

Hydrocarbon Rings

Cyclic Hydrocarbons

Saturated and unsaturated straight-chain and branched-chain hydrocarbons are not the only types of hydrocarbons.

In some hydrocarbon compounds, the carbon chain is in the form of a ring.

Compounds that contain a hydrocarbon ring are called cyclic hydrocarbons.

Examples

Practice

Draw and name the cyclic hydrocarbons that have 5 and 6 carbons respectively.

Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Molecules of aromatic compounds contain a single ring or a group of rings. Benzene (C_6H_6) is the simplest example of an aromatic compound.

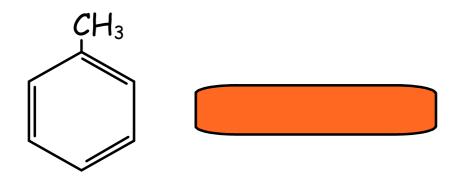
An aromatic compound is an organic compound that contains a benzene ring or has a different ring that has similar bonding characteristics to benzene.

The benzene ring has 6 cyclic carbons with attached hydrogen bonds.

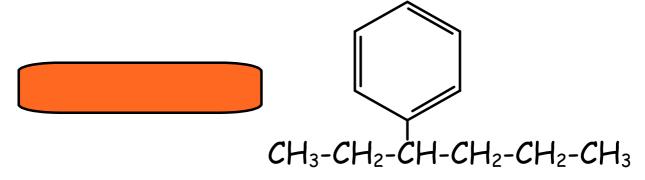
It can be drawn with a different structure as well

Because of the way electrons are distributed in a benzene ring, often times it is drawn with a circle in the middle.

Compounds containing substituents attached to a benzene ring are named as derivatives of benzene.

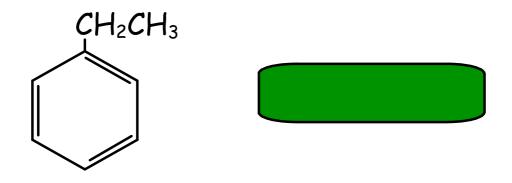


When the benzene ring is a substituent on an alkane, the C_6H_5 group is called a phenyl group.



Practice

What would be the name for the following aromatic compound?



Practice

There are 3 dimethylbenzene structural isomers. Draw and name each one.

Aromatic Isomers and Natural Gases Worksheet