

# Relative Strengths of Acids

IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

*All ions are aquated*

$$HB \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + B^-(aq) \quad K_A = \frac{[H^+][B^-]}{[HB]}$$

ACID	STRENGTH	REACTION	$K_A$
perchloric acid	very strong	$HClO_4 \rightarrow H^+ + ClO_4^-$	very large
hydriodic acid		$HI \rightarrow H^+ + I^-$	very large
hydrobromic acid		$HBr \rightarrow H^+ + Br^-$	very large
hydrochloric acid		$HCl \rightarrow H^+ + Cl^-$	very large
nitric acid		$HNO_3 \rightarrow H^+ + NO_3^-$	very large
sulfuric acid	very strong	$H_2SO_4 \rightarrow H^+ + HSO_4^-$	large
oxalic acid	strong	$HOOCOOH \rightarrow H^+ + HOOCOO^-$	$5.4 \times 10^{-2}$
sulfurous acid ( $SO_2 + H_2O$ )		$H_2SO_3 \rightarrow H^+ + HSO_3^-$	$1.7 \times 10^{-2}$
hydrogen sulfate ion		$HSO_4^- \rightarrow H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$
phosphoric acid		$H_3PO_4 \rightarrow H^+ + H_2PO_4^-$	$7.1 \times 10^{-3}$
ferric ion	strong	$Fe(H_2O)_6^{+3} \rightarrow H^+ + Fe(H_2O)_5(OH)^{+2}$	$6 \times 10^{-3}$
hydrogen telluride	weak	$H_2Te \rightarrow H^+ + HTe^-$	$2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
hydrofluoric acid		$HF \rightarrow H^+ + F^-$	$6.7 \times 10^{-4}$
nitrous acid		$HNO_2 \rightarrow H^+ + NO_2^-$	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$
hydrogen selenide		$H_2Se \rightarrow H^+ + HSe^-$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
chromic ion	weak	$Cr(H_2O)_6^{+3} \rightarrow H^+ + Cr(H_2O)_5(OH)^{+2}$	$10^{-4}$
benzoic acid		$C_6H_5COOH \rightarrow H^+ + C_6H_5COO^-$	$6.6 \times 10^{-5}$
hydrogen oxalate ion		$HOOCOO^- \rightarrow H^+ + OOCCOO^{2-}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-5}$
acetic acid		$CH_3COOH \rightarrow H^+ + CH_3COO^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
aluminum ion	weak	$Al(H_2O)_6^{+3} \rightarrow H^+ + Al(H_2O)_5(OH)^{+2}$	$10^{-5}$
hydrogen telluride ion		$HTe^- \rightarrow H^+ + Te^{2-}$	$10^{-6}$
carbonic acid ( $CO_2 + H_2O$ )		$H_2CO_3 \rightarrow H^+ + HCO_3^-$	$4.4 \times 10^{-7}$
hydrogen sulfide		$H_2S \rightarrow H^+ + HS^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$
dihydrogen phosphate ion		$H_2PO_4^- \rightarrow H^+ + HPO_4^{2-}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$
hydrogen sulfite ion		$HSO_3^- \rightarrow H^+ + SO_3^{2-}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-8}$
ammonium ion		$NH_4^+ \rightarrow H^+ + NH_3$	$5.7 \times 10^{-10}$
hydrogen carbonate ion	weak	$HCO_3^- \rightarrow H^+ + CO_3^{2-}$	$4.7 \times 10^{-11}$
hydrogen peroxide		$H_2O_2 \rightarrow H^+ + HO_2^-$	$2.4 \times 10^{-12}$
monohydrogen phosphate ion		$HPO_4^{2-} \rightarrow H^+ + PO_4^{3-}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-13}$
hydrogen sulfide ion		$HS^- \rightarrow H^+ + S^{2-}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-13}$
water	very weak	$H_2O \rightarrow H^+ + OH^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-14}$
hydroxide ion		$OH^- \rightarrow H^+ + O^{2-}$	$< 10^{-30}$
ammonia	very weak	$NH_3 \rightarrow H^+ + NH_2^-$	very small