

AS and A-level Chemistry practicals: Equipment set up

Practical 6: Tests for alcohol,
aldehyde, alkene and carboxylic acid

Test for organic functional groups

- No photographs are currently available.
- Care should be taken handling the sodium and the small pieces (size of a grain of rice maximum) should be cut before the practical and stored under petroleum ether.
- A small beaker or bottle stood inside a larger beaker on some towel can be used. The mouth of the vessel should be wide enough to allow the removal of the sodium safely with forceps.