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Quick Index Acetone Polar aprotic solvent; see "Solvents" page AgNO₃ Silver nitrate SN1 reactions Used in the Tollens reaction Silver oxide Ag₂O **AIBN** Initiator for free rad = eactions AlBr₃ Catalyst for additio aromatic rings Aluminum bromide AICI₃ Aluminum chloride Catalyst for additions to aromatic rings BH₃ Borane Hydroboration Br_2 **Bromine** Adds to alkenes, aromatic rings BsCl Benzenesulfonyl Converts alcohols to good leaving groups chloride CCI₄ Carbon tetrachloride Nonpolar solvent; see "Solvents" page Cl_2 Chlorine Adds to alkenes, aromatic rings CN⊖ Cyanide Good nucleophile CrO₃ **Chromium Trioxide** Oxidant for alcohols and aldehydes CuBr **Copper Bromide** Adds Br to aromatic rings; forms organocuprates CuCN Copper Cyanide Adds CN to aromatic rings CuCI Copper Chloride Adds CI to aromatic rings; forms organocuprates Cul Copper Iodide Forms organocuprates DCC Dicyclohexane Reagent for forming amides from carobyxlic acids carbodiimide and amines DMF N,N'-dimethylformamide Polar aprotic solvent (see "Solvents" page) DMS Dimethyl sulfide For reductive workup in ozonolysis DMSO Dimethyl sulfoxide Polar aprotic solvent; see "Solvents" page Forms methyl esters, used in the Wolff Rearrangement Diazomethane CH₂N₂ DIBAL Diisobutyl aluminum Bulky reducing agent for esters, nitriles

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Ether	Diethyl ether	Solvent (see "Solvents" page)
FeBr ₃	Iron (III) Bromide	Catalyst for additions to aromatic rings
Grignard Reagents R-MgX		Adds carbon groups to ketones, esters, aldehydes
HBr	Hydrobromic acid	Strong acid, adds to alkenes and alkynes
нсі	Hydrochloric acid	Strong acid, adds to alkenes and alkynes
H ₂ CrO ₄	Chromic acid	Strong oxidant for alcohols
Hg(OAc) ₂	Mercuric Acetate	For oxymercuration of alkenes and alkynes
ні	Hydroiodic acid	Strong acid, adds to alkenes and alkynes
нопо	Nitrous acid	Forms diazonium salts from aromatic amines
HIO ₄	Hydroiodic acid	Oxidant, forms aldehydes/ketones from vicinal diols
H ₂ O ₂	Hydrogen peroxide	Oxidant, for hydroboration and ozonolysis
l ₂	lodine	Adds to alkenes and alkynes
KMnO₄	Potassium permanga	Oxidant for alkenes, alcohols, aldehydes, alkanes
K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	Potassium Dichromate	See H ₂ CrO ₄
KCN	Potassium cyanide	See CN
KOtBu	Potassium t-butoxide	Bulky base
LDA	Lithium diisopropyl amide	Strong bulky base
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LiAIH ₄	Lithium aluminum hydride	Strong reducing agent for carbonyl compounds
Lindlar's c	•	Reducing agent for alkynes to give cis-alkenes
LiAl(Ot-Bu mCPBA	¹⁾ 3 m-chloroperbenzoic acid	Bulky reducing agent for acid chlorides to give aldehydes Oxidant, gives epoxides from alkenes
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MsCl	Methanesulfonyl chloride	Converts alcohols into good leaving groups
	H ₃ C-S-CI	

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N ₃ ⊖	Azide	Good nucleophile
Na	Sodium	Reducing agent for alkynes, aromatic groups
NaBH ₄	Sodium Borohydride	Reduces aldehydes/ketones to alcohols
NaCN	Sodium cyanide	See CN
$\mathrm{Na_2Cr_2O_7}$	Sodium Dichromate	See H ₂ CrO ₄
NaH	Sodium Hydride	Strong base, poor nucleophile
NaIO ₄	Sodium periodate	Cleaves 1,2-diols to carbonyls
NaNH ₂	Sodium amide	Strong base
NaOtBu	Sodium t-butoxide	See KOtBu
NBS	N-Bromo succinimide	Source of bromine, used for allylic bromination
NCS	N-chloro succinimide	Source of chloring ed in alkene addition reactions
NH ₂ OH	Hydroxylamine	Formation of oxi
NIS	N-lodo succinimide	Sources of iodine, used in alkenes addition reactions
NH ₃	Ammonia	Base, occasional solvent
$\mathrm{NH_2NH_2}$	Hydrazine	Good nucleophile, used in the Wolff-Kishner reaction
Ni ₂ B	Nickel Boride	Reduces alkynes to cis-alkenes
OsO ₄	Osmium Tetraoxide	Converts alkenes to cis-diols (glycols)
O ₃	Ozone	Cleaves double and triple bonds to carbonyl compounds
Organocuprates R ₂ CuLi		Adds carbon groups to double bonds, alkyl halides
Organolithium reagents R-Li		Adds carbon groups to carbonyl compounds
Pb(OAc) ₄	Lead tetra-acetate	Cleaves 1,2-diols to carbonyl compounds
PBr ₃	Phosphorus Tribromide	Converts alcohols/ acids to alkyl / acyl bromides
PCI ₃	Phosphorus Trichloride	Converts alcohols/ acids to alkyl / acyl chlorides
P ₂ O ₅	Phosphorus Pentoxide	Converts acids to anhydrides, amides to nitriles
Pt	Platinum	For reduction of double / triple bonds with ${\rm H_2}$
Pd/C	Palladium on carbon	For reduction of double / triple bonds with H ₂
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PCC	Pyridinium chlorochromate	Oxidizes alcohols to aldehydes/ketones
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Ph ₃ P	Triphenyl phosphine	Used in the Wittig reaction
Pyr	Pyridine	Weak base
Raney Nickel		Reducing agent, replaces sulfur with H
RO-OR	"Peroxides"	Free radical initiator
SO ₃	Sulfur Trioxide	For installation of SO ₃ H on an aromatic ring
SOBr ₂	Thionyl bromide	Converts alcohols/acids to alkyl / acyl bromides
SOCI ₂	Thionyl chloride	Converts alcohols/acids to alkyl/acyl chlorides
Sn	Tin	For reduction of nitro groups to amines
THF	Tetrahydrofuran	Solvent (see "Solvents" page)
TsCl	Tosyl chloride	Converts alcohols to tosylates (good leaving group)
TsOH	Tosic acid	Strong acid
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Zn	Zinc	Reducing agent, for ozonolysis and nitro groups
Zn(Hg)	Zinc amalgam	For Clemmensen reduction, ketones to alkanes
Zn(Cu)	Zinc-copper couple	For cyclopropanation reactions with $\mathrm{CH_2I_2}$