

Number of carbon atoms	Structure of the Alkanes	Condensed formula	Molecular formula
1	<pre> H H-C-H H </pre>	CH ₄	CH ₄
2	<pre> H H H-C-C-H H H </pre>	CH ₃ - CH ₃	C ₂ H ₆
3 ✓	<pre> H H H H-C-C-C-H H H H </pre>	CH ₃ - CH ₂ - CH ₃	C ₃ H ₈
4 ✓	<pre> H H H H H-C-C-C-C-H H H H H </pre>	CH ₃ - CH ₂ - CH ₂ - CH ₃	C ₄ H ₁₀

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2	<pre> H H C = C H H </pre>	$\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2$	C_2H_4
3	<pre> H H C = C H H C H H H </pre>	$\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} - \text{CH}_3$	C_3H_6
4 ✓	<pre> H H H C = C - C - C - H H H H </pre>	$\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3$	C_4H_8
5	<pre> H H H H C = C - C - C - C - H H H H </pre>	$\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3$	C_5H_{10}

Q) Write the molecular formula of an Alkane and Alkene with 7 carbon atoms.

Ans) Alkane = C₇H₁₆

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