POLYHALIDES

General methods of preparation and Chemical Properties

When the halide ions combine with the halogen molecules or interhalogens, univalent ions are obtained, these are known as polyhalide ions and the compounds of these are known as polyhalides .

Polyhalide ions:

IBr₂, ICl₂, BrCl₂

Polyhalide compounds : kICl₄,NaIBr₄,NH₄IBr₂,KI₃

Classification

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$$X_n^{-} - I_3^{-}, I_5^{-}, I_7^{-}, I_9^{-}$$

- $XX^{l}_{n} \dots ICl_{2}^{-}, IBr_{2}^{-}$
- XX^lX^{ll}_n --- IClBr
- $XXn^{1} ICl_{2}$, IBr_{2} , ICl_{4}

XYZn¹ --- FIBr⁻ , ClBr⁻

Methods of Preparation

Direct addition of Halogen to Halide

I₂ is added to CsI

 $CsI + I_2 \rightarrow CsI$

Cl₂ is added to KI in aqeous solution

 $2Cl_2 + KI \rightarrow KICl_4$

Direct addition of Interhalogen to Halide

 $NaBr_{(aq)} + IBr_{(g)} \rightarrow NaIBr_2$

 $NH_4Br + IBr \rightarrow NH_4IBr_2$

 $CsCl+ICl_3 \rightarrow CsICl_4$

Metathesis Double Decomposition

Involving another Polyhalide

 $RbCl + HICl_2 \rightarrow \quad RbICl_2 + HCl$

Properties:

Low melting coloured solids.

Colour ranges from yellow to black

Soluble in solvents of high dielectric constants

Ionic solids

Tend to decompose on heating -

Simple halide and halogen or Interhalogen

 $CsI_3 \rightarrow CsI + I_2$

 $RbCl_3 \rightarrow RbCl + ICl$

 $KBrF_4 \rightarrow KF + BrF_3$

Polyhalides get hydrolysed to some extent in aqeous solution.

Tendency increases with introduction of more electronegative halogens