CHARACTERISTIC INFRARED ABSORPTION BANDS OF FUNCTIONAL GROUPS

Class of Compounds	Absorption, cm^{-1}	Intensity	Assignment
Alkanes and	2850-3000	s	C-H stretch
Alkyls	1450-1470	s	C-H bend
	1370-1390	m	CH_3 C-H bend
	1365 + 1395 (two bands)	m	$-CH(CH_3)_2$ or $-(CH_3)_3$ bend
	715-725	w	$-(CH_2)_n$ bend
Alkenes	3020-3140	w-m	=C-H stretch
	1640-1670	vw-m	C=C stretch
$RCH=CH_2$	910 + 990 (two bands)	m + s	=C-H bend
$RR'C=CH_2$	885-895	s	=C-H bend
cis-RCH=CHR'	665-730	m-s, broad	=C-H bend
trans-RCH=CHR'	960-980	s	=C-H bend
RCH=CR'R"	790-840	s	=C-H bend
Alkynes			
R-C≡C-H	3265-3335	s, sharp	≡C-H stretch
	2100-2140	m	C≡C stretch
	610-700	s, broad	≡C-H bend
R-C≡C-R'	2190-2260	vw-w	C≡C stretch
Alkyl halides			
R-F	1000-1350	vs	C-F stretch
R-Cl	750-850	s	C-Cl stretch
R-Br	500-680	s	C-Br stretch
R-I	200-500	s	C-I stretch
Alcohols	3300-3400	s, broad	O-H stretch
C=C-CH_2-OH	1035-1050	m-s	C-O stretch
R-CH_2-OH (1^o) or C=C-CH(R)-OH	1050-1085	m-s	C-O stretch
RR'CH-OH (2^o) or C=C-CRR'-OH	1085-1125	m-s	C-O stretch
RR'R"C-OH (3^o)	1125-1205	m-s	C-O stretch
Ar-O-H	1180-1260	m-s	C-O stretch
Ethers			
R-O-R'	1085-1150	s	C-O-C stretch
Ar-O-R	1020-1075 and 1200-1275 (two band)	m-s	=C-O-C sym. & asym. stretch
Aldehydes	2700-2725	m	H-C=O stretch
R-CH=O	1720-1740	s	C=O stretch
C=C-CH=O or Ar-CH=O	1685-1710	s	C=O stretch
Ketones			
RR'C=O	1710-1720	s	C=O stretch
C=C-C(O)-R	1665-1685	s	C=O stretch
Ar-C(O)-R	1675-1695	s	C=O stretch
four member cyclic	1770-1780	s	C=O stretch
five member cyclic	1740-1755	s	C=O stretch
six member cyclic	1710-1720	s	C=O stretch

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Carboxylic Acids	2500-3500	s, broad	O-H stretch
R-C(O)-OH	1710-1715	s, broad	C=O stretch
C=C-C(O)-OH or Ar-C(O)-OH	1680-1710	s	C=O stretch
Esters	aliphatic 1160-1210 acetates ~1240 aromatic 1250-1310	s-vs	O=C-O-C stretch
R-C(O)-O-R	1735-1750	s	C=O stretch
C=C-C(O)-O-R or Ar-C(O)-O-R	1715-1730	s	C=O stretch
R-C(O)-O-Ar	1760-1790	s	C=O stretch
Acyl Chlorides			
R-C(O)-Cl	1785-1815	s	C=O stretch
Ar-C(O)-Cl	1770-1800	s	C=O stretch
Anhydrides			
R-C(O)-O-C(O)-R	~1750 + ~1815 (both two bands)	s,s	C=O symmetric & asym. stretch
Ar-C(O)-O-C(O)-Ar	~1720 + ~1775 (both two bands)	s,s	C=O symmetric & asym. stretch
Nitriles			
R-C≡N	2240-2260	m-s	C≡N stretch
C=C-C≡N or Ar-C≡N	2220-2240	s	C≡N stretch
Amines			
$R-NH_2$	~3400 + ~3500 (two bands)	w	N-H symmetric & asym. stretch
	1580-1650	w-m	N-H bend
RR'N-H	3310-33350	w	N-H stretch
Amides			
$R-C(O)-NH_2$	3200-3400 and 3400-3500 (two bands)	w-m	N-H symmetric & asym. stretch
	1650-1690	s, broad	C=O stretch
	1590-1655	m-s	N-H bend
R-C(O)-NH-R	3400-3500	w-m	N-H stretch
	1640-1690	s, broad	C=O stretch
	1510-1560	m-s	N-H bend
R-C(O)-NR'R"	1630-1680	m-s	C=O stretch
Nitro Compounds			
$R-NO_2$	~1550 and	s	N-O symmetric
	~1370	s	& asym. stretch
C=C-NO_2 or Ar-NO_2	~1525 and	s	N-O symmetric
	~1335 (both two bands)	s	& asym. stretch
Aromatic Compounds	3010-3100	m	Ar C-H stretch
	1450-1600 (two to four bands)	m-s sharp	ring C=C stretch
monosubstituted	730-770 and	s	C-H bend
	690-710 (two bands)	s	C-H bend
o-disubstituted	735-770	s	C-H bend
m-disubstituted	750-810 and	s	C-H bend
	690-710	s	C-H bend
p-disubstituted	810-840	s	C-H bend

Intensity abbreviations: vw = very weak, w = weak, m = medium, s = strong, vs = very strong