

# Ionization Constants

## Acids

Acid	Formula	Ionization Constant $K_a$
Acetic	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Arsenic	H <sub>3</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub>	$5.5 \times 10^{-3}$
Benzoic	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> COOH	$6.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Boric	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	$5.4 \times 10^{-10}$
Butanoic	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> COOH	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Carbonic	H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	$K_{a1} = 4.5 \times 10^{-7}$ $K_{a2} = 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$
Chloroacetic	ClCH <sub>2</sub> COOH	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
Chlorous	HCIO <sub>2</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}$
Chromic	H <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub>	$K_{a1} = 1.8 \times 10^{-1}$ $K_{a2} = 3.2 \times 10^{-7}$
Cyanic	HCNO	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Formic	HCOOH	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrazoic	HN <sub>3</sub>	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Hydrocyanic	HCN	$6.2 \times 10^{-10}$
Hydrofluoric	HF	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrogen peroxide	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	$2.4 \times 10^{-12}$
Hydrosulfuric	H <sub>2</sub> S	$K_{a1} = 8.9 \times 10^{-8}$ $K_{a2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-19}$
Hypobromous	HBrO	$2.8 \times 10^{-9}$
Hypochlorous	HCIO	$4.0 \times 10^{-8}$
Hypoiodous	HIO	$3.2 \times 10^{-11}$
Iodic	HIO <sub>3</sub>	$1.7 \times 10^{-1}$
Nitrous	HNO <sub>2</sub>	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Oxalic	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	$K_{a1} = 5.6 \times 10^{-2}$ $K_{a2} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Paraperiodic	H <sub>5</sub> IO <sub>6</sub>	$2.8 \times 10^{-2}$
Pentanoic	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> COOH	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Periodic	HIO <sub>4</sub>	$7.3 \times 10^{-2}$

Phenol	$\text{HC}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$
Phosphoric	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	$K_{a1} = 6.9 \times 10^{-3}$ $K_{a2} = 6.2 \times 10^{-8}$ $K_{a3} = 4.8 \times 10^{-13}$
Phosphorous	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$	$K_{a1} = 5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ $K_{a2} = 2.0 \times 10^{-7}$
Propanoic	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Sulfuric	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	$K_{a1} = \text{very large}$ $K_{a2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$
Sulfurous	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$	$K_{a1} = 1.4 \times 10^{-2}$ $K_{a2} = 6.3 \times 10^{-8}$
Trichloroacetic	$\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOOH}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-1}$

## Bases

Base	Formula	Ionization Constant $K_b$
Ammonia	$\text{NH}_3$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Methylamine	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$	$5.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Dimethylamine	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-4}$
Diethylamine	$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{NH}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-4}$
Trimethylamine	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Triethylamine	$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}$	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Ethylamine	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$
Ethylenediamine	$(\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)_2$	$8.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Pyridine	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-9}$
Hydroxylamine	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH}$	$8.7 \times 10^{-9}$
Aniline	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	$7.4 \times 10^{-10}$
Hydrazine	$\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$

Reference: *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 2007