

Transition Elements Overview

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Here is a summary of oxides and oxyanions of transition metals:

Oxides:

- **Formation:** Transition metal oxides are generally formed by reacting the metals with oxygen at high temperatures. These oxides exhibit a range of oxidation states, typically from +2 to +7.
- **Nature of Oxides:**
 - **Lower oxidation state oxides** (e.g., CrO, MnO) are basic in nature.
 - **Intermediate oxides** (e.g., Cr₂O₃, MnO₂) are often amphoteric.
 - **Higher oxidation state oxides** (e.g., Mn₂O₇, CrO₃) tend to be acidic and covalent.
- **Oxides of Mn and Cr:**
 - **Mn₂O₇** is a covalent green oil that dissolves in water to form permanganic acid (HMnO₄).
 - **CrO₃** gives chromic acid (H₂CrO₄) and dichromic acid (H₂Cr₂O₇) in water.
- **Trend:** The ionic character of oxides decreases as the oxidation state increases. For example, lower oxides like MnO are ionic, while higher oxides like Mn₂O₇ are covalent.

Oxyanions:

- **Chromates and Dichromates:**
 - In alkaline solutions, chromates (CrO_4^{2-}) are stable, while in acidic conditions, dichromates ($Cr_2O_7^{2-}$) form.
 - Dichromates act as strong oxidizing agents, converting substances such as iodides to iodine in acidic solutions.
- **Permanganates:**
 - MnO_4^- (permanganate ion) is formed from higher oxidation states of manganese and is also a strong oxidizing agent.
 - Like dichromates, permanganates readily oxidize a wide range of substances in acidic media.

In summary, transition metal oxides and oxyanions vary in behavior based on their oxidation states, with lower oxidation states typically forming basic or amphoteric oxides and higher oxidation states forming acidic and covalent oxides. Oxyanions such as chromates, dichromates, and permanganates are widely used as oxidizing agents in both industrial and laboratory settings .