

The carbonyl functional group. Exploring ketones, aldehydes and their reactions.



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The Carbonyl Group

- A carbonyl group is an oxygen double bonded to a carbon skeleton.
- The the carbonyl group is present in and responsible for the chemistry of many classes of organic compound including:
 - Ketones
 - Aldehydes
 - Carboxylic Acids
 - ... and more we'll talk about in Chapter 13 and 14.
- The carbon in a carbonyl group is sp^2 .
- The bonds to it form a trigonal planar shape.
- The double bond allows electron density to shift more easily between the oxygen and carbon.



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Ketones & Aldehydes

- The ketone family includes any substances that have a carbonyl group attached to two carbons.
- The aldehyde family includes any substances that a hydrogen attached to the carbonyl.





Carboxylic Acid

- Carboxylic acids are substances that have a hydroxyl group attached to a carbonyl group.
- We will discuss carboxylic acids in more detail in chapter 14. (including how to name them).



Some uses of Aldehydes & Ketones

- Acetone (CH₃)₂CO is the simplest ketone. Acetone and other ketones made good organic solvents, able to dissolve both polar and non-polar substances.
- Formaldehyde (H₂CO) is a gas at room temperature. The simplest aldehyde possible, it's used in many manufacturing processes. As an aqueous solution (40%) it's used to preserve biological specimens.



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3-Isopropyl-5-hexenal



3-Bromo-4-ethylheptanedial



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- Oxidizing reagents can be used to convert a primary alcohol into an aldehyde.
- Reducing agents can convert an aldehyde into an alcohol into an alkane...

Oxidation-Reduction Reactions

Are these reactions oxidations or reductions?



What would happen if the alcohol was tertiary?



Breaking Carbon bonds is more than oxidation/reduction, tertiary alcohols are very stable.



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- Alcohols burn easily.
- Combustion is an oxidation reaction.



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- This reaction has poor selectivity in the products it forms.
- Depending on the structure of the starting material, it may produce:
 - Stereoisomers
 - (these are different products)
 - Structural isomers
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Alkene

Water



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Oxidation of Disulfides

- Sulfides form disulfides when exposed to oxidation.
- Reminder:
 - Adding O-C bonds or loosing H atoms oxidizes the organic molecule.
- These disulfide bonds between and within hairs are what cause it to curl when oxidized (permed).
- PCC or KMnO₄ can be used.





Hair structure, strong links and weak links



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Tollen's Test

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- One way to test for the presence of aldehydes, is to try and reduce them with copper or silver ions.
 - Tollen's solution (AgNO₃ & NH₃) oxidizes aldehydes to carboxylic acids but has no effect on ketones.
 - Tollen's solution will produce silver metal when exposed to an aldehyde, but nothing will happen in the presence of a ketone.



 $Ag^+ + 1 e^- \longrightarrow Ag(s)$



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 - CuSO₄ (Cu²⁺)will reduce an aldehyde only if there is an adjacent hydroxyl group.
 - Benedict's Test demonstrates if an aldehyde with an adjacent hydroxyl group is present.

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