LOOKING UP DATA: CHEMISTRY HANDBOOKS

When you need data on elements, compounds, chemical properties, or related data, the easiest place to find it is in a handbook. These are compilations of chemical data such as formulas, isotopes, molecular weights, density, solubility data, crystallographic information, thermodynamic data, spectroscopic data, and more that have been collected from many literature sources. Handbooks are not always easy to use, terms used may differ from those you are familiar with, and you will not find all the data you need, nor will it always be in the form you need it. In spite of those problems, handbooks are extremely useful since there is a great deal of information in a single source. Often, a handbook may list additional references where more information can be found. There are three popular handbooks.

1. CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.

Once a true "handbook", the CRC Handbook has grown into a giant volume. The CRC Handbook is probably the most comprehensive handbook available containing mathematical tables, information on elements and inorganic compounds, organic compounds, nomenclature rules, general chemical data, general physical constants, definitions, and many miscellaneous tables. A new volume is published each year, but only a small amount of information changes. An edition is good for many years. There is also a student edition which contains less material than a standard CRC Handbook, but it sells at a reasonable price. Another way of obtaining a CRC Handbook at a reasonable price is to buy the previous year's version when offered as a closeout through schools. Usually, a quantity such as ten handbooks must be purchased.

2. Lange's Handbook of Chemistry, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York.

Lange's Handbook is similar to the CRC Handbook in that it contains many tables of data and information. It does not contain descriptive information such as the sources and uses of the elements, and definitions. In some instances, this is an easier handbook to use. Lange's Handbook complements the CRC Handbook, containing some different information.

3. The Merck Index, Merck & Company, Rahway, New Jersey.

The Merck Index is mainly an encyclopedia of chemicals, drugs, and biologicals with a few miscellaneous tables of information. It contains an excellent formula index and a cross index of common and chemical names.

In addition to these, some chemical companies, such as Aldrich, Alfa, and others, list information such as physical constants, structures of compounds, Chemical Abstracts Service registry numbers, and other useful information in their catalogs. You may find data on compounds, not listed in handbooks, in these catalogs.

When using a handbook, you will encounter a number of symbols and abbreviations that are commonly used or may be unique to that handbook. Explanations of these are usually given in the beginning of the book, section, or immediately preceding the tables in which they are used.

Some samples of typical information found in handbooks is given on the following pages.

The Elements (CRC Handbook, 70th Edition, 1989-1990).

A typical entry contains information on the origin or the element's name, some physical properties, historical information, source, uses, and some important compounds. The listing for the element lithium follows:

Lithium — (Gr. lithos, stone), Li; at. wt. 6.941; at. no. 3; m.p. 180.54°C; b.p. 1342°C; sp. gr. 0.534 (20°C); valence 1. Discovered by Arfvedson in 1817. Lithium is the lightest of al metals, with a density only about half that of water. It does not occur free in nature; combined it is found in small amounts in nearly all igneous rocks and in the waters of many mineral springs. Lepidolite, spodumene, petalite, and amblygonite are the more important minerals containing it. Lithium is presently being recovered from brines of Searles Lake, in California, and from those in Nevada. Large deposits of spodumene are being recovered from brines of Searles Lake, in California, and from those in Nevada. Large deposits of spodumene are found in North Carolina. The metal is produced electrolytically from the fused chloride. Lithium is silvery in appearance, much like Na and K, other members of the alkali metal series. It reacts with water, but not as vigorously as sodium. Lithium imparts a beautiful crimson color to a flame, but when the metal burns strongly the flame is a dazzling white. Since World War II, the production of lithium metal and its compounds has increased greatly. Because the metal has the highest specific heat of any solid element, it has found use in heat transfer applications; however, it is corrosive and requires special handling. The metal has been used as an alloying agent, is of interest in synthesis of organic compounds, and has nuclear applications. It ranks as a leading contender as a battery anode material as it has a high electrochemical potential. Lithium is used in special glasses and ceramics. The glass for the 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar contains lithium as a minor ingredient. Lithium chloride is one of the most hygroscopic materials known, and it, as well as lithium bromide, is used in air conditioning and industrial drying systems. Lithium stearate is used as an all-purpose and high-temperature lubricant. Other lithium compounds are used in dry cells and storage batteries. The metal is priced at about \$100/lb.

Physical Properties of Inorganic Compounds (CRC Handbook, 70th Edition, 1989-1990).

This table lists names, synonyms, formulas, molecular weights, crystalline forms, density, melting and boiling points, and solubility data for most of the known inorganic compounds. A sample portion of this table follows. Abbreviations used are given in the table immediately following this.

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS OF INORGANIC COMPOUNDS (continued)

		Synonyms and		Crystalline form,	Density or	Melting	Boiling	Solubility, in grams per 100 cc			
No.	Name	Name Formulae	Mol. wt.	properties and index of refraction	spec. gravity	point, °C	point, °C	Cold water	Hot water	Other solvents	
c433	Cobalt	Co	58.93320 ± 1	silv gray met, cub	8.9	1495	2870	i	i	s a	
c434	(III) acetate	Co(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂) ₃	236.07	grn, oct		d 100		hydr		s a, glac ac a	
		Co(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	249.08	red-vlt, monocl, delig, 1.542	1.70519	-4H ₂ O, 140		s	s	s a, al	
c436	aluminate	(approx) Thenard's blue.	176.89	bl, cub				i	i		
c437	(II) orthoarsenate	Co ₃ (AsO ₄) ₂ ·8H ₂ O	598.76	vlt-red, monocl, 1.626, 1.661, 1.669	3.17815	d		i	ĺ	s dil a, NH ₄ OH	
c438	arsenic sulfide	Nat. cobaltite. CoAsS	165.91	gray-redsh	6.2-6.3	d					
	arsenide ,	Co ₂ As	192.79		8.28	950		i	i .	i CHI, H ₂ SO ₄ ; s HNO ₃ , aq reg	
c440	(II) benzoate	Co(C ₇ H ₅ O ₂) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	373.23	gray red leaf	l	-4H ₂ O, 115		v s			
		СоВ	69.74	pr	7.2518			d	d	s HNO3, aq reg	
		Co(BrO ₃) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	422.83	red, oct				45.517		s NH ₄ OH	
		CoBr ₂	218.74		4.90935	678 (in N ₂)		66.759	68.1 ⁹⁷	77.1 ²⁰ al; 58.6 ³⁰ MeOH; s eth, acet	
c444	(II) bromide hexahydrate	CoBr ₂ ·6H ₂ O	626.84	red-vlt pr, deliq	2.46	47—48, -4H ₂ O 100	-6H ₂ O, 130	s red color	153.297	s blk color, al, a, eth	
c445	bromoplatinate	CoPtBr ₆ ·12H ₂ O	949.62	trig	2.762						
	carbonate	Nat. spherocobaltite.	118.94	red, trig, 1.855,	4.13	d		i	i	s a; i NH ₃	
c447	(II) carbonate, basic	2CoCO3·3Co(OH)3·H2O	534.74	vlt-red pr	[[li	d	s a, (NH ₄) ₂ CO ₃	
	carbonyl tetra	Dicobalt octacarbonyl. [Co(CO) ₄] ₂ or Co ₂ (CO) ₈	341.95	or cr or dk br, microcr,		51	d 52	i	i	sl s al; s CS2, eth	
c449	carbonyl, tri	Tetracobalt dodecacar- bonyl. [Co(CO) ₃] ₄ or Co ₄ (CO) ₁₂	571.86	blk cr				sl s		s bz; d Br	
c450	(II) chlorate	Co(ClO ₃) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	333.93	red, cub, deliq,	1.92	50	d 100	558.30	v s	s al	
c451	(II) perchlorate	Co(ClO ₄) ₂	257.83	red need 1.510,	3.327			1000	11545	s al, acet	
c452	(II) perchlorate	Co(ClO ₄) ₂ ·5H ₂ O	347.91	red, hex	1	143		100.130	115.1065	v s al, acet i CHCl3	
	perchlorate	Co(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	365.93	red pr		d 1534	d	25918		s al, acet	
		Co(ClO ₄) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	365.93	red, oct, deliq,		d 182		25518		s al, acet	
c455	(II) chloride	CoCl ₂	129.84	bl, hex, hygr	3.35636	724 (in HCl gas)	1049	457	105%	54.4 al; 8.6 acet; 38.5 MeOH; sl s eth	
c456	(III) chloride	CoCl ₃	165.29	red cr or yel cr	2.94	subl		s			

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE OF PHYSICAL CONSTANTS OF INORGANIC COMPOUNDS

	acid	nittotic and the street street	bt primeriles and	a y henveypen	in the last control of
aabs	Section 1	fus fxd	fused	prop	properties
ac. a		gel., gelat	fixed gelatinous	purp	purple
acet		glgeiat	glass	pyr	pyridine
act		glac		quad	quadrilateral questioned
al	2017/301/307/	glit	glittering	rect	rectangular
alk		glob	globular	redsh	reddish
amm		glyc	glycerin	reg	regular
amor	amorphous	gran	granular	rhbdr	rhombohedral
anh	anhydrous	greas	greasy	rhomb	rhombic, ortho-
appr	approximately	grn	green		rhombic
aq	aqua, water	h	hot	S	soluble
aq. reg	aqua regia	hex	hexagonal	satd	saturated
asym	asymmetrical	ht	heat	sld	solid
atm	atmospheres	hyd	hydrolyzed	sensit	
bipyr	bipyramidal	hydx	hydroxides	sc	
bl	blue	hyg	hygroscopic	sec	The state of the s
blk boil	black boiling	i	insoluble	silv	silver
br., brn		ignind	ignites indigo	sl	slightly
brnsh	brownish	indef	indefinite	slysm	slowly
bz	benzene	infl., inflam	inflammable	sod	sodium
c	cold	infus	infusible	soln	
calc	calculated	irid	iridescent	solv	solvents
carb	carbon	leaf	leaflets	spont	spontaneous
caust	caustic	lem	lemon	st	steel
chl	chloroform	lgr	ligroin	stab	stable
choc	chocolate	lng	long	subl	sublimes
cit. a	citric acid	lq., liq	liquid	suffoc	suffocating
col	colorless	lt	light	sulfd	sulfides
coll	colloidal	lum	luminous	sulf	sulfur
com'l	commercial	lust	lustrous	sym	symmetrical
comp	compounds	me., meth	methyl	tabl	tablets
compl	completely	met	metal or metal-	tart. a	tartaric acid
conc	concentrated	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	lic	tetr	tetragonal
const	constant	micr	microscopic	tetrah	tetrahedral
cont	contains corrosive	min	mineral	tol	toluene
cr	crystalline	misc	miscible mixture	trac	trace, traces
cub	cubic	mod	modifications	translu	transparent
d., dec	decomposes	monbas	monobasic	tri., trig	translucent trigonal
deliq	deliquescent	mon-H	monohydrogen	tribas	tribasic
deriv	derivative	monocl	monoclinic	tricl	triclinic
dibas	dibasic	near	nearly	trim	trimetric
di-H	dihydrogen	need	needles	tr	transition point
dil	dilute	nit	nitrate	turp	turpentine
dimorph	dimorphous	oct	octahedral	unpleas	unpleasant
disg	disagreeable	odorl	odorless	unst	unstable
dk	dark	offen	offensive	v	very
doubt	doubtful	olv	olive	vac	vacuum
duct	ductile	opt	optical or	var	various
effl	efflorescent	L 26 PARTIES TO A 25	optically	viol	violent,
em	emerald	or	orange	15% Charles 1271	violence
eth	ether evolves	ord	ordinary	visc	viscous
ev	evolves	org	organic	vitr	vitreous
ex	excess	oxal	oxalate or oxalic	vltvolat	violet
exist	existence	ne	pale		volatizes white
exp	explodes	papet	petroleum	wh. lt	white light
extr	extreme(ly)	pl	plates	yel	vellow
f., fr	from	pois	poisonous	yelsh	yellowish
feath	feathery	polymorph	polymorphous	∞	soluble in all pro-
fl	flakes	powd	powder	0.60,0	portions
floc	flocculent	ppt	precipitate	>	above
fluo, fluores	fluorescent	pr	prisms	<	below
form	formic	press	pressure	0	
fum	fuming	prob	probably		
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Table of the Isotopes (CRC Handbook, 70th Edition, 1989-1990):

This table lists all known isotopes, both naturally occurring and artificially made, for each element. For each entry, the table includes the % natural abundance, the atomic mass, the half-life (lifetime), the observed modes of decay, the decay energy, the particle energies, the particle intensities, thermal neutron capture cross section, nuclear spin (I), and the nuclear magnetic moment (æ). A sample portion of this table follows:

TABLE OF THE ISOTOPES (Continued)

Isotope	A	% Natural Z abundance	Atomic mass	Half-life	Decay mode	Decay energy (MeV)	Particle energy (MeV)	Particle intensity	Thermal neutron cross section	Spin (h/2π)	Nucl. mag. moment	Gamma-ray energy (MeV)	Gamma- ray intensity
C			12.0111						3.5 mb.				
6C9	9	6	9.031039	127 ms.	$\beta + .p.2\alpha$	16.497						ann.rad.	
6C10	10		10.01686	19.3 s.	β+	3.650	1.865			0+		ann. rad.	100%
	10											0.71829 ± 0.0001	98.5%
ell.	10											1.02178 ± 0.0002	1.5%
6C11	11		11.01143	20.3 m.	β + .E.C.	1.982	0.9608	99%		3/2-	-0.964	ann.rad.	99 + %
6C12	12		12.000000						3.5 mb.	0+			
6C13	13		13.003355						1.4 mb.	1/2-	+0.70241		
6C14	14		14.003241	5730 y.	β-	0.15648	0.1565	100%		0+			
6C15	15		15.010599	2.45 s.	β-	9.772	4.51	68%		1/2+		5.29887 ± 0.0001	68%
	15						9.82	32%				7.3011 ± 0.0005	0.008%
	15											8.3129 ± 0.001	0.032%
	15											9.0500 ± 0.001	0.031%
6C16	16	6	16.014701	0.75 s.	β-,n	8.012							

Physical Constants of Organic Compounds (CRC Handbook, 70th Edition, 1989-1990):

This table lists names, synonyms, formulas, molecular weights, crystalline forms, specific rotations, maximum ultraviolet absorption peak, melting and boiling points, density, index of refraction, solubility data, and literature references for many of the known organic compounds. A sample portion of this table follows. The abbreviations used in this table are in the table that follows this.

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (Continued)

No.	Name, Synonyms, and Formula	Mol. wt.	Color, crystalline form, specific rotation and λ_{max} (log ϵ)	b.p.	m.p.	Density	пь	Solubility	Ref.
7757	Hexamethylene diamine or 1,6-Diamino hexane	116.21	rh bi pym pl	204-5, 10020	41-2			w, al, bz	B44, 1320
	Hexamethylene tetramine or Hexamin. Urotropine $C_4H_{12}N_4$	140.19	rh (al)	sub	285-95 sub	1.331-5		w, al, ace, chl	B26 ² , 200
7759	Hexanal or Caproaldehyde	100.16		128, 2812	-56	0.813920/4	1.403920	al, eth, ace, bz	B14, 3296
7760	Hexane CaH ₁₄	86.18		69	-95	0.660320/4	1.375120	al, eth, chl	B14, 338
7761	Hexane, 1-amino or n-Hexyl amine	101.19		130	-19	0.766020	1.418020	al, eth	B44, 709
1762	Hexane, 2-amino (d)	101.19		114-5, 64**		0.75527/4		al, eth	B4 ³ , 361
1763	Hexane, 2-amino (dl)	101.19		117-8	-19	0.753420/0	1.408025	al, eth	B44, 721
7764	Hexane, 2-amino-4-methyl	115.22		130-5		0.765520	1.415025	al, eth, chi	B44, 747
7765	Hexane, 1-bromo or n-Hexyl bromide	165.07		155.3,	-84.7	1.174420/4	1.447820	al, eth, ace, chl	B14, 352
7766	Hexane, 1-bromo-6-fluoro	183.06		67-8''		1.29320/4	1.443525	al, eth, ace, chl	B1*, 353
7767	Hexane, 2-bromo or sec-Hexyl bromide	165.07		144 ⁷⁴⁹ , 78 ⁹⁰		1.165820/4	1.483225	al, eth, ace, chl	B14, 353
7768	Hexane, 3-bromo	165.07		141-3		1.179920/4	1.447220	al, eth, ace, chl	B14, 353
7769	Hexane, 1-chloro or n-Hexyl chloride	120.62		134.5	-94	0.878520/4	1.419920	al, eth, ace, bz, chl	B1*, 349

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

[a]	specific rotation	D	line in the spectrum of so-	KHOC	Kaufman Handbook of Or-	red	red
>	above, more than		dium (subscript)		ganometallic Compounds	res	resinous
< .	below, less than	D, d	dextro ³	L, 1	levo ³	rh	rhombic
?	unkown	δd	slight decomposition	la	large	rhd	rhombodohedral
aa	acetic acid	dil	diluted	lf	leaf	S	soluble
abs	absolute	diox	dioxane	liq	ligroin	sc	scales
ac	acid	distb	distillable	liq	liquid	sec	secondary
Ac	acetyl	dk	dark	lo	long	sf	softens
ace	acetone	DI, dI	racemic ³	lt	light	sh	shoulder
AFCL	Aliphatic Fluorine Com-	dlq	deliquescent	m	melting	silv	silvery
	pounds	DMF	dimethyl formamide	m-	meta-	sl	slightly
al	alcohol¹	E	Elsevier's	M	molar (concentration)	so	solid
ALD	Aldrich Handbook of Or-	eff	efforescent	M	Merck Index, 7th Edition	sol	solution
	ganic Chemicals and Bio-	Et	ethyl	mel	monoclinic	solv	solvent
	chemicals	eth	ether4	Me	methyl	Sol-	Entries in this column
alk	alkali	exp	explodes	met	metallic	vents	medium type means sol
Am	J. Am. Chem. Soc.	extrap	extrapolated	micr	microsopic	0110000 YE 18 29	ble; entries in boldfa
Am	amyl (pentyl)	fl	flakes	min	mineral		means very soluble
amor	amorphous	flam	flammable	mod	modification	sph	sphenoidal
anh	anhydrous	flr	fluorescent	mut	mutarotatory	st	stable
	aqueous	fr	freezes	n	normal chain, refractive in-	sub	sublimes
aqu	NOTE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	fr. p.	freezing point	"	dex	suc	supercooled
as	asymmetric	fum	fuming	N	normal (concentration)	suc	
Atlas	Atlas of Spectral Data and		0.000000000000000000000000000000000000	N			sulfuric acid
	Physical Constants for Or-	gel	gelatinous	1510	nitrogen ^s	sym	symmetrical
	ganic Compounds	gl	glacial	nd	needles	syr	syrup
atm	atmospheres	gold	golden	0-	ortho-	ta	tablets
b	boiling	gr	green ³	oct	octahedral	tcl	triclinic
В	Beilstein	gran	granular	og	orange ²	tert	tertiary
Ber	Chem. Ber.	gy	gray ³	ord	ordinary	Tet	Tetrahedron
bipym	bipyramidal	h	hot	org	organic	tetr	tetragonal
bk	black ²	Н	Helv. Chim. Acta	orh	orthorhombic	THF	tetrahydrofuran
bl	blue ²	hex	hexagonal	p-	para-	to	toluene
BOSC	Bayant, et al., Organosili-	HDOC	Helibron Dictionary of	pa	pale	tr	transparent
	con Compounds	to household a	Organic Compounds	par	partial	trg	trigonal
br .	brown ²	hp	heptane	PCHE	Egloff Physical Constants	undil	undiluted
bt	bright	htng	heating		of Hydrocarbons	uns	unsymmetrical
Bu	butyl	hx	hexane	peth	petroleum ether	unst	unstable
bz	Benzene	hyd	hydrate	pk	pink²	V	very
CAS	Chemical Abstracts	hyg	hygroscopic	Ph	phenyl	vac	vacuum
С	percentage concentration	, i	insoluble	pl	plates	var	variable
ca	about (circa)	i-	iso-	pr	prisms	vap	vapor
chl	chloroform	ign	ignites	Pr	propyl	vic	vicinal
co	columns	in	inactive	Prak	J. Prak. Chem.	visc	viscous
col	colorless	inflam	inflammable	purp	purple ²	volat	volatile or volatilises
con	concentrated	infus	infusible	pw	powder	vt	violet ²
cor	corrected	irid	iridescent	Py	pyrimidine	W	water
cr	crystals	iso	isooctaine	pym	pyramids	wh	white1
су	cyclohexane	J	J. Chem. Soc.	rac	racemic	wr	warm
d	decomposes	JOC	J. Org. Chem.	rect	rectangular	wx	waxy
	op		0.	1.000	Buint	Victoria.	
u				1		ye	yellow ²

Generally means ethyl alcohol.

The abbreviation of a color ending in "sh" is to be read as ending with the suffix "sish," e.g., grsh means greenish.

D, L generally means configuration and d, I generally mean optical rotation, but there are many examples in the chemical literature for which the meaning of these symbols is ambiguous and/or interchangeable.

Generally means diethyl ether.

Nindicates a position in the molecule.

Thermodynamic Properties of Elements and Inorganic Compounds (Lange's Handbook):

This table is compilation of enthalpies and Gibbs (free) energies of formation, entropies, ad heat capacities of elements and compounds in kilojoules per mole (the units are kilocalories per mole in older editions). A sample portion of this table follows:

Table 9-1 (Continued) ELEMENTS AND INORGANIC COMPOUNDS											
Formula and Description	State	ΔHf°	ΔGf°	s°	C°						
Billoon											
Si	c	0	0	4.50	4.78						
	amorp	1.0	}		1						
	9	108.9	98.3	40.12	5.318						
Si ₂	g	142	128	54.92	8.22						
SiBr	g	50			9.23						
SiBr ₄	liq	-109.3	~106.1	66.4	1						
•	g	-99.3	~103.2	90.29	23.21						
SiC β, cubic	C	-17.5	-16.9	3.97	6.42						
α, hexagonal	C	-17.1	-16.5	3.94	6.38						
	g	147	132	56.55	10.90						
SiCI	9	45.39		56.82	8.81						
SICI,	g	-39.59	-42.35	67.0	12.16						
SiCI.	liq	-164.2	148.16	57.3	34.73						
	g	-158.4	-148.8	79.02	21.57						
SiH ₃ Cl	9	-48	-43	59.88	12.20						
SiH ₂ Cl ₂	g			68.26	14.45						
SiHCI,	liq	-128.9	-115.34	54.4							
SiF	g	1.7	-5.8	53.94	7.80						
SiF ₂	9	-140.5	-143.0	61.38	10.49						
SiF.	a	-385.98	-375.88	67.49	17.60						

Solubilities of Inorganic Compounds and Metal Salts of Organic Acids in Water at Various Temperatures (Lange's Handbook):

This table lists the solubility data many compounds in terms grams of substance that will dissolve in 100 g of water at various temperatures. A sample portion of this table follows:

Table 10-2 (Continued)
SOLUBILITIES OF INORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND METAL SALTS OF ORGANIC ACIDS
IN WATER AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES

Substance	Formula	0°	10°	20°	30°	40°	60°	80°	90°	100
Sodium acetate	NaC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	36.2	40.8	46.4	54.6	65.6	139	153	161	170
aluminum sulfate	Na ₂ Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₄	37.4	39.3	39.7	41.7	43.8				
azide	NaN ₃	38.9	39.9	40.8				1		55.3
benzoate	NaC ₇ H ₅ O ₂	62.6	62.8	62.8	62.9	63.1	64.5	68.6	70.6	73.3
borate (penta-)	Na ₂ B ₁₀ O ₁₆	6.4	8.6	12.0	16.4	22.0	37.9	63.4	83.5	108
borate (tetra-)	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇	1.11	1.60	2.56	3.86	6.67	19.0	31.4	41.0	52.5
bromate	NaBrO ₃	24.2	30.3	36.4	42.6	48.8	62.6	75.7		90.8
bromide	NaBr	80.2	85.2	90.8	98.4	107	118	120	121	121
carbonate	Na ₂ CO ₃	7.00	12.5	21.5	39.7	49.0	46.0	43.9	43.9	2.0
chlorate	NaClO ₃	79.6	87.6	95.9	105	115	137	167	184	204
chloride	NaCl	35.7	35.8	35.9	36.1	36.4	37.1	38.0	38.5	39.2
chloroaurate(III)	NaAuCl ₄		139	151	178	227	900			
chloroiridate(IV)	Na ₂ IrCl ₆	1	31.6	39.3	56.2	96.1	192	279		
chromate	Na ₂ CrO ₄	31.7	50.1	84.0	88.0	96.0	115	125		126
cyanide	NaCN	40.8	48.1	58.7	71.2					
dichromate	Na ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	163	172	183	198	215	269	376	405	415

Aspartame (Merck Index).

A typical entry in the Merck Index contains information in paragraph form. Each lists a monograph number (for indexing), the generic name of the compound, the Chemical Abstracts name (in **boldface italic**), alternate names, the molecular formula, the molecular weight, the % composition, literature references (often with a brief description), structure, physical data, (such as color, melting or boiling points in $^{\circ}$ C, solubility, and optical rotations in water), toxicity data (e.g., LD₅₀, LC₅₀, etc.), and the use and/or therapeutic category. The listing for aspartame follows:

861. Aspartame. N-L-α-Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester; 3-amino-N-(α-carboxyphenethyl)succinamic acid N-methyl ester; APM; SC 18862; Canderel; Equal; NutraSweet; Sanecta; Tri-Sweet. C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₅; mol wt 294.30. C 57.14%, H 6.16%, N 9.52%, O 27.18%. Dipeptide ester about 160 times sweeter than sucrose in aqueous solution. Prepn: Davey et al., J. Chem. Soc. (C) 1966, 555; Schlatter, S. Afr. pat. 67 02,190 corresp to U.S. pat. 3,492,-131 (1968, 1970 to Searle); H. Pietsch, Tetrahedron Letters 1976, 4053; K. J. Vinick, S. Jung, ibid. 23, 1315 (1982); utilizing immobilized enzyme technology: C. Fuganti, P. Grasselli, ibid. 27, 3191 (1986). Structure-taste relationship: Mazur et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 91, 2684 (1969). Potential as a low-calorie sweetener: Cloninger, Baldwin, Science 170, 81 (1970). Metabolism: Oppermann et al., J. Nutr. 103, 1454, 1460 (1973).

Colorless needles from water, mp 246-247°. $[\alpha]_D^{22}-2.3$ ° (1N HCl). USE: Sweetener.

Caffeine (Sigma-Aldrich catalog)

Some catalogs, such as the Sigma-Aldrich catalog, not only list sizes and prices of chemical compounds, but they may include properties of the compounds such as melting points and boiling points, structural formulas, and references for additional information. A sample page from the Sigma-Aldrich catalog is shown below with the section for caffeine.

48,536-5	TOXIC	7 mp 234-236.5°	1g	428.70		
C5-3 ★	Caffeine, 99%	by <i>ISOTEC INC.</i> 5 [<i>58-08-2</i>] FW 194.19 m B <i>Safety</i> 2 ,664C <i>R&S</i> 1 (2	p 234-236.5° <i>Beil.</i> 26 ,461 <i>M</i> 2),2467A <i>RTECS</i> # EV64750	lerck Index 12 ,1674 00 TOXIC	5g 100g 500g	8.70 15.00 49.70
	Calcein, see	11,985-7, Fluorexon pa	ge 817			
22,909-1	Calcein Blue, iminodiacetic	rone-8-methylene- 1(2),2833G	1g 5g	17.50 57 .90		
	A metallofluoro	d as a fluorescent label in	A titration of Ca at high pH, and bone.	nd Cu, Ni, and Co		
	,	see 23,237-8, Calcion	page 328			
23,237-8 ✓ ★	Calcion [3810 R&S 1(2),2765		TW 1,112.78 λ <i>max</i> 547nm <i>F</i> 7	T-IR 1 (2),993A	1g	14.60
44,187-2 ★	Calcium, disti d 1.540 Merck (Packaged und	40.08 mp 850° OLID CORROSIVE	5g 25g	70.30 266.40		
46,589-5 ★	Calcium, disti Merck Index 1	lled, dendritic pieces, 99	9.5% [7440-70-2] Ca FW 4 000 <i>FLAMMABLE SOLID C</i>	0.08 mp 850° ORROSIVE	5g 25g	54.90 208. 50
13 _{CH₃} N	13 CH ₃	CH ₃ N CH ₃	CH ₃ CH ₂ N-CH ₂ -C-OH CH ₂ -C-OH		GO ₃ Na N=N- HO-	SO ₃ Na SO ₃ Na
48	,536-5	C5-3	22,909-1	23,237	-8	