

**glycols**

Dihydric alcohols, also known as *diols*, in which the two hydroxy groups are on different carbon atoms, usually but not necessarily adjacent. E.g. HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH 'ethylene glycol' (ethane-1,2-diol), HO[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>4</sub>OH butane-1,4-diol.

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