Chapter 21 - Other Organic Compounds

21-1 Functional Groups and Classes of Organic Compounds

Functional group: An atom or group of atoms that is responsible for the specific properties of an organic compound

A. Alcohols

- 1. Organic compounds that contain one or more hydroxyl (-OH) groups
- 2. Properties of alcohols
 - a. Simple alcohols are poisonous
 - b. Alcohols are polar the more polar
 - (1) Short chains and higher number of hydroxyl groups increases the polarity
 - c. Alcohols are combustible

B. Alkyl Halides

- 1. Organic compounds in which one or more halogen atoms are substituted for hydrogen atoms in a hydrocarbon
- 2. Alkyl halides are widely used as refrigerants and contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer

C. Ethers

- 1. Organic compounds in which two hydrocarbon groups are bonded to the same oxygen
- 2. Ethers are used as solvents and as an octane enhancer (anti-knock agent) in gasoline

D. Aldehydes and Ketones

- 1. Aldehydes
 - a. Organic compounds in which the carbonyl group is attached to a carbon atom at the end of a carbon-atom chain
- 2. Ketones
 - a. Organic compounds in which the carbonyl group is attached to carbon atoms within the chain
- 3. Uses of Aldehydes and Ketones
 - a. Widely used to produce odors and flavors in commercial products

E. Carboxylic Acids

- 1. Organic compounds that contain the carboxyl functional group
- 2. As organic acids, they are used to provide tartness in food, and as a preservative

F. Esters

- 1. Organic compounds with carboxylic acid groups in which the hydrogen of the hydroxyl group has been replaced by an alkyl group
- 2. Esters are also responsible for many distinctive odors and flavors

G. Amines

- 1. Organic compounds considered to be derivatives of ammonia
- 2. Amines are found in alkaloids such as morphine and cocaine
- 3. Amines and carboxylic acid groups are found in all amino acids

Table 21-7	Classes of Organic Compounds	
Class	Functional Group	General Formula
Alcohol	— он	R — он
Alkyl halide	—×	R — X
Ether	<u></u> o	R—0—R'
Aldehyde	О 	0 == CH
Ketone	0 c	0 R C R'
Carboxylic acid	о с он	0 R — C — OH
Ester		0 R C R'
Amine	— N —	R—N—R'' R'

21-3 Organic Reactions

A. Substitution Reactions

1. Rxns in which one or more atoms replace another atom or group of atoms in a molecule

B. Addition Reactions

- 1. Rxns in which an atom or molecule is added to an unsaturated molecule and increases the saturation of the molecule
 - a. Hydrogenation of a fatty acid:

$$H - C - C = C - C - C = C - H + H_2$$

C. Condensation Reactions

- 1. Rxns in which two molecules or parts of the same molecule combine
 - a. Condensation of amino acids in protein formation

- b. A polymer of amino acids (many condensed into a long chain) is referred to as a polypeptide
- c. Polypeptides are the components of protein chains, therefore amino acids are the building blocks of all proteins