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Isoprene

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An unsaturated pentahydrocarbon, Isoprene is found in certain plants or obtained by distillation of caoutchouc or gutta-percha. In plants, it is elementary in the formation of isoprenoids, fat-soluble vitamins, carotenoids and related pigments. Isoprenes contribute to flavors and fragrances of essential oils and other plant-derived substances. (NCI04)