

The solubility product constant  $K_{sp}$  is a useful parameter for calculating the aqueous solubility of sparingly soluble compounds under various conditions. It may be determined by direct measurement or calculated from the standard Gibbs energies of formation  $\Delta_f G^\circ$  of the species involved at their standard states. Thus if  $K_{sp} = [M^+]^m[A^-]^n$  is the equilibrium constant for the reaction



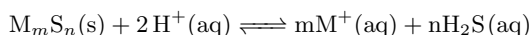
where  $M_m A_n$  is the slightly soluble substance and  $M^+$  and  $A^-$  are the ions produced in solution by the dissociation of  $M_m A_n$ , then the Gibbs energy change is

$$\Delta G^\circ = m \Delta_f G^\circ(M^+(aq)) + n \Delta_f G^\circ(A^-(aq)) - \Delta_f G^\circ(M_m A_n(s))$$

The solubility product constant is calculated from the equation

$$\ln K_{sp} = \frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{RT}$$

The table gives selected values of  $K_{sp}$  at 25 °C. The above formulation is not convenient for treating sulfides because the  $S^{-2}$  ion is usually not present in significant concentrations. This is due to the hydrolysis reaction  $S^{-2} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HS^- + OH^-$  which is strongly shifted to the right except in very basic solutions. Furthermore, the equilibrium constant for this reaction, which depends on the second ionization constant of  $H_2S$ , is poorly known. Therefore it is more useful in the case of sulfides to define a different solubility product  $K_{spa}$  based on the reaction



Reference: Rumble, J. *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 98th Edition, CRC Press LLC, 2017.

Formula	$K_{sp}$	$K_{spa}$
$Ag_2C_2O_4$	$5.40 \times 10^{-12}$	
$Ag_2CO_3$	$8.46 \times 10^{-12}$	
$Ag_2CrO_4$	$1.12 \times 10^{-12}$	
$Ag_2SO_3$	$1.50 \times 10^{-14}$	
$Ag_2SO_4$	$1.20 \times 10^{-5}$	
$Ag_2S$		$6 \times 10^{-30}$
$Ag_3AsO_4$	$1.03 \times 10^{-22}$	
$Ag_3PO_4$	$8.89 \times 10^{-17}$	
$AgBrO_3$	$5.38 \times 10^{-5}$	
$AgBr$	$5.35 \times 10^{-13}$	
$AgC_2H_3O_2$	$1.94 \times 10^{-3}$	
$AgCN$	$5.97 \times 10^{-17}$	
$AgCl$	$1.77 \times 10^{-10}$	
$AgIO_3$	$3.17 \times 10^{-8}$	
$AgI$	$8.52 \times 10^{-17}$	
$AgSCN$	$1.03 \times 10^{-12}$	
$AlPO_4$	$9.84 \times 10^{-21}$	
$Ba(BrO_3)_2$	$2.43 \times 10^{-4}$	
$Ba(IO_3)_2 \cdot H_2O$	$1.67 \times 10^{-9}$	
$Ba(IO_3)_2$	$4.01 \times 10^{-9}$	
$Ba(OH)_2 \cdot 8 H_2O$	$2.55 \times 10^{-4}$	
$BaCO_3$	$2.58 \times 10^{-9}$	
$BaCrO_4$	$1.17 \times 10^{-10}$	
$BaF_2$	$1.84 \times 10^{-7}$	
$BaMoO_4$	$3.54 \times 10^{-8}$	
$BaSO_3$	$5.0 \times 10^{-10}$	

Formula	$K_{sp}$	$K_{spa}$
$BaSO_4$	$1.08 \times 10^{-10}$	
$BaSeO_4$	$3.40 \times 10^{-8}$	
$Be(OH)_2 (\alpha)$	$6.92 \times 10^{-22}$	
$BiAsO_4$	$4.43 \times 10^{-10}$	
$BiI_3$	$7.71 \times 10^{-19}$	
$Ca(IO_3)_2 \cdot 6 H_2O$	$7.10 \times 10^{-7}$	
$Ca(IO_3)_2$	$6.47 \times 10^{-6}$	
$Ca(OH)_2$	$5.02 \times 10^{-6}$	
$Ca_3(PO_4)_2$	$2.07 \times 10^{-33}$	
$CaC_2O_4 \cdot H_2O$	$2.32 \times 10^{-9}$	
$CaCO_3$ (calcite)	$3.36 \times 10^{-9}$	
$CaF_2$	$3.45 \times 10^{-11}$	
$CaMoO_4$	$1.46 \times 10^{-8}$	
$CaSO_3 \cdot 0.5 H_2O$	$3.1 \times 10^{-7}$	
$CaSO_4 \cdot 2 H_2O$	$3.14 \times 10^{-5}$	
$CaSO_4$	$4.93 \times 10^{-5}$	
$Cd(IO_3)_2$	$2.5 \times 10^{-8}$	
$Cd(OH)_2$	$7.2 \times 10^{-15}$	
$Cd_3(AsO_4)_2$	$2.2 \times 10^{-33}$	
$Cd_3(PO_4)_2$	$2.53 \times 10^{-33}$	
$CdC_2O_4 \cdot 3 H_2O$	$1.42 \times 10^{-8}$	
$CdCO_3$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	
$CdF_2$	$6.44 \times 10^{-3}$	
$CdS$		$8 \times 10^{-7}$
$Co(IO_3)_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$	$1.21 \times 10^{-2}$	
$Co(OH)_2$	$5.92 \times 10^{-15}$	
$Co_3(AsO_4)_2$	$6.80 \times 10^{-29}$	
$Co_3(PO_4)_2$	$2.05 \times 10^{-35}$	
$CsClO_4$	$3.95 \times 10^{-3}$	
$CsIO_4$	$5.16 \times 10^{-6}$	
$Cu(IO_3)_2 \cdot H_2O$	$6.94 \times 10^{-8}$	
$Cu_3(AsO_4)_2$	$7.95 \times 10^{-36}$	
$Cu_3(PO_4)_2$	$1.40 \times 10^{-37}$	
$CuBr$	$6.27 \times 10^{-9}$	
$CuC_2O_4$	$4.43 \times 10^{-10}$	
$CuCN$	$3.47 \times 10^{-20}$	
$CuCl$	$1.72 \times 10^{-7}$	
$CuI$	$1.27 \times 10^{-12}$	
$CuSCN$	$1.77 \times 10^{-13}$	
$CuS$		$6 \times 10^{-16}$
$Eu(OH)_3$	$9.38 \times 10^{-27}$	
$Fe(OH)_2$	$4.87 \times 10^{-17}$	
$Fe(OH)_3$	$2.79 \times 10^{-39}$	
$FeCO_3$	$3.13 \times 10^{-11}$	
$FeF_2$	$2.36 \times 10^{-6}$	
$FePO_4 \cdot 2 H_2O$	$9.91 \times 10^{-16}$	
$FeS$		$6 \times 10^2$
$Ga(OH)_3$	$7.28 \times 10^{-36}$	
$Hg_2(SCN)_2$	$3.2 \times 10^{-20}$	
$Hg_2Br_2$	$6.40 \times 10^{-23}$	
$Hg_2C_2O_4$	$1.75 \times 10^{-13}$	
$Hg_2CO_3$	$3.6 \times 10^{-17}$	

Solubility product constants  
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Formula	$K_{sp}$	$K_{spa}$	Formula	$K_{sp}$	$K_{spa}$
Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	$1.43 \times 10^{-18}$		Sr(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$1.14 \times 10^{-7}$	
Hg <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	$3.10 \times 10^{-6}$		Sr <sub>3</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$4.29 \times 10^{-19}$	
Hg <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	$5.2 \times 10^{-29}$		SrCO <sub>3</sub>	$5.60 \times 10^{-10}$	
Hg <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	$6.5 \times 10^{-7}$		SrF <sub>2</sub>	$4.33 \times 10^{-9}$	
HgBr <sub>2</sub>	$6.2 \times 10^{-20}$		SrSO <sub>4</sub>	$3.44 \times 10^{-7}$	
HgI <sub>2</sub> (red)	$2.9 \times 10^{-29}$		Tl(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$1.68 \times 10^{-44}$	
HgS (black)		$2 \times 10^{-32}$	Tl <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub>	$8.67 \times 10^{-13}$	
HgS (red)		$4 \times 10^{-33}$	TlBrO <sub>3</sub>	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	
K <sub>2</sub> PtCl <sub>6</sub>	$7.48 \times 10^{-6}$		TlBr	$3.71 \times 10^{-6}$	
KClO <sub>4</sub>	$1.05 \times 10^{-2}$		TlCl	$1.86 \times 10^{-4}$	
KIO <sub>4</sub>	$3.71 \times 10^{-4}$		TlHO <sub>3</sub>	$3.12 \times 10^{-6}$	
La(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$7.50 \times 10^{-12}$		TlI	$5.54 \times 10^{-8}$	
Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	$8.15 \times 10^{-4}$		TlSCN	$1.57 \times 10^{-4}$	
Li <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	$2.37 \times 10^{-11}$		Y(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$1.12 \times 10^{-10}$	
LiF	$1.84 \times 10^{-3}$		Y(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$1.00 \times 10^{-22}$	
Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.61 \times 10^{-12}$		Y <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$1.03 \times 10^{-31}$	
Mg <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$1.04 \times 10^{-24}$		YF <sub>3</sub>	$8.62 \times 10^{-21}$	
MgC <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> · 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	$4.83 \times 10^{-6}$		Zn(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	$4.1 \times 10^{-6}$	
MgCO <sub>3</sub> · 3 H <sub>2</sub> O	$2.38 \times 10^{-6}$		Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	
MgCO <sub>3</sub> · 5 H <sub>2</sub> O	$3.79 \times 10^{-6}$		Zn <sub>3</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$2.8 \times 10^{-28}$	
MgCO <sub>3</sub>	$6.82 \times 10^{-6}$		ZnC <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> · 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.38 \times 10^{-9}$	
MgF <sub>2</sub>	$5.16 \times 10^{-11}$		ZnCO <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	$5.42 \times 10^{-11}$	
Mn(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$4.37 \times 10^{-7}$		ZnCO <sub>3</sub>	$1.46 \times 10^{-10}$	
MnC <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> · 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.70 \times 10^{-7}$		ZnF <sub>2</sub>	$3.04 \times 10^{-2}$	
MnCO <sub>3</sub>	$2.24 \times 10^{-11}$		ZnSeO <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.59 \times 10^{-7}$	
MnS (α)		$3 \times 10^7$	ZnSe	$3.6 \times 10^{-26}$	
Nd <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$1.08 \times 10^{-33}$		ZnS (spharelite)		$2 \times 10^{-4}$
Ni(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$4.71 \times 10^{-5}$		ZnS (wurtzite)		$3 \times 10^{-2}$
Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.48 \times 10^{-16}$				
Ni <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$4.74 \times 10^{-32}$				
NiCO <sub>3</sub>	$1.42 \times 10^{-7}$				
Pb(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$3.69 \times 10^{-13}$				
Pb(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$1.43 \times 10^{-20}$				
PbBr <sub>2</sub>	$6.60 \times 10^{-6}$				
PbCO <sub>3</sub>	$7.40 \times 10^{-14}$				
PbCl <sub>2</sub>	$1.70 \times 10^{-5}$				
PbF <sub>2</sub>	$3.3 \times 10^{-8}$				
PbI <sub>2</sub>	$9.8 \times 10^{-9}$				
PbSO <sub>4</sub>	$2.53 \times 10^{-8}$				
PbSeO <sub>4</sub>	$1.37 \times 10^{-7}$				
PbS		$3 \times 10^{-7}$			
Pd(SCN) <sub>2</sub>	$4.39 \times 10^{-23}$				
Pr(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$3.39 \times 10^{-24}$				
Ra(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$1.16 \times 10^{-9}$				
RaSO <sub>4</sub>	$3.66 \times 10^{-11}$				
RbClO <sub>4</sub>	$3.00 \times 10^{-3}$				
Sc(OH) <sub>3</sub>	$2.22 \times 10^{-31}$				
ScF <sub>3</sub>	$5.81 \times 10^{-24}$				
Sn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.45 \times 10^{-27}$				
SnS		$1 \times 10^{-5}$			
Sr(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · 6 H <sub>2</sub> O	$4.55 \times 10^{-7}$				
Sr(IO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	$3.77 \times 10^{-7}$				