

Structure & Classification of Reactive Dye

General structure of Reactive dye

The general structure of reactive dye is W-D-B-R-X.

Here, W= Water solubilizing group

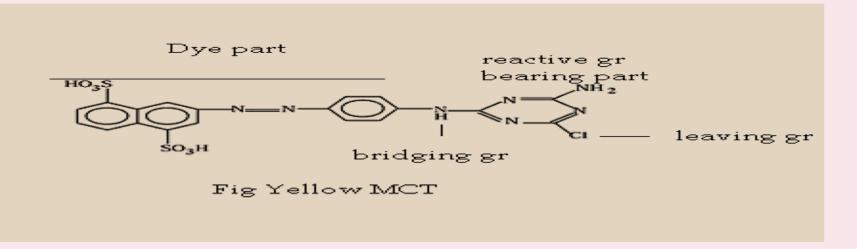
D = Dye part or Chromogen (colour producing part)

B = Bridging part

R = Reactive group bearing part.

X = Reactive group.

Example: Structure of a Dye

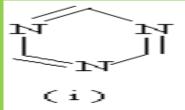


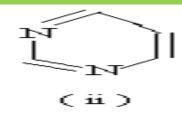
Example: Various parts of a Dye

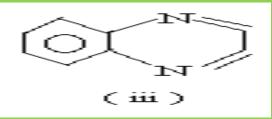
- Water solubilizing groups may be -NH₂, -NH-CH₃, -OH, NO₃, -COOH, -SO₃Na.
- Bridging groups may be –NH-, -NH-CO-, -NH-CO-NH-.
- Reactive group bearing part may heterocyclic ring.
- Reactive group may be vinyl sulphone, monochlorotriazine, dichlorotriazyne, triazine etc.

Classification of Reactive Dye

- **A.** On the basis of reactive group present in dye structure:
- 1) Halogen (commonly chlorine) derivatives of Nitrogen containing heterocyclic.
 - i) Triazine dyes.
 - ii) Pyrimidine dyes.
- iii) Quinoxaline dyes.







- 2) Activated vinyl compounds.
- i) Vinyl sulphone : $(D SO_2 CH_2 CH_2 -)$
- ii) Vinyl acrylamide : $(D NH COO CH_2 CH_2 -)$
- iii) Vinyl sulphonamide: $(D SO_2 NH CH_2 CH_2 -)$

Classification of Reactive Dye (Continued)

B. On the basis of Reactivity:

On the basis of reactivity reactive dyes are of three types

- i) Lower reactive dyes: Reactivity of these dyes is very low. So, highly alkaline condition is required for the fixation of these dyes with the substrate. Here, pH is maintained between 12-12.5 by using NaOH in dye bath.
- ii) Medium reactive dye: Reactivity of these dyes is better than the previous class. Here, pH is maintained between 11-12 by using Na_2CO_3 in the dye bath.
- iii) Higher reactive dye: These dyes are highly reactive. So, fixation of these dyes are easy and lower alkaline medium is kept in where pH is maintained between 9-11 by using $NaHCO_3$ in the dye bath.

Classification of Reactive Dye (Continued)

- C. On the basis of dyeing temperature and method:
- i) Cold brand: This type of dye contains reactive groups of high reactivity. So dyeing can be done in lower temperature (32^0 – 60^0 C).
- ii) Medium brand: This type of dye contains reactive groups of moderate reactivity. So, dyeing is done in higher temperature (60^{0} – 71^{0} C) than that of cold brand dyes.
- iii) Hot brand: This type of dye contains reactive groups of least reactivity. So, high temperature (720–930C) is required for dyeing.

