

**alkynes**

Acyclic branched or unbranched *hydrocarbons* having a carbon–carbon triple bond and the general formula  $C_nH_{2n-2}$ ,  $RC\equiv CR$ . Acyclic branched or unbranched hydrocarbons having more than one triple bond are known as alkadiynes, alkatriynes, etc.

See also *acetylenes*.

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