

5 Molecular Shapes from Single Bonds

	Shape/ Bond Angles	Shared Bonded Pairs	Unshared Nonbonded Lone pairs	Central Atom
BeCl_2 	linear 180°	2	0	group 2
BF_3 	trigonal planar 120°	3	0	group 3
CH_4 	tetrahedral 109.5°	4	0	group 14
NH_3 	trigonal pyramid $< 109.5^\circ$	3	1	group 15
H_2O or 	V-shaped or bent/angular 109.5°	2	2	group 16

For each of the following:

- draw electron dot diagrams
- draw structural diagrams
- name the shape
- name the bond angles

1. BeI_2
2. GaCl_3
3. CBr_4
4. PBr_3
5. SeF_2

1. BeI_2



dot diagram



structural diagram



shape

linear

bond angle

180°

2. GaCl₃

x



3. CBr_4

x



4. PBr_3

x



5. SeF_2

x



So, in general

	Bonding Pairs	-	Lone Pairs	-	Bonded Sides	
Trigonal Planar (120°)	3	-	0	-	3	
	4	-	0	-	3	(1 double bond)
Linear (180°)	2	-	0	-	2	
	4	-	0	-	2	(2 double bonds)
Tetrahedral (109.5°)	4	-	0	-	4	
Trigonal Pyramid (107°)	3	-	1	-	3	
Bent (104.5°)	2	-	2	-	2	