


Metals and their Compounds

Lecture 9.2

Corrosion of metals (20.8 BLB)

TABLE 4.5 Activity Series of Metals in Aqueous Solution

Metal	Oxidation Reaction
Lithium	$\text{Li}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Li}^+(aq) + e^-$
Potassium	$\text{K}(s) \longrightarrow \text{K}^+(aq) + e^-$
Barium	$\text{Ba}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Ba}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Calcium	$\text{Ca}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Sodium	$\text{Na}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Na}^+(aq) + e^-$
Magnesium	$\text{Mg}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Aluminum	$\text{Al}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Al}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^-$
Manganese	$\text{Mn}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Zinc	$\text{Zn}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Chromium	$\text{Cr}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^-$
Iron	$\text{Fe}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Cobalt	$\text{Co}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Co}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Nickel	$\text{Ni}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Tin	$\text{Sn}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Lead	$\text{Pb}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Hydrogen	$\text{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow 2\text{H}^+(aq) + 2e^-$
Copper	$\text{Cu}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Silver	$\text{Ag}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Ag}^+(aq) + e^-$
Mercury	$\text{Hg}(l) \longrightarrow \text{Hg}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Platinum	$\text{Pt}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Pt}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$
Gold	$\text{Au}(s) \longrightarrow \text{Au}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^-$



Ease of oxidation increases