## Solubility

**Solubility** is the maximum amount of solute that will dissolve in a given quantity of solvent at a specific temperature.

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Table 4.2 Solubility Rules for Common Ionic Compounds in Water at 25°C

Soluble Compounds	Insoluble Exceptions
Compounds containing alkali metal ions (Li <sup>+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Rb <sup>+</sup> , Cs <sup>+</sup> ) and the ammonium ion (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> ) Nitrates (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ), acetates (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ), bicarbonates (HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ), chlorates (ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ), and perchlorates (ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) Halides (Cl <sup>-</sup> , Br <sup>-</sup> , I <sup>-</sup> ) Sulfates (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	Halides of $Ag^+Ag^+$ , $Hg_2^{2+}$ , and $Pb^{2+}$ Sulfates of $Ag^+$ , $Ca^{2+}$ , $Sr^{2+}$ , $Ba^{2+}$ , $Hg_2^{2+}$ , and $Pb^{2+}$
Insoluble Compounds	Soluble Exceptions
Carbonates ( $CO_3^{2-}$ ), phosphates ( $PO_4^{3-}$ ), chromates ( $CrO_4^{2-}$ ), sulfides ( $S^{2-}$ )	Compounds containing alkali metal ions and the ammonium ion
Hydroxides (OH <sup>-</sup> )	Compounds containing alkali metal ions and the Ba <sup>2+</sup> ion