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To study Saponification reaction for the preparation of Soap

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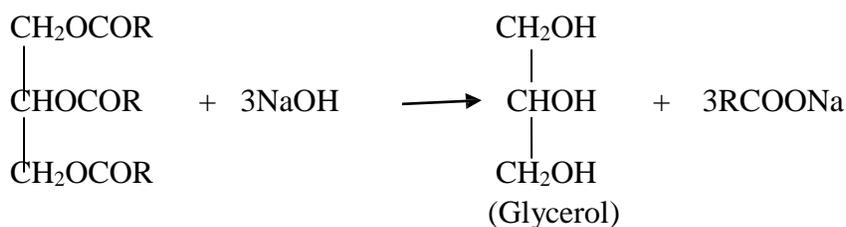
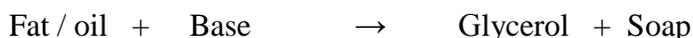
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Objective: To study Saponification reaction for the preparation of Soap.

Requirements: Sodium hydroxide, vegetable oil, ethanol, common salt, distilled water, beakers, measuring cylinder etc.

Theory :

Soaps are sodium or potassium salts of carboxylic acids with long hydrocarbon chains. Soap can be made from the base hydrolysis of fat or oil. The process in which oil or fat reacts with NaOH to form soap(sodium salt of fatty acid) and glycerol is called saponification reaction



Procedure :

Take about 20 ml of vegetable oil in a beaker.

Add 15 ml of ethanol & 25 ml of 20 % NaOH to vegetable oil with stirring.

Heat the mixture for 20 minutes until the solution no longer has 2 separate layers.(do not over heat the mixture to dryness).

Remove the beaker from the burner, & add 20 ml of saturated NaCl solution. This process is called 'salting out'.

Cool the mixture till it becomes solid

Remove & cut it into desired shape & size.

Result

Soap solution is basic in nature .

Precautions

Do not touch solid NaOH

Stir the soap soln care fully so that it does not spill out.

The mixture of oil & ethanol may splatter or catch fire ,have a watch glass nearby to smother any flames.

Questions

What is the by product of saponification reaction?

What is the chemical reaction involved in soap preparation?

Give a method to separate glycerol from the reaction mixture?

Distillation under reduced pressure
Why is it advised to add common salt while preparing soap?
It helps in complete precipitation of soap.

Multiple choice questions

1.	When you a 20% soln of NaOH in a beaker containing water, you record certain observations. Select the correct observations from the following: a) NaOH is in the form of pellets/flakes. b) It dissolves in water completely. c) The beaker appears cold when touched from outside immediately after adding NaOH to water. d) When litmus paper is dipped into the soln. It turns blue.
2.	While preparing soap we generally add small amount of common salt to the reaction mixture of oil and NaOH. The purpose of adding common salt is a) Make the soap neutral . b) Reduce the basic nature of the soap. c) Enhance the cleansing power of the soap. d) Favour the precipitation of the soap.
3.	A student dipped a red litmus paper in the soap soln. She observed that a) It changed to blue. b) It remained red. c) It changed to green. d) It changed to orange
4.	Soaps have different foaming capacities due to a) Different alkyl groups. b) Different cations present c) Same alkyl groups. d) Same cation present in soap
5.	Part of soap which is hydrophobic a) Hydrocarbon b) COONa c) Both d) None of these
6.	Which is the by-product of saponification reaction? a) Glycol b) Glycerol c) Ethanol d) Methanol
7.	Which process describes saponification ? a) Acid hydrolysis b) Esterification c) Alkaline hydrolysis of ester d) Alkali formation
8.	A student is provided with four types of acids for the preparation of soaps. Which among the following is the most suitable one: a) Acetic acid b) Propanoic acid c) Citric acid d) Palmitic acid