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**IUPAC NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS**

1, [1] CH3OCH3: Dimethyl ether or

 Methoxymethane

ii, CH3CH2OCH2CH3: Di ethyl ether

 or ethoxyethane

iii. [CH3CH2CH2CH2]2O: Di butyl ether

iv, CH3CH2OCH3: Ethyl methyl ether

v, CH3CH2CH2OCH2CH3:  Ethyl propyl ether

2, **PROPERTIES OF ETHERS**

**GENERAL PROPERTIES:**

 **Physical** **states**: At room temperature, ethers are colorless, neutral liquids with pleasant odors. The lower aliphatic Ethers are highly flammable gases or volatile liquids

 **Solubility**; Ethers are less soluble in water than are the corresponding alcohols. Lower molecular weight ethers such as methoxymethane and methoxy ethane are fairly soluble in water since the molecule are able to form hydrogen bonds with the water molecules but as the hydrocarbon content of the molecules increases, there is a rapid decline in solubility. They are miscible with most organic solvents’

 **Boiling point**; Low molecular mass ethers have a lower boiling point than the corresponding alcohols but those ethers containing alkyl radicals larger than four carbonatoms, the reverse is true. The boiling point of ethers tend to approximate those of hydrocarbons of same relative molecular mass from which it can be concluded that the molecules are not associated in the liquid phase as there are no suitably available hydrogen for association through hydrogen bonds,

**TWO METHODS OF PREPARING ETHERS**

 MANUFACTURE AND PREPARATION OF ETHERS;

1. Partial dehydration of alcohols: Simple ethers are manufactured from alcohols by catalytic dehydration. The alcohol in excess and concentrated tetra oxo sulphate(vi) acid is heated at a carefully maintained temperature of 140oC. this process is known as continuous etherification. If excess alcohol is not used, the temperature is as high as 170-180oC, further dehydration

to yield alkene occurs 2ROH conc. H2SO4 /140oCR-O-R + H2O Examples 2CH3CH2OH conc. H2SO4 /140oCCH3CH2-O-CH2CH3 + H2O

2. Controlled catalytic hydration of olefins 2CH3CH=CH2 + H2O (CH3)2CH-O-CH(CH3)2 2-isopropoxypropane From Haloalkanes and dry silver (I) oxide 2RX + Ag2O warm R-O-R + 2AgX

2CH3CH2CH2Cl + Ag2O warmCH3CH2CH2O CH2CH2CH3 +2AgClPropoxypropane.

**Uses of ethylene oxide**

1, Ethylene oxide is used as an intermediate in the hydrolytic manufacture of ethylene glycol.

2, Ethylene oxide is used in the preparation of nonionic emulsifying agents, plastics, plasticizers and several synthetic textiles.

3, Ethylene oxide is used as a gaseous sterilizing agent for medical equipment.

**OTHERS**

1, It is also used to make antifreeze, adhesives detergents and polyesters.

2. it is also used in the production of fumigants and pesticides.