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Combustion Reaction Notes

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| REACTION CATEGORY | COMPLETE COMBUSTION |
| REACTION DESCRIPTION | For our purposes combustion will mean the reaction of oxygen with a compound containing carbon and hydrogen. A common synonym for combustion is burn. |
| REACTION FORMAT | $C_xH_y + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$ |
| REACTION GUIDELINES | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify the reaction as being a combustion reaction. (A hydrocarbon reacting with oxygen)2. Remember the products are always CO_2 and H_2O.3. Compounds that contain carbon and hydrogen sometimes contain oxygen; the products are still the same-- CO_2 and H_2O.4. Compounds that contain carbon and hydrogen sometimes contain nitrogen; in this case another product, NO_2 is formed along with CO_2 and H_2O.5. Compounds that contain carbon and hydrogen sometimes contain sulfur; in this case another product, SO_2 is formed along with CO_2 and H_2O. |
| REACTION GUIDELINE EXAMPLES | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. $CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O$2. $2H_2C_2O_4 + O_2 \rightarrow 4CO_2 + 2H_2O$3. $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O_4 + 27O_2 \rightarrow 21CO_2 + 12H_2O + 2NO_2$ |

Practice: Complete the following reactions, then balancing each reaction.

