furoic acid
- 6. Which of the following is 3-bromo-4-nitro toluene?





HO

CO₂H

CH3

- 7. What would be the best name for the following compound?
 - (A) 3-methylhydroxybenzene
 - (B) 3-methylcyclohexa-13,5-trien-1-ol
 - (C) 3-methylphenol
 - (D) 2-hydroxytoluene

WORK SHEET - 1

S.No.	Compounds	Write IUPAC - Name
1.	CH3	
2.	CH3	
3.	CH ₂	
4.	CH	
5.	CH ₂	
6.		



WORK SHEET - 2

