

Naming of coordination compounds using IUPAC guidelines

Coordination Compound : $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$		
Cation (Simple)	K^+	Potassium
Anion (complex)	$[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$	
Ligands	CN^-	
Name of the ligand with prefix	6 ligands - prefix: hexa Anionic ligand: cyanido- κC (Coordinating atom in CN^- is carbon)	hexacyanido- κC
Central metal	Fe (in anionic complex)	ferrate
Oxidation state of central metal (x)	$x + 6(-1) = -4$ $x = -4 + 6 = +2$	(II)
IUPAC Name: Potassium hexacyanido- κC ferrate(II)		

Example 2: Coordination Compound : $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}$

Cation (complex)	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$	
ligands	NH_3 and Cl^-	
Name of the ligand (NH_3) with prefix	4 ligands - prefix: tetra Neutral ligand: ammine	tetraamminedichlorido (alphabetically ammine comes before chlorido)
	2 ligands - prefix: di Anionic ligand: chlorido	
Central metal	Co (in cationic complex)	cobalt
Oxidation state of central metal (x)	$x + 4(0) + 2(-1) = +1$ $x = 1 + 2 = +3$	(III)
Anion (simple)	Cl^-	chloride
IUPAC Name: Tetraamminedichloridocobalt(III) chloride		

Example 3:. Coordination Compound : $[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_3][\text{CrF}_6]$

Cation (complex)	$[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$	
ligands	en - (ethylenediamine)	
Name of the ligand with prefix (Ligand itself contains a Greek prefix - di, use alternate prefix)	3 ligands - prefix: tris Neutral ligand: ethane-1,2-diamine	tris(ethane-1,2-diamine)
central metal	Cr (in cationic complex)	chromium
Oxidation state of central metal (x)	$x + 3(0) = +3$ $x = +3$	(III)
Anion (Complex)	$[\text{CrF}_6]^{3-}$	
ligands	6F^-	
Name of the ligand with prefix	4 ligands - prefix: hexa Anionic ligand: Fluorido	hexafluorido
central metal	Cr (in anionic complex)	chromate
Oxidation state of central metal (x)	$x + 6(-1) = -3$ $x = -3 + 6 = +3$	(III)

IUPAC Name: Tris(ethane-1,2-diamine)chromium(III) hexafluoridochromate(III)