

## NOTES FOR USE IN QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

### Test for anions

<i>anion</i>	<i>test</i>	<i>test result</i>
carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ )	add dilute acid	effervescence, carbon dioxide produced
chloride ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ) [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	white ppt.
iodide ( $\text{I}^-$ ) [in solution]	acidify with dilute nitric acid, then add aqueous silver nitrate	yellow ppt.
nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) [in solution]	add aqueous sodium hydroxide then aluminium foil; warm carefully	ammonia produced
sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ) [in solution]	acidify, then add aqueous barium nitrate	white ppt.

### Test for aqueous cations

<i>cation</i>	<i>effect of aqueous sodium hydroxide</i>	<i>effect of aqueous ammonia</i>
aluminium ( $\text{Al}^{3+}$ )	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution	white ppt., insoluble in excess
ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ )	ammonia produced on warming	-
calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )	white ppt., insoluble in excess	no ppt., or very slight white ppt.
copper ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )	light blue ppt., insoluble in excess	light blue ppt., soluble in excess giving a dark blue solution
iron(II) ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ )	green ppt., insoluble in excess	green ppt., insoluble in excess
iron(III) ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ )	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess	red-brown ppt., insoluble in excess
zinc ( $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ )	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution	white ppt., soluble in excess giving a colourless solution

### Test for gases

<i>gas</i>	<i>test and test results</i>
ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )	turns damp red litmus paper blue
carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )	turns limewater milky
chlorine ( $\text{Cl}_2$ )	bleaches damp litmus paper
hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ )	“pops” with a lighted splint
oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ )	relights a glowing splint