

TABLE C.2 Some common point groups

Point group	Diagnostic elements	Other elements	Examples
$C_1$	$E$ only		$\text{SiHClBrI}$
$C_s$	$E, \sigma$ only		$\text{SiH}_2\text{ClBr}$
$C_i$	$E, i$ only		$\text{trans-HClBrSiSiBrClH}$
$C_2$	$E, C_2$ only		$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ (non-planar)
$C_{2v}$	$E, C_2, 2\sigma_v$		$\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{SiH}_2\text{Cl}_2$
$C_{3v}$	$E, C_3, 3\sigma_v$		$\text{NH}_3, \text{SiHCl}_3$
$C_{4v}$	$E, C_4, 4\sigma_v$		$\text{BrF}_5, \text{SF}_5\text{Cl}$
$C_{2h}$	$E, C_2, \sigma_h$	$C_2 = C_4^2$ $i$	$\text{trans-C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Br}_2$
$C_{3h}$	$E, C_3, \sigma_h$		$\text{B(OH)}_3$ in form
$D_2$	$E, C_2, 2C_2$		$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$
$D_{2d}$	$E, C_2, 2C_2, 2\sigma_v$	$S_4$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6, \text{Si}_2\text{Cl}_6$ (staggered)
$D_{3d}$	$E, C_3, 3C_2, 3\sigma_v$	$i, S_6$	$\text{S}_8$ (puckered ring)
$D_{4d}$	$E, C_4, 4C_2, 4\sigma_v$	$C_2 = C_4^2, S_8$	$(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Fe}$ (staggered)
$D_{5d}$	$E, C_5, 5C_2, 5\sigma_v$	$i, S_{10}$	$\text{B}_2\text{Cl}_4, \text{trans-A}_2\text{B}_2\text{C}_2\text{M}$ , ethylene
$D_{2h}$	$E, C_2, 2C_2, \sigma_h$	$i, 2\sigma_v$	$\text{BF}_3, \text{PF}_5$
$D_{3h}$	$E, C_3, 3C_2, \sigma_h$	$S_3, 3\sigma_v$	$\text{PtCl}_4^{2-}, \text{trans-A}_2\text{B}_4\text{M}$
$D_{4h}$	$E, C_4, 4C_2, \sigma_h$	$i, S_4, C_2, 4\sigma_v$	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5, (\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ru}$ (eclipsed)
$D_{5h}$	$E, C_5, 5C_2, \sigma_h$	$S_5, 5\sigma_v$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$
$D_{6h}$	$E, C_6, 6C_2, \sigma_h$	$i, S_6, S_3, C_3, C_2, 6\sigma_v$	$\text{SiH}_4, \text{GeCl}_4, \text{TiCl}_4$
$T_d$	$E, 4C_3, 3C_2, 3S_4$ , and $6\sigma_v$		$\text{SF}_6, \text{ML}_6, \text{PF}_6^-$
$O_h$	$E, 3C_4, 4C_3, 6C_2, i, 3S_4, 4S_6, 3\sigma_h, 6\sigma_v$		$\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}^{2-}, \text{B}_{12}$ (Fig. 17.7d)
$I_h$	$E, 6C_5, 10C_3, 15C_2, i, 10S_6, 6S_{10}, 15\sigma$		

