

Solubility Rules

SOLUBLE COMPOUNDS	
Almost all salts of Na^+ , K^+ , NH_4^+	
Salts of nitrate, NO_3^- chlorate, ClO_3^- perchlorate, ClO_4^- acetate, CH_3CO_2^-	
EXCEPTIONS	
Almost all salts of Cl^- , Br^- , I^-	Halides of Ag^+ , Hg_2^{2+} , Pb^{2+}
Compounds containing F^-	Fluorides of Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Pb^{2+}
Salts of sulfate, SO_4^{2-}	Sulfates of Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Pb^{2+}
INSOLUBLE COMPOUNDS	
Most salts of carbonate, CO_3^{2-} phosphate, PO_4^{3-} oxalate, $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ chromate, CrO_4^{2-}	Salts of NH_4^+ and the alkali metal cations
Most metal sulfides, S^{2-}	
Most metal hydroxides and oxides	
	$\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ is soluble

How to determine if an ionic compound is soluble or insoluble:

- Identify the two ions
- Check the “solubility rules”
 - Soluble ions with no “exceptions” never form precipitates
 - If one of the ions is insoluble, the compound is insoluble
 - Make sure to check for “exceptions”
 - Example: K_2CO_3
 - If a reaction product is insoluble, it will form a precipitate

Are these compounds soluble or insoluble?

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| 1. NaNO_3 | 7. K_3PO_4 |
| 2. FeCl_3 | 8. $\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ |
| 3. $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ | 9. PbCl_2 |
| 4. BaSO_4 | 10. FeSO_4 |
| 5. AgNO_3 | 11. $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}$ |
| 6. AgCl | 12. PbS |