

# Salts Reference Sheet

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| ▪ <b>Neutral + Acidic = Acidic</b>   | ▪ <b>Neutral + Basic = Basic</b>   | ▪ <b>Neutral + Neutral = Neutral</b>           |
| ▪ <b>Acidic + Basic = ?</b><br><b>Use <math>K_a</math> and <math>K_b</math> to determine</b> | $K_a > K_b \rightarrow$ Acidic<br>$K_a < K_b \rightarrow$ Basic<br>$K_a = K_b \rightarrow$ Neutral |  |
| ▪ <b><math>K_w = K_a \times K_b</math></b>   | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  | (if at 25 °C, may be different if not at 25°C) |

If you are looking for the  $K_a$  of an acidic conjugate ion, use  $K_w$  and the  $K_b$  of the base it came from

$$K_{\text{acidic conj. ion}} = \frac{K_w}{K_b \text{ (of the base that the ion came from)}}$$

If you are looking for the  $K_b$  of a basic conjugate ion, use  $K_w$  and the  $K_a$  of the acid it came from

$$K_{\text{basic conj. ion}} = \frac{K_w}{K_a \text{ (of the acid that the ion came from)}}$$

7 Strong Acids (H <sup>+</sup> ) All other acids are weak		8 Strong Bases (OH <sup>-</sup> ) All other bases are weak	
Hydrochloric acid	HCl	Lithium hydroxide	LiOH
Hydrobromic acid	HBr	Sodium hydroxide	NaOH
Hydroiodic	HI	Potassium hydroxide	KOH
Perchloric acid	HClO <sub>4</sub>	Rubidium hydroxide	RbOH
Chloric acid	HClO <sub>3</sub>	Cesium hydroxide	CsOH
Nitric acid	HNO <sub>3</sub>	Calcium hydroxide	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>
Sulfuric acid	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Strontium hydroxide	Sr(OH) <sub>2</sub>
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**Dougherty Valley High School Chemistry — Weak Acid/Base Reference Sheet**  
**Acid Dissociation Constant (K<sub>a</sub>) Values for Some Weak Acids**

Weak Acid	Chemical Formula	K <sub>a</sub>
acetic	HC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.8 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
arsenic	H <sub>3</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub>	5.6 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
arsenous	HAsO <sub>2</sub>	6 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
ascorbic	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	8.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
benzoic	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> COOH	6.5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
boric	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	5.8 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
carbonic	H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4.3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>
chloroacetic	CH <sub>2</sub> ClCOOH	1.4 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
citric	H <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	7.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
formic	HCOOH	1.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
hydrazoic	HN <sub>3</sub>	1.9 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
hydrocyanic	HCN	4.9 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
hydrofluoric	HF	6.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
hydrosulfuric	H <sub>2</sub> S	5.7 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
hypobromous	HBrO	2 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>
hypochlorous	HClO	3.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
hydrogen peroxide	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	2.4 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>
iodic	HIO <sub>3</sub>	1.7 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
malonic	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
nitrous	HNO <sub>2</sub>	4.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
oxalic	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	5.9 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
phosphoric	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	7.5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
selenous	H <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>3</sub>	5.3 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>
sulfurous	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	1.7 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
tartaric	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	1.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>

**Base Dissociation Constant (K<sub>b</sub>) Values for Some Weak Bases**

Weak Base	Chemical Formula	K <sub>b</sub>
ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	1.8 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
aniline	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	4.3 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
dimethylamine	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH	5.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
ethylamine	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	6.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
hydrazine	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	1.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
hydroxylamine	HONH <sub>2</sub>	1.1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
methylamine	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	4.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
pyridine	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N	1.7 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>
trimethylamine	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> N	6.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>