

Infrared Correlation Chart

Type of Vibration		Frequency (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity	
C-H	Alkanes (stretch)	3000-2850	s	
	-CH ₃ (bend)	1450 and 1375	m	
	-CH ₂ - (bend)	1465	m	
	Alkenes	(stretch)	3100-3000	m
		(out-of-plane bend)	1000-650	s
	Aromatics	(stretch)	3150-3050	s
		(out-of-plane bend)	900-690	s
	Alkyne (stretch)	~3300	s	
Aldehyde		2900-2800	w	
		2800-2700	w	
C-C	Alkane	not interpretatively useful		
C=C	Alkene	1680-1600	m-w	
	Aromatic	1600 and 1475	m-w	
C≡C	Alkyne	2250-2100	m-w	
C=O	Aldehyde	1740-1720	s	
	Ketone	1725-1705	s	
	Carboxylic Acid	1725-1700	s	
	Ester	1750-1730	s	
	Amide	1670-1640	s	
	Anhydride	1810 and 1760	s	
	Acid Chloride	1800	s	
C-O	Alcohols, Ethers, Esters, Carboxylic Acids, Anhydrides	1300-1000	s	
O-H	Alcohols, Phenols			
	Free	3650-3600	m	
	H-bonded	3500-3200	m	
	Carboxylic Acids	3400-2400	m	
N-H	Primary and Secondary Amines and Amides			
	(stretch)	3500-3100	m	
	(bend)	1640-1550	m-s	
C-N	Amines	1350-1000	m-s	
C=N	Imines and Oximes	1690-1640	w-s	
C≡N	Nitriles	2260-2240	m	
X=C=Y	Allenes, Ketenes, Isocyanates, Isothiocyanates	2270-1950	m-s	
N=O	Nitro (R-NO ₂)	1550 and 1350	s	
S-H	Mercaptans	2550	w	
S=O	Sulfoxides	1050	s	
	Sulfones, Sulfonyl Chlorides, Sulfates, Sulfonamides	1375-1300	s	
C-X	Fluoride	1400-1000	s	
	Chloride	800-600	s	
	Bromide, Iodide	<667	s	

Original Source Unknown. w = weak, m = medium, s = strong