

Organic Functional Groups and Nomenclature

| Compound | Functional group | Structural formula | Condenses to | Example |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| alkane | N/A | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ -\text{C} - \text{C}- \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$ | $-\text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 -$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2 -$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ <u>propane</u> |
| alkene | alkene | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ -\text{C} = \text{C}- \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$ | $-\text{CH} = \text{CH} -$ or $-\text{CHCH} -$ | $\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or CH_3CHCH_2 <u>propene</u> |
| alkyne | alkyne | $-\text{C} \equiv \text{C} -$ | $-\text{C} \equiv \text{C} -$ or $-\text{CC} -$ | $\text{CH}_3-\text{C} \equiv \text{CH}$ or CH_3CCH <u>propyne</u> |
| alkyl halide | halogen | $\begin{array}{c} -\text{F} \\ -\text{Cl} \\ -\text{Br} \\ -\text{I} \end{array}$ | N/A | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{F}$ <u>fluoro</u> ethane $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ <u>chloro</u> ethane $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ <u>bromo</u> ethane $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{I}$ <u>iodo</u> ethane |
| alcohol | hydroxyl | $-\text{O} - \text{H}$ | $-\text{OH}$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ <u>ethanol</u> |
| aldehyde | carbonyl (at end of chain) | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{C} - \text{H} \end{array}$ | $-\text{CHO}$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$ <u>propanal</u> |
| ketone | carbonyl (in middle of chain) | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{C} - \end{array}$ | $-\text{CO} -$ | CH_3COCH_3 <u>propanone</u> |
| carboxylic acid | carboxyl | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{C} - \text{O} - \text{H} \end{array}$ | $-\text{COOH}$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ <u>propanoic acid</u> |
| carboxylate ion | carboxylate | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{C} - \text{O}^- \end{array}$ | $-\text{COO}^-$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ <u>propanoate ion</u> |
| ester | ester | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{C} - \text{O} - \end{array}$ | $-\text{COO} -$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ <u>propyl ethanoate</u> |
| amine | amino | $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ -\text{N} - \text{H} \end{array}$ | $-\text{NH}_2$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ <u>ethanamine</u> |
| amide | amide | $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ -\text{C} - \text{N} - \end{array}$ | $-\text{CONH} -$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CONH}_2$ <u>propanamide</u> |

A blank space beside a bond line means a carbon chain (alkyl group) of any length is bonded there.*

In an amino group, any H in the structure shown can be replaced with an alkyl group.

Structures are often drawn with bonds on angles, and often use a mixture of condensed and expanded forms.

Condensed forms must be drawn backwards (e.g. $\text{H}_2\text{N}-$ and $\text{HO}-$) in some cases to preserve meaning.

*In alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, aldehydes, carboxylic acids, and amides any of these can be also be a H. The bond that is part of the 'oate' in the ester can also be a H.