Unit 3- Lesson 8

Chemistry 0

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Intro to Organic Chemistry

• Organic chemistry is a special branch of chemistry that singles out just one element for special consideration- Carbon.



Difference between Organic and Inorganic Compounds

Organic Compounds	Inorganic Compounds
Characterized by the presence of carbon atoms	Most do not have carbon atoms in them
More volatile and highly inflammable	Not inflammable and non-volatile in nature
Insoluble in water	Soluble in water
Mainly found in most of the living things	Found in non-living things
Examples include fats, nucleic acids, sugars, enzymes, proteins and hydrocarbon fuels	Examples include non-metals, salts, metals, acids, and bases
Biological and more complex in nature	Mineral and not much complexity in nature

Common Organic Molecules

Name	Chemical Formula	Structure
Methane	CH ₄	.
Acetylene	C_2H_2	•
Ethanol	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	e ^{ile} e
Chloroform	CHCl ₃	~~~
Acetic Acid	СН ₃ СООН	
Formaldehyde	H ₂ CO	2000
Glycine	H ₂ NCH ₂ COOH	× ×
Benzene	C_6H_6	

Class of Organic Molecules

- Hydrocarbons: contain only hydrogen and carbon. They are all very nonpolar, flammable, and similar in both appearance and touch.
 - Alkanes
 - Alkenes
 - Alkynes
 - Aromatics

Alkanes

- The simplest organic molecules are the alkanes which have only single bonds and contain only carbon and hydrogen.
- The shortest alkane molecule is methane, CH_4 .
- The small alkanes are gases, the medium ones (from pentane on) are liquids, and the larger ones are solids.
- All the alkanes are very nonpolar. The liquids are gasoline-like or oily and act as solvents for nonpolar substances. The solids are waxes or plastics.
- They all burn in air and are often used as fuels.

Alkanes

The First 10 Straight-Chain Alkanes

Name	Molecular Formula (C _n H _{2n+ 2})	Condensed Structural Formula	Properties
methane	CH_4	CH ₄	gas
ethane	C_2H_6	CH ₃ CH ₃	gas
propane	C_3H_8	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	gas
butane	C_4H_{10}	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	gas
pentane	C_5H_{12}	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	liquid
hexane	$C_{6}H_{14}$	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	liquid
heptane	C_7H_{16}	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	liquid
octane	C_8H_{18}	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	liquid
nonane	C_9H_{20}	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	liquid
decane	$C_{10}H_{22}$	$CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$	liquid

https://wou.edu/chemistry/courses/online-chemistry-textbooks/ch105-consumer-chemistry/ch105-chapter-7/

Alkenes and Alkynes

- An alkene is any organic molecule with a carbon-tocarbon double bond.
- An alkyne is any molecule with a carbon-to-carbon triple bond.
- The smaller alkenes and alkynes are gases, the medium ones are nonpolar liquids, and the large ones are waxy solids or plastics.
- They burn in air. Gasoline is a mixture of many organic molecules including large amounts of both alkanes and alkenes.

Alkenes (a few common examples)

Name	Formula	Structure	Uses
ethene (ethylene)	C ₂ H ₄	H C=C H H	Plant hormone that causes ripening of fruit
propene (propylene)	C ₃ H ₆	$H H C = C H_3$	Monomer used to make polypropylene, a common polymer
1-butene (butylene)	C ₄ H ₈	$H_{C} = C_{H}^{2} H_{2} - C_{H_{3}}^{4}$	Monomer used to make polybutylene, a common polymer
2-butene	C ₄ H ₈	$H_{3}C^{2} = C^{3}C^{4}H_{3}$	Used in the production of gasoline

Alkynes (a few common examples)

Name	Formula	Structure	Uses
ethyne (acetylene)	C ₂ H ₂	H—C≡C—H	Used in welding and cutting torches
propyne	$C_{3}H_{4}$	H H—C≡C—C—H H	Used in welding torches
1-butyne	C_4H_6	H H │ │ H—C≡C—Ç—Ç—H │ │ H H	Used in the synthesis of organic compounds
2-butyne	C ₄ H ₆	$H_3C-C\equiv C-CH_3$	Used in the synthesis of organic compounds

Aromatics

- The last and most complex of the hydrocarbons are the aromatic molecules.
- The simplest aromatic molecule is benzene.
- It is a ring of six carbon atoms and six hydrogens in the shape of a hexagon. There are three double bonds alternating with three single bonds around the ring.







Summary

- Organic chemistry deals with carbon containing compounds.
- Alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, and aromatics are groups of organic molecules that contain only hydrogen and carbon.