

Chemical Nomenclature Review

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Binary Ionic Compounds (Metal + Non-Metal)

Monovalent

- Metals with 1 oxidation #
- Group 1, group 2, silver, zinc, and aluminium

METAL + NON-METAL + IDE
Ex. ZnCl₂ = Zinc chloride

Divalent

- Metals with 2 oxidation #s
- Fe, Cu, Sn, Sb, Hg, As, Au

Stock Method: METAL (roman numeral of O.N.) + NON-METAL + IDE
Ex. Fe₂O₃ = Iron (III) Oxide

Classical Method: LATIN NAME + OUS/IC + NON-METAL + IDE
Ex. Fe₂O₃ = Ferric Oxide

Polyvalent

- Metals with more than 2 oxidation #s
- Typically transition metals

Stock Method: METAL (roman numeral of O.N.) + NON-METAL + IDE
Ex. RhO = Rhodium (II) Oxide

Binary Acids

(Hydrogen + Non-Metal)

Acid: Something that produces a hydrogen ion in an aqueous solution

HYDRO + NON-METAL + IC ACID

Ex. HCl(aq) = Hydrochloric acid

Hydrated Salts

(Salt + Hydrate)

- *Salt:* Ionic compounds which when dissolved in water break up into ions
- *Hydrated:* When water molecules are left on the crystalline ionic compound

IONIC/CLASSICAL NAME + GREEK PREFIX + HYDRATE
Ex. NaCrO₄ · 4H₂O = Sodium chromate tetrahydrate

Oxyacids

(Hydrogen + Non-Metal + Oxygen)

- There are 5 main oxyacids:
Chloric (HClO₃)
Nitric (HNO₃)
Carbonic (H₂CO₃)
Sulphuric (H₂SO₄)
Phosphoric (H₃PO₄)

From these acids you can derive:

- OUS acids (-1 oxygen)
Ex. Nitrous acid = HNO₂
- HYPO-OUS acids (-2 oxygen)
Ex. Hyposulphurous acid = H₂SO₂
- PER-IC acids (+1 oxygen)
Ex. Perchloric acid = HClO₄

Stock method can also be used
Ex. HClO₃ = Chloric acid or chloric (V) acid

Polyatomic Ionic Compounds

(Metal + Polyatomic Ion)

- If the metal is **MONOVALENT:** Metal + Polyatomic Ion
- If the metal is **DIVALENT:** Stock/Classical methods
- If the metal is **POLYVALENT:** Stock method

Ex. Fe(NO₃)₂ = Iron (II) Nitrate or Ferrous Nitrate

Covalent Compounds

(Non-Metal + Non-Metal)

Prefix System

- Use Latin prefixes: mono (1), di (2), tri (3), tetra (4), penta (5), hexa (6), hepta (7), octa (8), nona (9), deca (10)

Ex. P₄O₅ = Tetraphosphorous pentoxide