I. Preparation of Isoamyl Acetate

ODORS: isoamyl alcohol

acetic acid

isoamyl acetate

Reaction:

II. Preparation of Methyl Salicylate

ODORS: methanol

salicylic acid

methyl salicylate

Reaction:

III. Preparation of Ethyl Butyrate

ODORS: ethanol

butyric acid

ethyl butyrate

Reaction:

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Write the generic equation for the Fischer esterification reaction.

- 2. Describe the safe method of smelling chemicals.
- 3. Comment of the odors of the different kinds of reagents and products.

Alcohols generally smell like:

Acids generally smell like:

Esters generally smell like:

- 4. Why do we use the coffee pots to heat the water for the water baths instead of our Bunsen burners?
- 5. What is the purpose of the sulfuric acid in the reactions?