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## Properties of Organic Solvents

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[Table 1 arranged alphabetically](#), [Table 2 arranged according to increasing polarity](#)

### TABLE 1

<u>Solvent</u>	formula	boiling point (°C)	melting point (°C)	density (g/mL)	solubility in H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>1</sup> (g/100g)	relative polarity <sup>2</sup>	ε
acetic acid	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	118	16.6	1.049	M	0.648	>
acetone	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	56.2	-94.3	0.786	M	0.355	C
acetonitrile	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N	81.6	-46	0.786	M	0.460	C
acetyl acetone	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	140.4	-23	0.975	16	0.571	
2-aminoethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO	170.9	10.5	1.018	M	0.651	
aniline	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N	184.4	-6.0	1.022	3.4	0.420	
anisole	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	153.7	-37.5	0.996	0.10	0.198	

<b>benzene</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	80.1	5.5	0.879	0.18	0.111	C
<b>benzonitrile</b>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N	205	-13	0.996	0.2	0.333	
<b>benzyl alcohol</b>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	205.4	-15.3	1.042	3.5	0.608	
<b>1-butanol</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	117.6	-89.5	0.81	7.7	0.586	
<b>2-butanol</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	99.5	-114.7	0.808	18.1	0.506	
<b><i>i</i>-butanol</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	107.9	-108.2	0.803	8.5	0.552	
<b>2-butanone</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	79.6	-86.3	0.805	25.6	0.327	C
<b><i>t</i>-butyl alcohol</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	82.2	25.5	0.786	M	0.389	
<b>carbon disulfide</b>	CS <sub>2</sub>	46.3	-111.6	1.263	0.2	0.065	C
<b>carbon tetrachloride</b>	CCl <sub>4</sub>	76.7	-22.4	1.594	0.08	0.052	C
<b>chlorobenzene</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	132	-45.6	1.106	0.05	0.188	C
<b>chloroform</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	61.2	-63.5	1.498	0.8	0.259	
<b>cyclohexane</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	80.7	6.6	0.779	0.005	0.006	C
<b>cyclohexanol</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	161.1	25.2	0.962	4.2	0.509	
<b>cyclohexanone</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	155.6	-16.4	0.948	2.3	0.281	
<b>di-<i>n</i>-butylphthalate</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	340	-35	1.049	0.0011	0.272	
<b>1,1-dichloroethane</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	57.3	-97.0	1.176	0.5	0.269	
<b>diethylene glycol</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	245	-10	1.118	M	0.713	
<b>diglyme</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	162	-64	0.945	M	0.244	
<b>dimethoxyethane (glyme)</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	85	-58	0.868	M	0.231	
<b>N,N-dimethylaniline</b>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N	194.2	2.4	0.956	0.14	0.179	
<b>dimethylformamide (DMF)</b>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO	153	-61	0.944	M	0.386	
<b>dimethylphthalate</b>	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	283.8	1	1.190	0.43	0.309	
<b>dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> OS	189	18.4	1.092	M	0.444	C
<b>dioxane</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	101.1	11.8	1.033	M	0.164	C
<b>ethanol</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	78.5	-114.1	0.789	M	0.654	C
<b>ether</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	34.6	-116.3	0.713	7.5	0.117	C
<b>ethyl acetate</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	77	-83.6	0.894	8.7	0.228	C
<b>ethyl acetoacetate</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	180.4	-80	1.028	2.9	0.577	
<b>ethyl benzoate</b>	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	213	-34.6	1.047	0.07	0.228	
<b>ethylene glycol</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	197	-13	1.115	M	0.790	1
<b>glycerin</b>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	290	17.8	1.261	M	0.812	
<b>heptane</b>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	98	-90.6	0.684	0.0003	0.012	
<b>1-heptanol</b>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O	176.4	-35	0.819	0.17	0.549	
<b>hexane</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	69	-95	0.655	0.0014	0.009	C
<b>1-hexanol</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O	158	-46.7	0.814	0.59	0.559	
<b>methanol</b>	CH <sub>4</sub> O	64.6	-98	0.791	M	0.762	C
<b>methyl acetate</b>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	56.9	-98.1	0.933	24.4	0.253	

methyl <i>t</i> -butyl ether (MTBE)	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	55.2	-109	0.741	4.8	0.124	C
methylene chloride	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	39.8	-96.7	1.326	1.32	0.309	C
1-octanol	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O	194.4	-15	0.827	0.096	0.537	
pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	36.1	-129.7	0.626	0.004	0.009	C
1-pentanol	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	138.0	-78.2	0.814	2.2	0.568	
2-pentanol	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	119.0	-50	0.810	4.5	0.488	
3-pentanol	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	115.3	-8	0.821	5.1	0.463	
2-pentanone	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	102.3	-76.9	0.809	4.3	0.321	
3-pentanone	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	101.7	-39.8	0.814	3.4	0.265	
1-propanol	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	97	-126	0.803	M	0.617	C
2-propanol	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	82.4	-88.5	0.785	M	0.546	C
pyridine	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N	115.5	-42	0.982	M	0.302	C
tetrahydrofuran(THF)	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	66	-108.4	0.886	30	0.207	C
toluene	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	110.6	-93	0.867	0.05	0.099	C
water	H <sub>2</sub> O	100.00	0.00	0.998	M	1.000	>
water, heavy	D <sub>2</sub> O	101.3	4	1.107	M	0.991	
<i>p</i> -xylene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	138.3	13.3	0.861	0.02	0.074	C

1 M = miscible.

2 The values for relative polarity are normalized from measurements of solvent shifts of absorption spectra and were

extracted from Christian Reichardt, *Solvents and Solvent Effects in Organic Chemistry*, Wiley-VCH Publishers, 3rd ed., **2003**.

3 Snyder's empirical eluant strength parameter for alumina. Extracted from Reichardt, page 495.

4 Threshold limits for exposure. Extracted from Reichardt, pages 501-502.

**TABLE 2**

<u>Solvent</u>	formula	boiling point (°C)	melting point (°C)	density (g/mL)	solubility in H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>1</sup> (g/100g)	relative polarity <sup>2</sup>	e s
cyclohexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	80.7	6.6	0.779	0.005	<b>0.006</b>	0
pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	36.1	-129.7	0.626	0.0039	<b>0.009</b>	0
hexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	69	-95	0.655	0.0014	<b>0.009</b>	0
heptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	98	-90.6	0.684	0.0003	<b>0.012</b>	
carbon tetrachloride	CCl <sub>4</sub>	76.7	-22.4	1.594	0.08	<b>0.052</b>	0
carbon disulfide	CS <sub>2</sub>	46.3	-111.6	1.263	0.2	<b>0.065</b>	0
<i>p</i> -xylene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	138.3	13.3	0.861	0.02	<b>0.074</b>	0
toluene	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	110.6	-93	0.867	0.05	<b>0.099</b>	0
benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	80.1	5.5	0.879	0.18	<b>0.111</b>	0
ether	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	34.6	-116.3	0.713	7.5	<b>0.117</b>	0

methyl <i>t</i> -butyl ether (MTBE)	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	55.2	-109	0.741	4.8	<b>0.124</b>	0
diethylamine	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N	56.3	-48	0.706	M	<b>0.145</b>	0
dioxane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	101.1	11.8	1.033	M	<b>0.164</b>	0
N,N-dimethylaniline	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N	194.2	2.4	0.956	0.14	<b>0.179</b>	
chlorobenzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	132	-45.6	1.106	0.05	<b>0.188</b>	0
anisole	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	153.7	-37.5	0.996	0.10	<b>0.198</b>	
tetrahydrofuran (THF)	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	66	-108.4	0.886	30	<b>0.207</b>	0
ethyl acetate	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	77	-83.6	0.894	8.7	<b>0.228</b>	0
ethyl benzoate	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	213	-34.6	1.047	0.07	<b>0.228</b>	
dimethoxyethane (glyme)	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	85	-58	0.868	M	<b>0.231</b>	
diglyme	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	162	-64	0.945	M	<b>0.244</b>	
methyl acetate	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	56.9	-98.1	0.933	24.4	<b>0.253</b>	
chloroform	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	61.2	-63.5	1.498	0.8	<b>0.259</b>	0
3-pentanone	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	101.7	-39.8	0.814	3.4	<b>0.265</b>	
1,1-dichloroethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	57.3	-97.0	1.176	0.5	<b>0.269</b>	
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1,2-dichloroethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	83.5	-35.4	1.235	0.87	<b>0.327</b>	
benzotrile	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N	205	-13	0.996	0.2	<b>0.333</b>	
acetone	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	56.2	-94.3	0.786	M	<b>0.355</b>	0
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water, heavy	D <sub>2</sub> O	101.3	4	1.107	M	<b>0.991</b>	
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### Spectra (of solvents and other compounds).

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RSC - <http://www.rsc.org/education/teachers/learnnet/spectra/index2.htm>

#### 2. ir, mass spectra, uv-vis

NIST site - <http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/>

#### 3. ir

Acros -

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