

Symbols and Charges for Monoatomic Ions

Symbol	Name	Symbol	Name	
H ⁺	hydrogen ion	H ⁻	hydride	
Li ⁺	lithium ion	F ⁻	fluoride	Note that the letters in an ion's name before the -ide ending is the stem. For example, the stem for bromide is brom-.
Na ⁺	sodium ion	Cl ⁻	chloride	
K ⁺	potassium ion	Br ⁻	bromide	
Rb ⁺	rubidium ion	I ⁻	iodide	
Cs ⁺	cesium ion	O ²⁻	oxide	
Be ²⁺	beryllium ion	S ²⁻	sulfide	
Mg ²⁺	magnesium ion	Se ²⁻	selenide	
Ca ²⁺	calcium ion	Te ²⁻	telluride	
Sr ²⁺	strontium ion			
Ba ²⁺	barium ion	Ag ⁺	silver ion	N ³⁻
Ra ²⁺	radium ion	Ni ²⁺	nickel ion	P ³⁻
Zn ²⁺	zinc ion	Al ³⁺	aluminum ion	As ³⁻

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Cu ⁺	copper(I)	cuprous	Hg ²⁺	mercury(I)	mercurous
Cu ²⁺	copper(II)	cupric	Hg ²⁺	mercury(II)	mercuric
Fe ²⁺	iron(II)	ferrous	Pb ²⁺	lead(II)	plumbous
Fe ³⁺	iron(III)	ferric	Pb ⁴⁺	lead(IV)	plumbic
Sn ²⁺	tin(II)	stannous	Co ²⁺	cobalt(II)	cobaltous
Sn ⁴⁺	tin(IV)	stannic	Co ³⁺	cobalt(III)	cobaltic
Cr ²⁺	chromium(II)	chromous	Au ⁺	gold(I)	aurous
Cr ³⁺	chromium(III)	chromic	Au ³⁺	gold(III)	auric
Mn ²⁺	manganese(II)	manganous			
Mn ³⁺	manganese(III)	manganic			

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Formula	Name	Formula	Name
NO ₃ ⁻	nitrate	ClO ₄ ⁻	perchlorate
NO ₂ ⁻	nitrite	ClO ₃ ⁻	chlorate
CrO ₄ ²⁻	chromate	ClO ₂ ⁻	chlorite
Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	dichromate	ClO ⁻	hypochlorite
CN ⁻	cyanide	IO ₄ ⁻	periodate
MnO ₄ ⁻	permanganate	IO ₃ ⁻	iodate
OH ⁻	hydroxide	IO ⁻	hypoiodite
O ₂ ²⁻	peroxide	BrO ₃ ⁻	bromate
NH ₂ ⁻	amide	BrO ⁻	hypobromite
CO ₃ ²⁻	carbonate	HCO ₃ ⁻	hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate)
SO ₄ ²⁻	sulfate	HSO ₄ ⁻	hydrogen sulfate (bisulfate)
SO ₃ ²⁻	sulfite	HSO ₃ ⁻	hydrogen sulfite (bisulfite)
C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻	oxalate	HC ₂ O ₄ ⁻	hydrogen oxalate (binoxalate)
PO ₄ ³⁻	phosphate	HPO ₄ ²⁻	hydrogen phosphate
PO ₃ ³⁻	phosphite	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	dihydrogen phosphate

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$S_2O_3^{2-}$	thiosulfate	HS^-	hydrogen sulfide
AsO_4^{3-}	arsenate	BO_3^{3-}	borate
SeO_4^{2-}	selenate	$B_4O_7^{2-}$	tetraborate
SiO_3^{2-}	silicate	SiF_6^{2-}	hexafluorosilicate
$C_4H_4O_6^{2-}$	tartrate	SCN^-	thiocyanate



There is one positive polyatomic ion. It is NH_4^+ and is called the ammonium ion.

Prefixes Used to Indicate Number in a Name Involving Two Non-Metals

mono-	1	hexa-	6
di-	2	hepta-	7
tri-	3	octa-	8
tetra-	4	nona-	9
penta-	5	deca-	10

These prefixes are used in naming binary compounds involving two non-metals. Examples include P_2O_5 , Cl_2O , NO , N_2O , NO_2 , N_2O_5 , PCl_3 , PCl_5 , SO_2 , SO_3 , SiO_2 . Sometimes metal ions are involved in a Greek prefix name, but these are less common. Examples include UF_6 , $SbCl_3$, $SbCl_5$, OsO_4 , $BiCl_3$.

There is a preferred order of the nonmetals when writing them in a formula. It is:
 Rn, Xe, Kr, B, Si, C, Sb, As, P, N, H, Te, Se, S, I, Br, Cl, O, F.

CO is carbon monoxide, NOT carbon monooxide. As_4O_6 is tetrarsenic hexoxide, NOT tetraarsenic hexaoxide.

Acid Names – add the word acid to each name when saying or writing.

Non-oxygen containing	Name when dissolved in water	Oxygen containing (oxyacids)	Name when a pure compound	Formula	Name
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HF	hydrofluoric acid	hydrogen fluoride		HNO_3	nitric acid
HCl	hydrochloric acid	hydrogen chloride		HNO_2	nitrous acid
HBr	hydrobromic acid	hydrogen bromide		H_2SO_4	sulfuric acid
HI	hydroiodic acid	hydrogen iodide		H_2SO_3	sulfurous acid
HCN	hydrocyanic acid	hydrogen cyanide		H_3PO_4	phosphoric acid
H_2S	hydrosulfuric acid	hydrogen sulfide		H_2CO_3	carbonic acid
				$HC_2H_3O_2$	acetic acid
					(also written CH_3COOH)

(Note that it is hydrogen sulfide, NOT hydrogen sulfuride.)