

Guidelines for Predicting Polar and Nonpolar Molecules

	Type	Description	Example
Polar	AB	Diatomic compounds	CO _(g)
	HA _x	Any molecule with a single H	HCl _(g)
	A _x OH	Any molecule with an OH at the end	C ₂ H ₅ OH _(l)
	O _x A _y	Any molecule with an O at one end	H ₂ O _(l) , OCl _{2(g)}
	N _x A _y	Any molecule with an N at one end	NH _{3(g)} , NF _{3(g)}
Nonpolar	A _x	All elements	Cl _{2(g)} , N _{2(g)}
	C _x A _y	Most carbon compounds (including organic solvents, fats, and oils)	CO _{2(g)} , CH _{4(g)}