

Green Chemistry Module for Organic Chemistry

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Topic: Atom Economy

A Measure of the Efficiency of a
Reaction

Efficiency of a Reaction

- Percentage yield

Theoretical yield = (moles of limiting reagent)(stoichiometric ratio;
desired product/limiting reagent)(MW of desired product)

Percentage yield= (actual yield/theoretical yield) X 100

Table 1

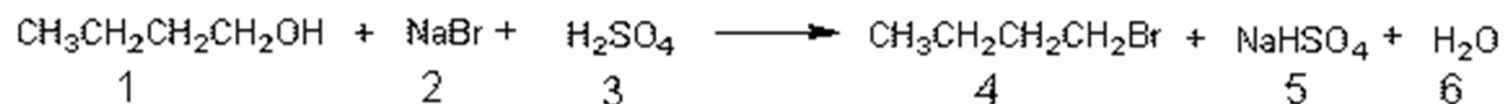
Reagents Table

Reagent	MW	Weight Used (g)	Theoretical Moles Needed	Moles Used	Density	Bp (°C)
1 C ₄ H ₉ OH	74.12	0.80	0.0108	0.0108	0.810	118
2 NaBr	102.91	1.33	0.0108	0.0129		
3 H ₂ SO ₄	98.08	2.0	0.0108	0.0200	1.84	

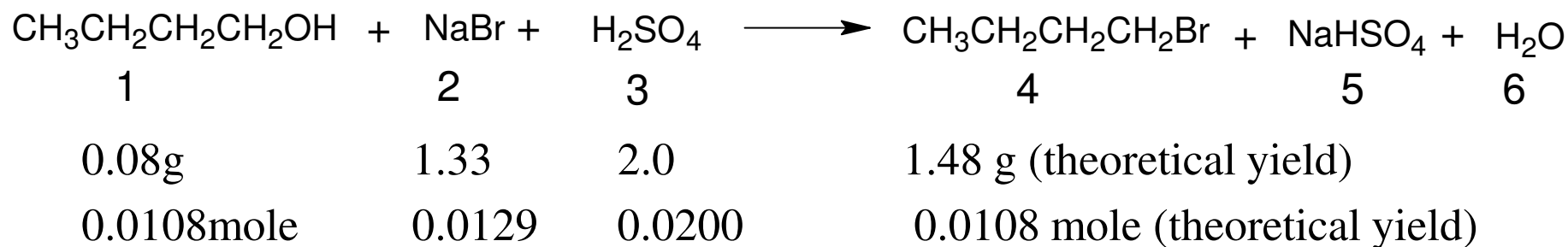
Table 2

Desired Product Table

Compound	MW	Theoretical Yield (Moles)	Theoretical Yield (Grams)	Actual Yield (Grams)	% Yield	Density	Bp (°C)
4 C ₄ H ₉ Br	137.03	0.011	1.48 (100%)	1.20	81	1.275	101.6



Equation 1a



Compound 1 is the limiting reagent

Suppose the actual yield is 1.20 g of compound 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percentage yield} &= (\text{actual yield/theoretical yield}) \times 100 \\ &= (1.20 \text{ g}/1.48 \text{ g}) \times 100 = 81\%\end{aligned}$$

Atom Economy in a Substitution Reaction

Equation 1b

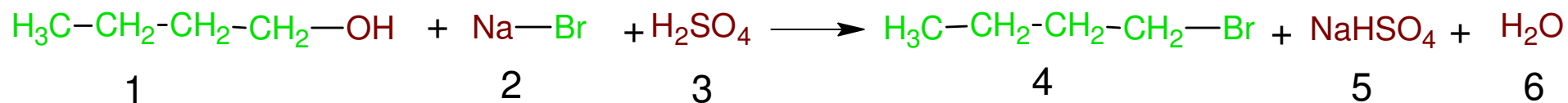


Table 3 **Atom Economy** of Equation 1

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C ₄ H ₉ OH	74	4C,9H	57	HO	17
2 NaBr	103	Br	80	Na	23
3 H ₂ SO ₄	98	—	0	2H,4O,S	98
Total 4C,12H,5O,BrNaS	275	4C,9H,Br	137	3H,5O,Na,S	138

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (137/275) \times 100 = 50\% \end{aligned}$$

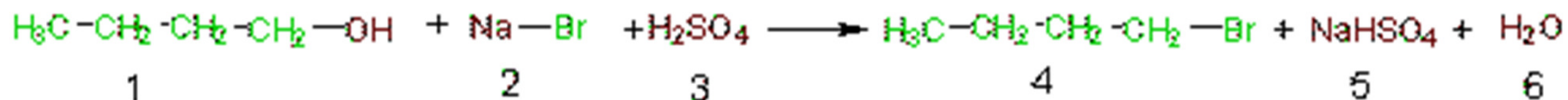


Table 4 Experimental **Atom Economy** of Equation 1: Based on Actual Quantities of Reagents Used

Reagents Formula	Weight of Reagent (FW X moles used)	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms (FW X moles)	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms (FW X moles)
1 C ₄ H ₉ OH	74.0 X .0108 = .80	4C,9H	57 X .0108 = .62	HO	17 X .0108 = .18
2 NaBr	103 X .0129 = 1.33	Br	79.9X .0129 = 1.03 79.9X .0108 = 0.86 excess 0.17	Na	23 X .0129 = .30 excess 0.17 subtotal 0.47
3 H ₂ SO ₄	98 X .0200 = 2.0	—	0.00	2H,4O,S	98.1 X .0200 = 1.96
Total 4C,12H,5O,BrNaS	4.13	4C,9H,Br	1.48	3H,5O,Na,S	2.61

% **Experimental Atom Economy** = (mass of reactants utilized in the desired product/total mass of all reactants) X 100
 = (theoretical yield/total mass of all reactants) X 100
 = (1.48 g/4.13 g) X 100 = 36%

% Yield X Experimental Atom Economy

% Yield X Experimental Atom Economy = (actual yield/theoretical yield) X (mass of reactants utilized in the desired product/total mass of all reactants) X 100

$$\begin{aligned} \%PE \cdot EAE &= (\text{actual yield/theoretical yield}) \times \\ &(\text{theoretical yield/total mass of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (\text{actual yield/total mass of all the reactants}) \\ &\times 100 \\ &= (1.20 \text{ g}/4.13 \text{ g}) \times 100 = 29\% \end{aligned}$$

THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF GREEN CHEMISTRY

- 1. It is better to prevent waste than to treat or clean up waste after it is formed.**
- 2. Synthetic methods should be designed to maximize the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product.**
- 3. Wherever practicable, synthetic methodologies should be designed to use and generate substances that possess little or no toxicity to human health and the environment.**
- 4. Chemical products should be designed to preserve efficacy of function while reducing toxicity.**
- 5. The use of auxiliary substances (e.g. solvents, separation agents, etc.) should be made unnecessary whenever possible and, innocuous when used.**

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- 6. Energy requirements should be recognized for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimized. Synthetic methods should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure.**
- 7. A raw material feedstock should be renewable rather than depleting whenever technically and economically practical.**
- 8. Unnecessary derivatization (blocking group, protection/deprotection, temporary modification of physical/chemical processes) should be avoided whenever possible.**
- 9. Catalytic reagents (as selective as possible) are superior to stoichiometric reagents.**

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- 10. Chemical products should be designed so that at the end of their function they do not persist in the environment and break down into innocuous degradation products.**
- 11. Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to allow for real-time in-process monitoring and control prior to the formation of hazardous substances.**
- 12. Substances and the form of a substance used in a chemical process should chosen so as to minimize the potential for chemical accidents, including releases, explosions, and fires.**

Atom Economy in Elimination Reactions

- Equation 2

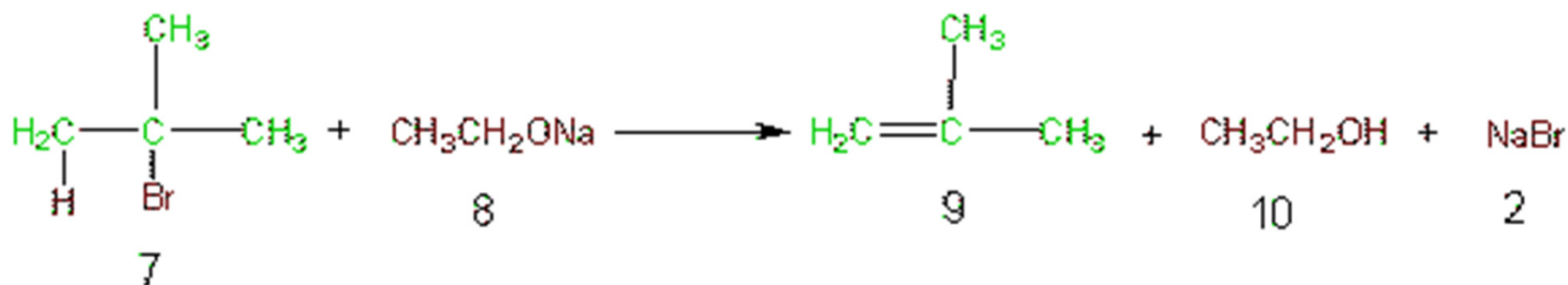
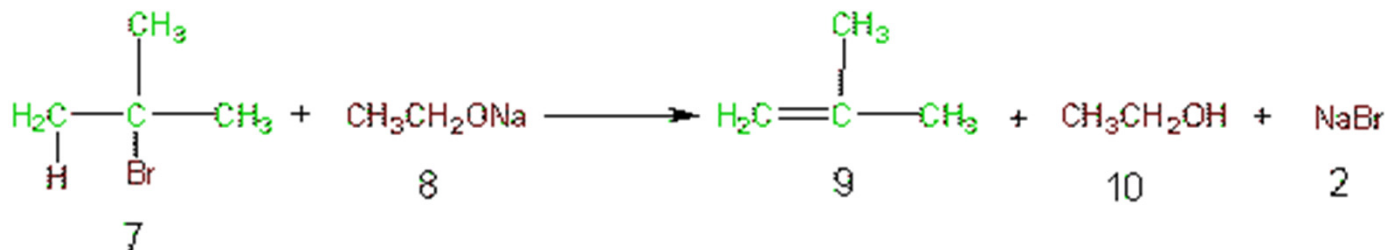


Table 5 **Atom Economy** Equation 2

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
7 C ₄ H ₉ Br	137	4C,8H	56	HBr	81
8 C ₂ H ₅ ONa	68	—	0	2C,5H,O,Na	68
Total 6C,14H,O,Br,Na	205	4C,8H	56	2C,6H,O,Br,Na	149

$$\% \text{ Atom Economy} = (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100$$

$$= (56 / 205) \times 100 = 27\%$$



Atom Economy in Addition Reactions

- Equation 3

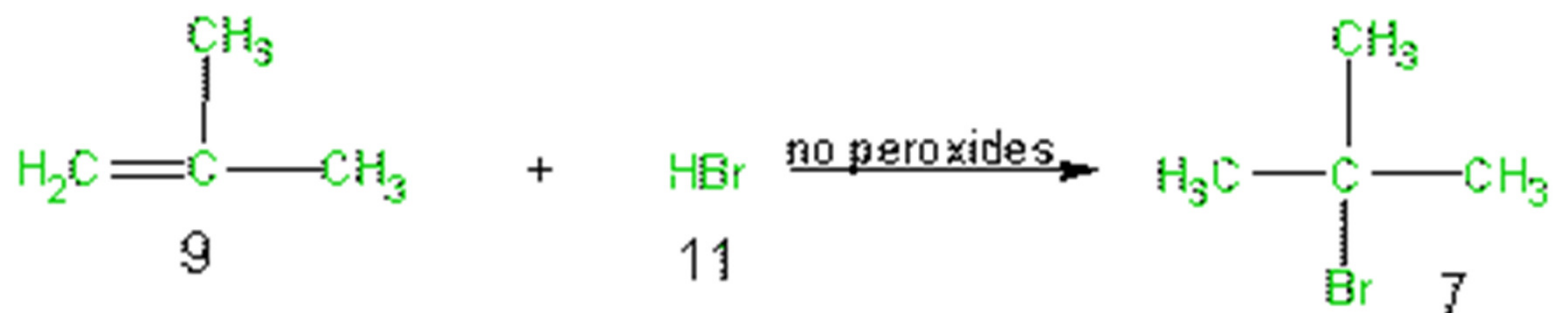
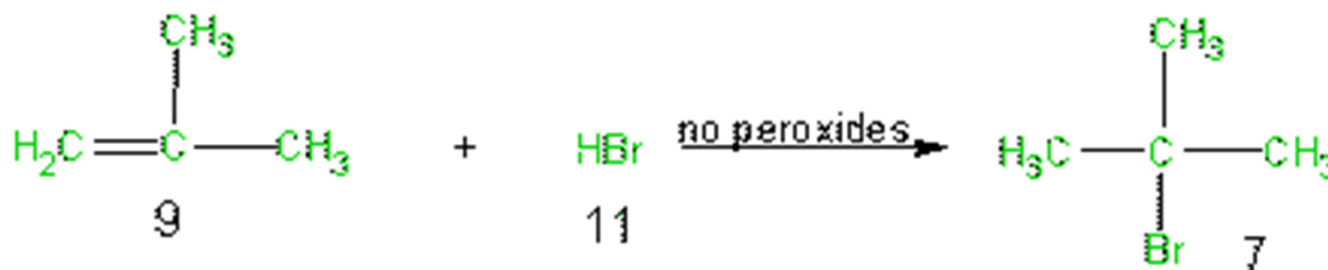


Table 6 **Atom Economy** Equation 3

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
9 C ₄ H ₈	56	4C,8H	56	—	0
11 HBr	81	HBr	81	—	0
Total 4C,9H,Br	137	4C,9H,Br	137	—	0

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (137/137) \times 100 = 100\% \end{aligned}$$



Atom Economy in Rearrangement Reactions

- Equation 4

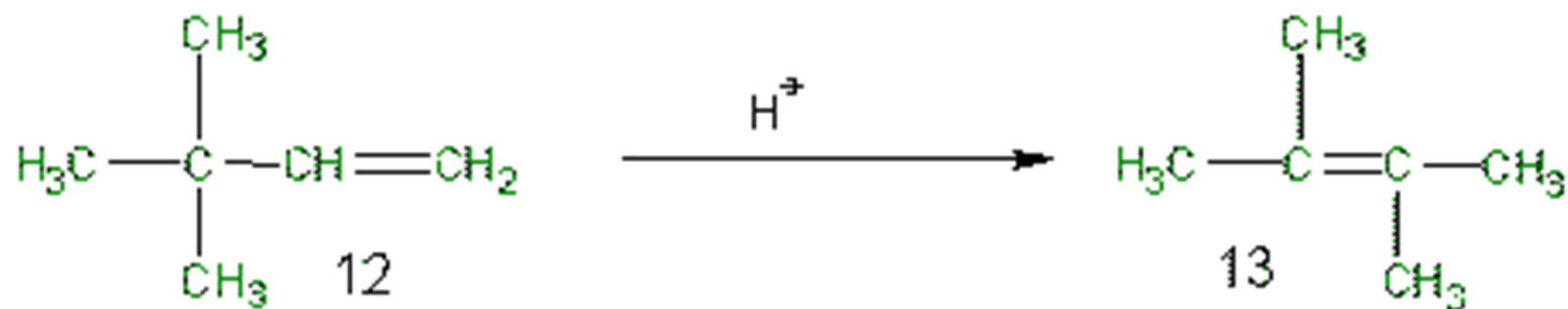
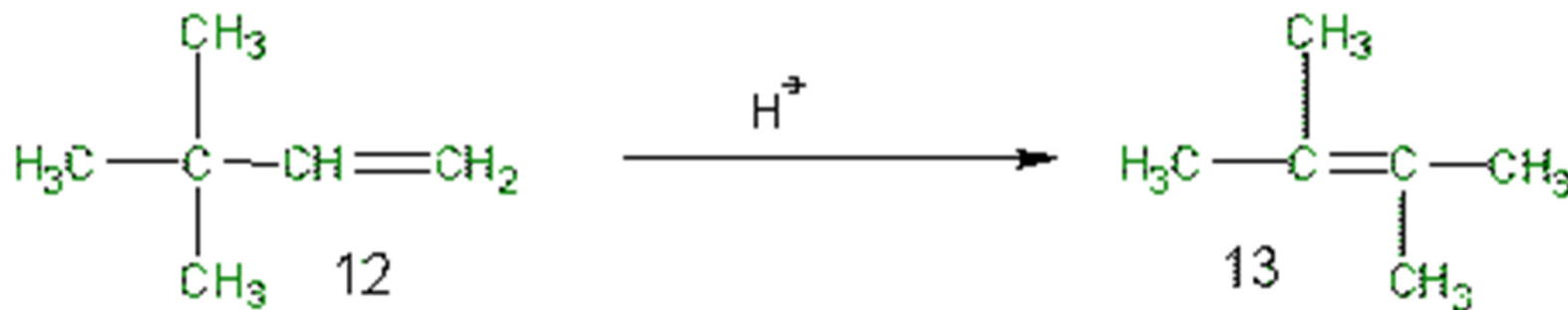


Table 7 **Atom Economy** Equation 4

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
12 C ₆ H ₁₂	84	6C,12H	84	—	0
Total 6C,12H	84	6C,12H	84	—	0

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (84/84) \times 100 = 100\% \end{aligned}$$



Scheme 1 Atom Economy in The Chlorohydrin Route to Ethylene Oxide

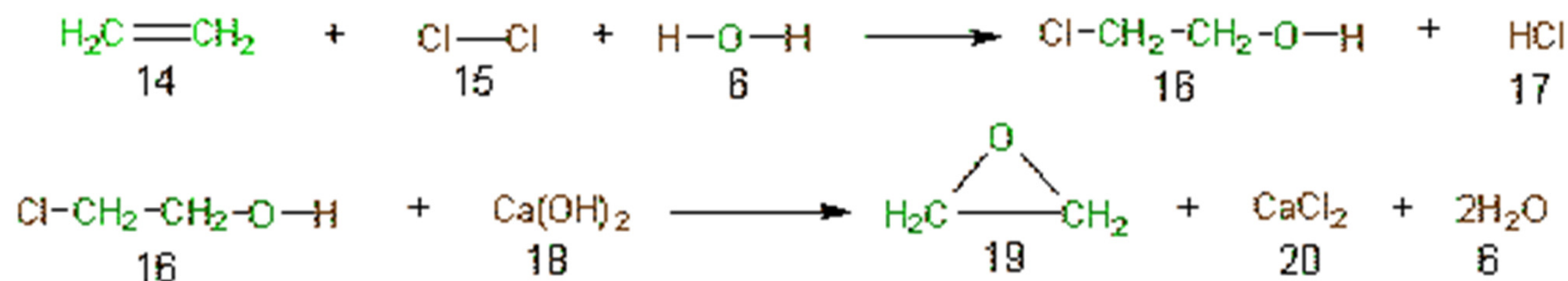


Table 8 **Atom Economy** of Scheme 1, The Chlorohydrin Route to Ethylene Oxide

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
14 C ₂ H ₄	28	2C,4H	28	—	0
15 Cl ₂	71	—	0	2Cl	71
6 H ₂ O	18	O	16	2H	2
18 Ca(OH) ₂	72	—	0	Ca,4H,2O	72
Total 2C,8H,3O,Ca,2Cl	189	2C,4H,O	44	6H,2O,Ca,2Cl	145

$$\begin{aligned}
 \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\
 &= (44 / 189) \times 100 = 23\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Scheme 2 Atom Economy in The Catalytic Route to Ethylene Oxide

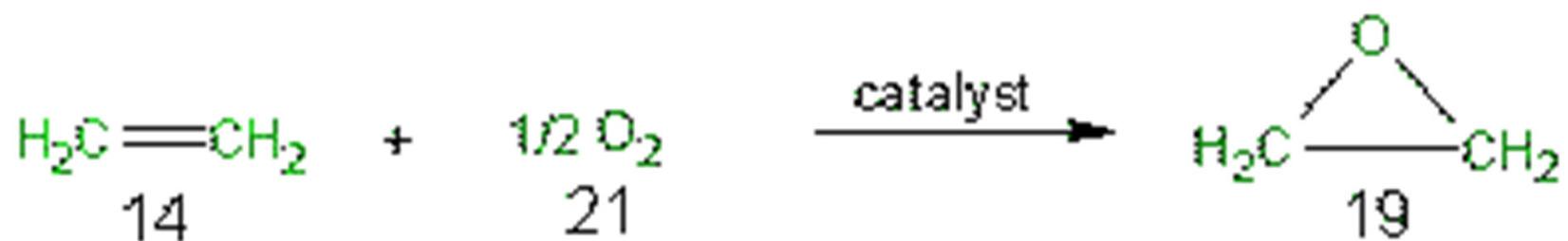
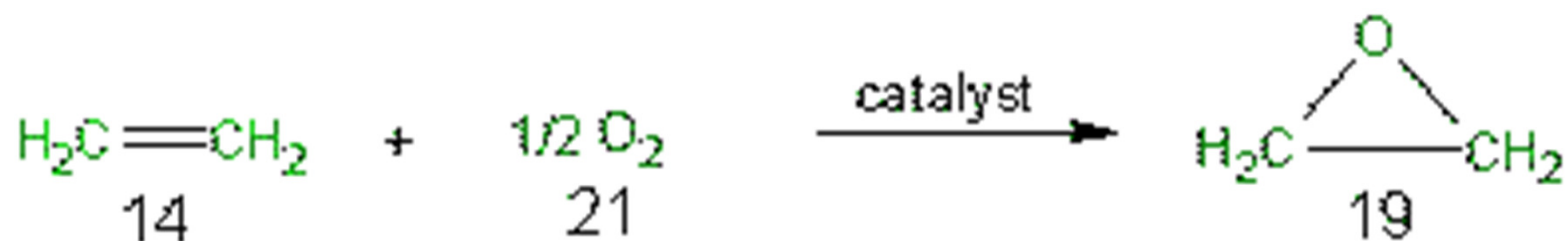


Table 9 Atom Economy of Scheme 2, The Catalytic Route to Ethylene Oxide

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
14 C ₂ H ₄	28	2C,4H	28	—	0
21 1/2 O ₂	16	O	16	—	0
Total 2C,4H,1O	44	2C,4H,O	44	—	0

$$\begin{aligned}\% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (44/44) \times 100 = 100\%\end{aligned}$$



The Boots Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Scheme 3, Atom Economy

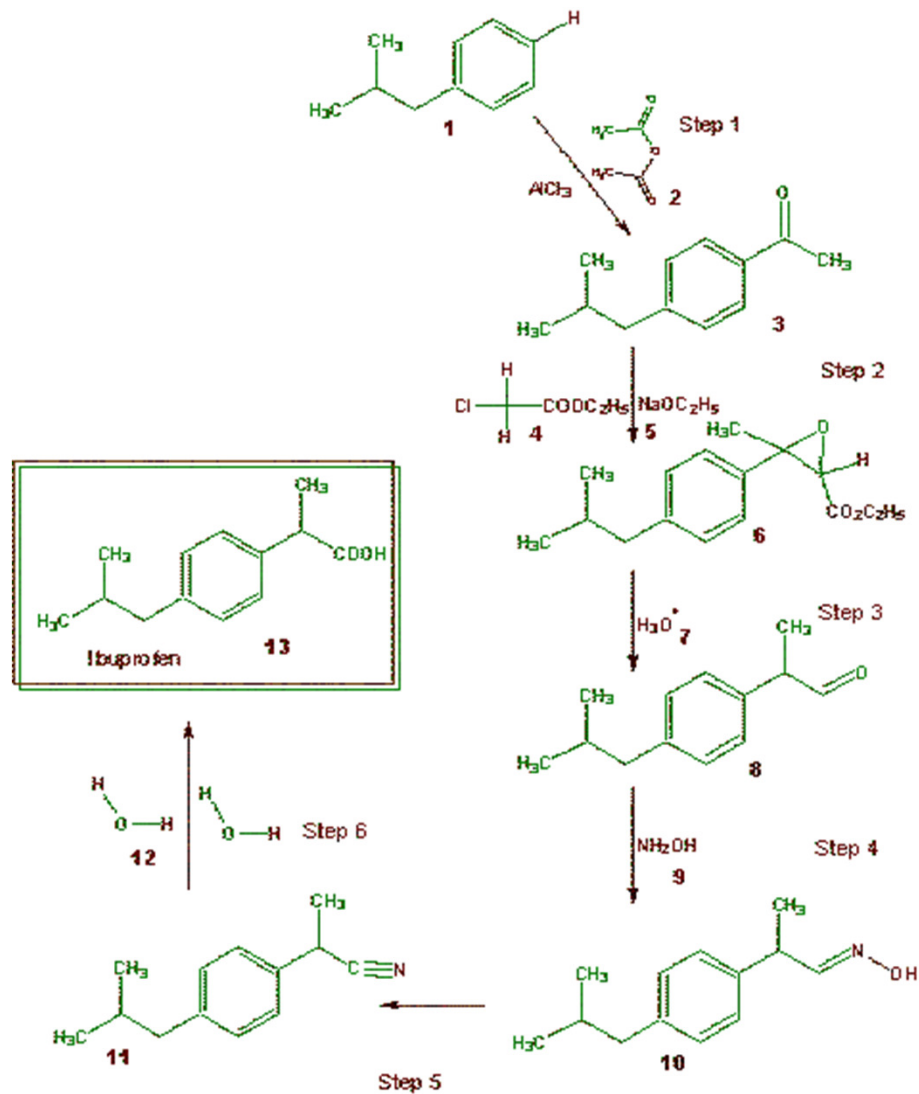


Table 10 **Atom Economy** of Scheme 3, the Boots Company Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C ₁₀ H ₁₄	134	10C,13H	133	H	1
2 C ₄ H ₆ O ₃	102	2C,3H	27	2C,3H,3O	75
4 C ₄ H ₇ ClO ₂	122.5	C,H	13	3C,6H,Cl,2O	109.5
5 C ₂ H ₅ ONa	68	—	0	2C,5H,O,Na	68
7 H ₃ O	19	—	0	3H,O	19
9 NH ₃ O	33	—	0	3H,N,O	33
12 H ₄ O ₂	36	H,2O	33	3H	3
Total 20C,42H,N,10O, Cl,Na	514.5	Ibuprofen 13C,18H,2O	Ibuprofen 206	Waste Products 7C,24H,N,8O, Cl,Na	Waste Products 308.5

$$\begin{aligned}\% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (206 / 514.5) \times 100 = 40\%\end{aligned}$$

The BHC Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Scheme 4, Atom Economy

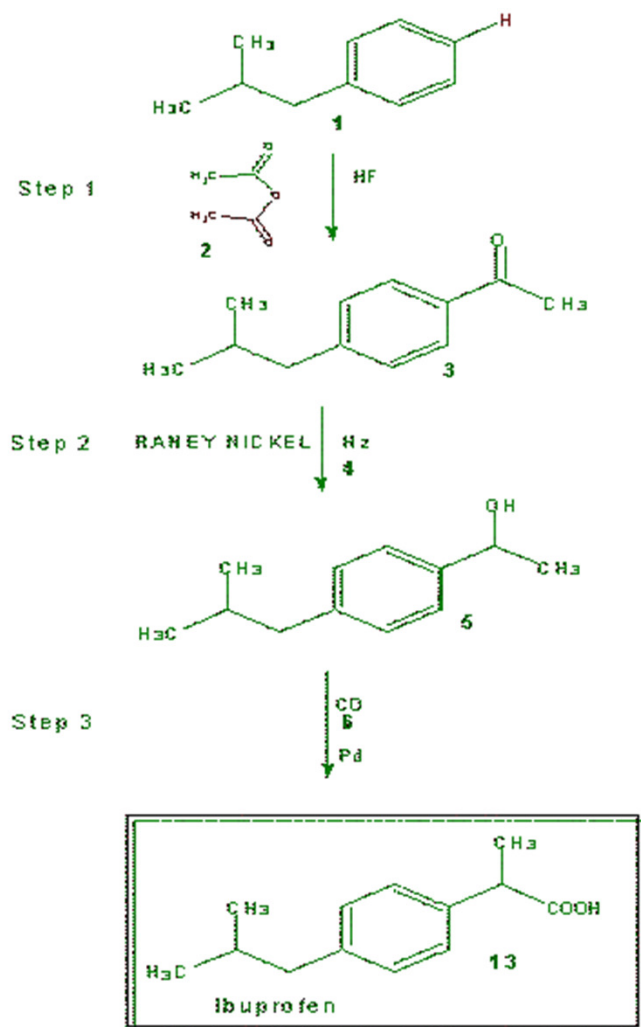


Table 11 **Atom Economy** of Scheme 4, the BHC Company Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C ₁₀ H ₁₄	134	10C,13H	133	H	1
2 C ₄ H ₆ O ₃	102	2C,3H,O	43	2C,3H,2O	59
4 H ₂	2	2H	2	—	0
6 CO	28	CO	28	—	0
Total 15C,22H,4O	266	Ibuprofen 13C,18H,2O	206	Waste Products 2C,3H,2O	60

$$\begin{aligned}
 \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\
 &= (206 / 266) \times 100 = 77\%
 \end{aligned}$$