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## 1. CLASSIFICATION OF ALCOHOLS

- This is based on the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom containing the hydroxyl group. If the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group are three or two, it is called a primary alcohol (1°). Of it is one hydrogen atom, it is called secondary alcohol (2°) and if no hydrogen atom is attached to the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group, it is called a tertiary alcohol (3°).

Example- CH3CH2OH ethanol (1°)

- This is based on the number of hydroxyl groups they posses. Monohydric alcohol structure. Dihydric alcohols are also called Glycols which have two hydroxyl groups present in the alcohol structure while trihydric alcohols or triols have three hydroxyl groups present in the structure of the alcohol. Polyhydric alcohols or polyps have more than three hydroxyl groups.

Example- CH3CH2CH2OH propanol (Monohydric alcohol)

## 2. SOLUBILITY OF WATER

Lower alcohols with up to three carbon atoms in their molecules are soluble in water because , alcohols can form hydrogen bond with water molecules. The water solubility of alcohols decreases with increasing relative molecular mass.

All monohydric alcohols are soluble in organic solvents. The solubility of some alcohols and polyhydric alcohols is largely due to their ability to form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

## 3. THREE STEPS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ETHANOL

Carbohydrates such as starch are major group of natural compounds that can be made to yield ethanol by the biological process of fermentation. The biological catalyst, enzymes found in yeast break down carbohydrate molecules into ethanol to give a yield of 95%. The starch containing materials include masses, potatoes, cereals, rice and on warming with malt to 60°C for a specific period 0f time are converted into maltose by the enzyme diastase contained in the malt.

2(C6H10O5)n + nH2O — nC12H22O11

Carbohydrate 60°C/disease Maltose

The moose is broken down into glucose on addition of yeast which contains the enzymes maltase and at a temperature  $15^{\circ}$ C C12H22O11 + H2O — 2C6H12O6 Maltose  $15^{\circ}$ C/maltase glucose

The glucose at constant temperature of 15°C is then converted into alcohol by the enzyme Zymase

contained also in yeast C6H12O6 — 2CH3CH2OH + 2CO2 Glucose 15°C/Zymase ethanol

4. CH3CH2CH3HC=O + CH3CH2CH2CH2MgCl

| C4H9CH3CH2CH3HC-OMgCl |H+ OH-C4H9CH3CH2CH3HC-OH + Mg(OH)Cl

6. REDUCTION OF 2-METHYLPRPANONE CH3CH2CH3C=O — CH3CH2CH3CHOH 2-methylpropanone secondary alcohol

LiAlH4/(C2H5)2O as reducing agent

7. REDUCTION OF 2-METHYLPROPANAL CH3CH2CH3CHO — CH3CH2CH3CH2OH 2-methlpropanal primary alcohol

LiAlH4/(C2H5)2O as reducing agent

8. CONVERSION OF PROPAN-1- TO PROPAN-2- OL CH3CH2CH2OH — CH3CH=CH2 Propan-1-ol -H2O

CH3CH=CH2 + H2O — CH3CHOHCH3 Propan-2-Ol