

# Transition Metal Complex Colours

Aqua Complex	With OH <sup>-</sup> or NH <sub>3</sub>	With Excess OH <sup>-</sup>	With Excess NH <sub>3</sub>	With Excess CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	With Excess Cl <sup>-</sup>
[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ] → [Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> ]	N/A	N/A	"FeCO <sub>3</sub> " (exists as basic carbonate in a complex)	FeCl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (white to light-green)
[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	[Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> ]	N/A	N/A	N/A	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (R) → FeCl <sub>3</sub> (T)
Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup>	[Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> ]	[Cr(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	[Cr(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	Non-existent	CrCl <sub>3</sub> (anhydrous) → CrCl <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>x</sub> x = 5, 6
[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	N/A	[Cu(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (Blue-green)	CuCl <sub>2</sub> (anhydrous) → CuCl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>
[Mn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Off-White	[Mn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	N/A	N/A	MnCO <sub>3</sub> Off-White	MnCl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>x</sub> x = 2, 4
[Ni(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Ni(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	N/A	[Ni(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	NiCO <sub>3</sub>	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (anhydrous) → NiCl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub>
[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	N/A	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> → BROWN	CoCO <sub>3</sub>	CoCl <sub>2</sub> (anhydrous) → CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O
[Zn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Zn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ]	[Zn(OH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	[Zn(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	ZnCO <sub>3</sub>	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>
[Al(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	[Al(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> ]	[Al(OH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	N/A	Al <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	AlCl <sub>3</sub> (pure) → AlCl <sub>3</sub> (FeCl <sub>3</sub> impurities)