Solubility Rules

Soluble Compounds

Ion	Formula	Solubility in Water
Nitrates	NO ₃ ⁻¹	All compounds are soluble
Ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺¹	All compounds are soluble
Alkali Metals	Li ⁺¹ Na ⁺¹ K ⁺¹	All compounds are soluble
Acetate	$C_2H_3O_2^{-1}$	All compounds are soluble
Sulfates	SO ₄ -2	Exceptions: BaSO ₄ , SrSO ₄ , CaSO ₄ , Ag ₂ SO ₄ , PbSO ₄
Halides	Cl ⁻¹ Br ⁻¹ I ⁻¹	Exceptions: Compounds with silver, lead, and mercury

Insoluble Compounds (precipitates)

Ion	Formula	Solubility in Water
Carbonates	CO ₃ -2	Exceptions: Carbonates of Alkali Metals and Ammonium
Hydroxides	OH ⁻¹	Exceptions: Hydroxides of Alkali Metals, Ba(OH) ₂ , Sr(OH) ₂
Oxides	O ⁻²	Exceptions: Oxides of Alkali Metals
Phosphates	PO ₄ ⁻³	Exceptions: Phosphates of Alkali Metals and Ammonium
Sulfides	S ⁻²	Exceptions: Sulfides of Alkali Metals and Ammonium
Sulfites	SO ₃ -2	Exceptions: Sulfites of Alkali Metals and Ammonium