

LEAD

Isotopes ^{204}Pb , ^{206}Pb , ^{207}Pb , and ^{208}Pb	1st Ionization energy 715.6 kJ/mol
Earth's crust abundance 0.00%	Common oxidation num. +2, +4
Electron configuration $[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^26p^2$	Physical state solid
Melting point 327.5°C	Color Bluish white
Boiling point 1749°C	Density 11.34 g/mL

Introduction

- Group IVA is called Carbon Family, C, Si, Ge, Sn, and Pb.
- Lead comes from the Latin word "plumbus", which means heavy,
- Shows metallic properties
- Grey colored, shiny, soft metal
- Can be cut easily.
- Malleable but not ductile.
- Lead and lead compounds are poisonous
- Heavy metals are deposited easily in the body.
- Lead prevents enzymes from catalyzing some important reactions.

1. Occurrence

- It is found in its minerals in trace amounts.
- Galena, PbS, Cerussite, PbCO_3 , Anglesite, PbSO_4 are main lead minerals.
- In the preparation of lead, galena is roasted in blast furnace.
 $2\text{PbS}(\text{s}) + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{PbO}(\text{s}) + 2\text{SO}_2$
 $\text{PbS}(\text{s}) + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4$
 $\text{PbS}(\text{s}) + 2\text{PbO}(\text{s}) \rightarrow 3\text{Pb}(\text{l}) + \text{SO}_2$
 $\text{PbS}(\text{s}) + \text{PbSO}_4(\text{s}) \rightarrow 2\text{Pb}(\text{l}) + 2\text{SO}_2$

2. Chemical Properties

- An amphoteric metal.
- Reacts with chalcogens, halogens,
- Reacts with strong bases and some acids.
- Pb^{2+} ion has a poisonous effect.
- Pb forms its halides with halogens .
 $\text{Pb}(\text{s}) + \text{F}_2 \rightarrow \text{PbF}_2$
- Lead powder reacts with oxygen .
 $2\text{Pb} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{PbO}(\text{yellow})$
If O_2 is excess, Pb_3O_4 (red lead) occurs.
- When O_2 and CO_2 are dissolved in water passing through lead pipes, white $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$ and PbCO_3 solids occur.
- Reacts with sulfur to form lead sulfide.
 $\text{Pb}(\text{s}) + \text{S}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{PbS}(\text{s})$ (black)
- $3\text{Pb} + 8\text{HNO}_3(\text{dil.}) \rightarrow 3\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
 $\text{Pb} + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{conc.}) \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4 + \text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- Reacts with conc. strong basic solutions.
 $\text{Pb} + 2\text{NaOH}(\text{conc.}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2[\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_4] + \text{H}_2$

3. Compounds

Lead (II) Oxide, PbO

- Obtained by the oxidation of Pb at high temperature.
 $2\text{Pb}(\text{s}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{PbO}(\text{s})$

Lead (IV) Oxide, PbO₂

- Obtained by the oxidation of Pb^{2+} in PbO.
 $\text{PbO}(\text{s}) + \text{ClO}^- \rightarrow \text{PbO}_2 + \text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$

Lead (II, IV) Oxide, Pb₃O₄

- Formed by heating solid PbO in air to 450°C .
 $6\text{PbO}(\text{s}) + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$
- If Pb_3O_4 is heated into 550°C , PbO and O_2 form.
 $2\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4 \rightarrow 6\text{PbO}(\text{s}) + \text{O}_2$

Lead (II) Sulfide, PbS

- Obtained by precipitating Pb^{2+} ions from solution with H_2S , Na_2S or $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}$.
 $\text{Pb}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{PbS}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2$

Lead (II) Nitrate, Pb(NO₃)₂

- It is the only soluble salt of lead
- Obtained by the reaction of Pb_3O_4 with HNO_3 .

Uses

- Computer sends electronic data by means of lead alloy solders.
- Lead glazes protect electronic microcircuits from atmospheric corrosion.
- Alloys of lead in fuses and in automatic fire extinguishers.
- Tetraethyl lead in motor fuel.