DRAWING 3-D (Section 2.5)

Guidelines for Drawing Models:

A. In-Plane/Out-of-Plane

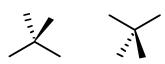
- Designate an atom **in front** of plane with a **wedge**
- Designate an atom **behind** plane with a **hash**
- Designate an atom in the plane plane with a straight line

B. 3-D Perspective

- 1. Keep as many atoms as possible in a single plane (plane of the paper) by zig-zagging. Connections within the paper are drawn with straight lines.
- 2. Use wedges to indicate atoms that are in front of the plane.
- 3. Use hashes to indicate atoms behind the plane.

C. For any tetrahedral atom, only 2 attachments can be in the plane, 1 must be in front, and 1

- -if the two in the plane are "down", the hash/wedge should be up -if the two in plane are "up", the hash/wedge should be down.
- -the hash/wedge should never point in same direction as the in-plane lines, or else the atom doesn't looks tetrahedral
- -for polyatomic molecules, it is strongly preferable to NOT have either of the in-plane atoms pointing straight up. Straight-up in-plane atoms do not lend themselves to extended 3-D structures.



Good! Look tetrahedral



Bad! These don't look tetrahedral!

CH₃COCH₃

CH₃CH=CHCl