PHENOL

DEFINATION OF PHENOL:-

Phenol any of a family of organic compounds characterized by a hydroxyl (—OH) group attached to a carbon atom that is part of an aromatic ring



1] ACIDITY OF PHENOL



- a. than alcohol (PKa = 16-20)
- phenol are less acidic than carboxylic acid (PKa = 5)
- c. comprassion of acidity of phenols and alcohols.

2] EFFECT OF SUBSTITUTION ON ACIDITY -

ELECTRON ATTRACTING [WITHDRAWNG] SUBSTITUENTS

1.Shows negative inductive effect
2.Tend to disperse negative charge of the phenoxide ion thus stability the ion
3.And increase the acidity of phenol
4.Order of increase in acidity – p> o>m> phenol (least acidic)

ELECTRON RELEASING (DONATING) SUBSTITUENT

positive Shows inductive effect
 Tend to intensify the charge ,destabilize the ion, diminish the resonance

And decrease the acidity

3.Orderr of decreasing acidity: phenol>m > p> o(least acidity)

3] QULATITATIVE TESTS

Ferric Chloride Test :

Compounds with a phenol group will form a blue, violet, purple, green, or red-brown color upon addition of aqueous ferric chloride due to the formation of ferric phenoxide. This reaction can be used as an identification test for phenol groups.

Indophenol test (Blue colur)



Ferric chloride test (Violet colur)

Procedure:

A more sensitive test for phenols consists of dissolving or suspending 15 mg of the unknown in 0.5 mL of methylene chloride and adding 3-5 drops of a 1% solution ferric chloride in methylene chloride. Add a drop of pyridine and stir. Observation: Addition of pyridine and stirring will produce a color if phenols or enols are present.

Bromination:

Phenol forms polyhalogen derivatives with chlorine or bromine water. For example; with bromine water, it forms 2,4,6-tribromophenol which is precipitated as white precipitate.



COUPLING REACTION:

In weakly alkaline medium, phenol reacts with benzenediazonium chloride to form colored substances which are called as azo dyes. The reaction takes place at 273-278 K temperature and also known as coupling reaction.



STRUCTURE AND USES OF PHENOL:--

Napthol	Cresol	Phenol	Resorci nol
OH	OH	OH	OH
Uses	Uses	Uses	Uses
1.Manufacturing of plastic. 2.fumigant insecticide. 3.pesticides.	1.Disinf ectants properti es. 2.Wood preserv ation.	1.anticept ic. 2.disinfec tant. 3.Consme tic industries	1.Treat aceane Skin disord er 2.man ufactur ing reeins and dyes.

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