

NOMENCLATURE RULES

BINARY IONIC: Group I, Group II and Aluminum (metal + nonmetal)

- Metal's name (cation) is written first
- Nonmetal's name (anion) is written last and the ending is changed from "ine" to "ide"

ACIDS WITHOUT OXYGEN IN THE ANION: (Acids begin with Hydrogen)

If the anion does NOT contain oxygen: use the prefix "hydro" and the suffix "ic"

EX: HCl hydrochloric acid

ACIDS WITH OXYGEN IN THE ANION:

- When the anion contains oxygen, the acid name is formed from the root name of the polyatomic anion and using the suffix "ic" or "ous"
- If the polyatomic ends in "ate" use "ic"
EX: H_2SO_4 (SO_4 sulfate): sulfuric acid
- If the polyatomic ends in "ite" use "ous"
EX: H_2SO_3 (SO_3 sulfite): sulfurous acid

BINARY COVALENT COMPOUNDS: (TWO NONMETALS)

Prefixes are used to denote the number of atoms present of the two nonmetals.

Prefix "mono" is NEVER used for the name of the first nonmetal.

CO	carbon monoxide	Mono = 1	Hexa = 6
CO ₂	carbon dioxide	Di = 2	Hepta = 7
N ₂ O ₅	dinitrogen pentoxide	Tri = 3	Octa = 8
		Tetra = 4	Nona = 9
		Penta = 5	Deca = 10

BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS WITH TRANSITION METALS:

(USING STOCK NAMING SYSTEM)

- The charge of the transition metal must be specified.
- Exceptions: Ag, Zn, Cd never use roman numerals, their oxidation numbers are understood
- Roman numerals are used to indicate the charge (oxidation number) of the transition metal

EX: FeCl₂ iron (II) chloride
FeCl₃ iron (III) chloride

Classical Name: FeCl₂ ferrous chloride
FeCl₃ ferric chloride

NAMING HYDRATED COMPOUNDS: (compounds with water attached)

Name the compound by whatever rule it falls under, then indicate how many water molecules are attached. ES: MgSO₄ • 7H₂O Magnesium Sulfate Heptahydrate

METALLOIDS: B, Si, As, Te, At

- when acting as an anion use ionic binary naming
- when acting as a cation & paired with a nonmetal – use covalent naming