

**Table 19.1 Classes of Organic Compounds**

Class of compound	General formula*	IUPAC name**, ***	Molecular formula	Condensed structural formula	Structural formula
Alkane	RH	Ethane (Ethane)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Alkene	R—CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	Ethene (Ethylene)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C=C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Alkyne	R—C≡C—H	Ethyne (Acetylene)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	HC≡CH	<pre>       H   H             H—C≡C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Alkyl halide	RX	Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C—Cl                   H   H     </pre>
Alcohol	ROH	Ethanol (Ethyl alcohol)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C—OH                   H   H     </pre>
Ether	R—O—R	Methoxymethane (Dimethyl ether)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C—O—C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Aldehyde	R—C=O   H	Ethanal (Acetaldehyde)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> CHO	<pre>       H         H—C—C=O                   H   H     </pre>
Ketone	R—C(=O)R	Propanone (Dimethyl ketone)	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C=O—C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Carboxylic acid	R—C(=O)OH	Ethanoic acid (Acetic acid)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	<pre>       H         H—C—C=O—OH                   H   O     </pre>
Ester	R—C(=O)OR	Methyl ethanoate (Methyl acetate)	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOCH <sub>3</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C=O—O—C—H                   H   H     </pre>
Amide	R—C(=O)NH <sub>2</sub>	Ethanamide (Acetamide)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ON	CH <sub>3</sub> CONH <sub>2</sub>	<pre>       H         H—C—C=O—NH<sub>2</sub>                   H   H     </pre>
Amine	R—CH <sub>2</sub> —NH <sub>2</sub>	Aminoethane (Ethylamine)	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	<pre>       H   H             H—C—C—NH<sub>2</sub>                   H   H     </pre>

\* The letter R is used to indicate any of the many possible alkyl groups. \*\* Class name ending in italic. \*\*\* Common name in parentheses.

**TABLE 19.2 | Important Functional Groups in Biochemistry**

Biochemical class	Functional groups important to the biochemical		
Carbohydrates	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}-\text{C}=\text{O} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$ aldehyde	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}-\text{C}=\text{R} \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$ ketone	ROH alcohol
Fatty acids	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$ carboxylic acid		
Proteins	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$ carboxylic acid		RCH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> amine
Nucleic acids	ROH alcohol	$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \\ \text{phosphoric acid} \end{array} \right]$	

**TABLE 19.3 | Names, Formulas, and Physical Properties of Straight-Chain Alkanes**

Name	Molecular formula $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$	Condensed structural formula	Boiling point (°C)	Melting point (°C)
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	-161	-183
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	-89	-172
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	-42	-187
Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	-0.6	-135
Pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	36	-130
Hexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	69	-95
Heptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	98	-90
Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	125	-57
Nonane	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	151	-54
Decane	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>22</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	174	-30

**TABLE 19.4 | Names and Formulas of Selected Alkyl Groups**

Formula	Name	Formula	Name
CH <sub>3</sub> —	methyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	
CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	ethyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH—	isopropyl
CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	propyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	
CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	butyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> —	isobutyl
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	pentyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	sec-butyl
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	hexyl	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH—	(secondary butyl)
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	heptyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	octyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	nonyl	CH <sub>3</sub> C—	<i>tert</i> -butyl or <i>t</i> -butyl
CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	decyl	CH <sub>3</sub> —	(tertiary butyl)