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## Structure of Dimethyl 1,2,3,4,7,7-Hexachloro-5-endo-methoxybicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene-5-exo,6-endo-dicarboxylate

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**Abstract.**  $C_{12}H_{10}Cl_6O_5$ ,  $M_r = 446.93$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a = 16.458$  (4),  $b = 12.651$  (3),  $c = 16.863$  (4) Å,  $\beta = 96.83$  (3)°,  $V = 3486$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 8$ ,  $D_x = 1.703$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 1.5418$  Å,  $\mu = 9.42$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 1792$ ,  $T = 293$  K, final  $R = 0.077$  for 3948 observed reflections. There are two crystallographically independent molecules. The bridgehead C—C angles are 93.4 (5) and 92.7 (5)°. The ranges of the C(*sp*<sup>3</sup>)—Cl and C(*sp*<sup>2</sup>)—Cl bond lengths are 1.741 (7)–1.775 (7) and 1.684 (7)–1.702 (7) Å, respectively. The angles between the mean planes through non-H atoms of the ester groups are 61.6 (4) and 50.1 (3)°. One of the molecules shows slight disorder at the terminal methoxy C atom.

**Introduction.** The title compound was obtained from the reaction between dimethyl 1,4,5,6,7,7-hexachlorobicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-diene-2,3-dicarboxylate and methanolic KOH (Vančik, Sunko & Lovrić, 1985). The X-ray structure determination was undertaken because of the general importance of the norbornene ring system. It is interesting to compare characteristic bond lengths and angles of such a highly substituted norbornene derivative with those already reported for related compounds.

**Experimental.** Intensity data collected from a crystal of dimensions 0.05 × 0.21 × 0.31 mm with crystal faces  $\pm(100)$ ,  $\pm(010)$ ,  $\pm(001)$ .  $D_m$  not measured. Philips PW 1100 four-circle diffractometer,  $\theta$ – $2\theta$  scanning technique, scan width 1.20°, scan rate 0.06 s<sup>-1</sup>. Unit-cell parameters obtained from least-squares analysis of 20 reflections with  $2\theta$  values ranging from 24 to 36°. Absent reflections  $h0l$ ,  $l \neq 2n$  and  $0k0$ ,  $k \neq 2n$  confirmed space group  $P2_1/c$ . Out of 5430 reflections scanned within a quadrant  $\pm h, k, l$  ( $h$  19, –20;

$k$  15;  $l$  20) up to  $\sin\theta/\lambda \leq 0.61$  Å<sup>-1</sup>, 4343 unique reflections classified as observed. Corrections applied for Lorentz and polarization effects and for absorption; transmission factors from 0.06 to 0.42. Structure solved by direct methods (*MULTAN80*; Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1980). Of 46 non-H atoms in two crystallographically independent molecules (labeled *A* and *B*) only six C atoms were not obtained from the *E* map calculated with the 384 largest *E* values ( $E \geq 1.59$ ). Subsequent calculations performed mainly with *XRAY76* (Stewart, Machin, Dickinson, Ammon, Heck & Flack, 1976) using 3948 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$ . A difference map revealed two maxima near the expected position for the methoxy C atom in molecule *A*, representing two disordered atoms at an apparent separation of 0.98 (3) Å. Because the ratio of the maxima was 0.71/0.29, the corresponding population parameters of the atoms designated as C(53A) and C(54A) and of H atoms attached to them were assumed to be 0.71 and 0.29. All H atoms were located from the difference map and theoretical calculations. In block-diagonal least-squares refinement of *F*, positional and anisotropic thermal parameters of non-H atoms were varied separately in subsequent cycles (143 and 284 parameters refined, respectively); parameters of H atoms kept fixed with isotropic temperature factors 10% greater than those of bonded C atoms; *R* and *wR* 0.077 and 0.091 respectively; function minimized  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  with  $w = 0.131/\sigma^2(F_o)$  giving *S* = 0.95. Max. and mean  $\Delta/\sigma < 0.3$  and 0.1 respectively. Final difference map revealed no residuals greater than 0.66 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. In an attempt to reduce the absorption effect, 1979 intensity data up to  $\sin\theta/\lambda \leq 0.61$  Å<sup>-1</sup> were collected from another crystal using Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation (corrections applied for Lorentz and polarization effects



are C(4A)—C(5A) 1.607 (8) and C(4B)—C(5B) 1.573 (10) Å. Such long bonds between highly substituted C atoms are not uncommon. They have been found to occur in two carboxylate derivatives of norbornenone (Balasubrahmanyam, Usha & Venkatesan, 1981).

As expected, strain within the norbornene ring system is manifested by a decrease in all C—C—C bond angles. This is especially pronounced for the bridge angles which are 93.4 (5) and 92.7 (5)°. C(1), C(2), C(3) and C(4) deviate from their mean planes within  $\pm 0.011$  (7) and  $\pm 0.015$  (7) Å (for molecules *A* and *B*, respectively). The opposite side of the system, containing C(1), C(6), C(5) and C(4) has deviations within  $\pm 0.039$  (6) and  $\pm 0.014$  (6) Å, respectively. The angles between these two planes are 112.6 (3) and 112.9 (4)°, respectively. These angles are in a good agreement with the value of 112.1° found in a norbornyl derivative (Newton, Pantaleo, Kirbawy & Allinger, 1978). The plane through C(1), C(7) and C(4) forms with the two planes described above angles of 125.4 (4) and 122.0 (4)° for molecule *A* and 124.1 (4) and 123.0 (4)° for molecule *B*.

The C(1), C(2), C(3), C(4), C(5), C(6) six-membered rings show <sup>1,4</sup>B boat conformations. The corresponding puckering parameters (Cremer & Pople, 1975) for molecules *A* and *B* are:  $Q = 0.960$  (7) and  $0.951$  (6) Å,  $\theta = 93.6$  (4) and  $91.6$  (4)°,  $\varphi = 2.6$  (4) and  $1.0$  (4)°. The five-membered rings show envelope conformations. The puckering parameters for the C(7), C(1), C(2), C(3), C(4) rings of molecules *A* and *B* are:  $Q = 0.573$  (7) and  $0.593$  (7) Å,  $\varphi = 1.47$  (7) and  $2.61$  (7)°; the parameters for the C(7), C(1), C(6), C(5), C(4) rings are:  $Q = 0.616$  (7) and  $0.609$  (7) Å,  $\varphi = -175.0$  (6) and  $-178.5$  (6)°.

The dihedral angle formed by mean planes through the non-H atoms of the ester groups is 61.6 (4)° in molecule *A* and 50.1 (3)° in molecule *B*. These planes form with the mean planes through C(4), C(5), C(6), C(1) angles within the range 47.6 (3) to 64.4 (4)°.

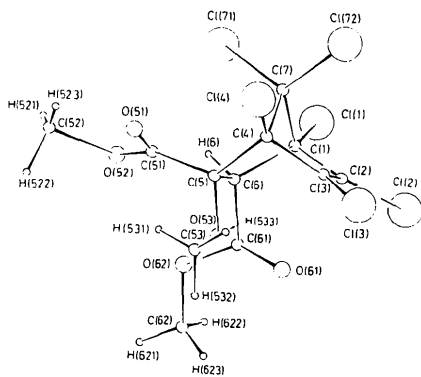


Fig. 1. A perspective view of a molecule along *b* showing the atomic numbering.

Table 3. Ranges of bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) within the hexachloronorbornene moiety compared with the corresponding weighted means evaluated from six published structures of compounds containing this moiety

	Range (this work)	Mean*
Bridgehead C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—Cl	1.759 (8)–1.775 (7)	1.773 (3)
Bridgehead C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—C(sp <sup>3</sup> )	1.523 (10)–1.583 (10)	1.554 (4)
Bridge angle C—C—C	93.4 (5), 92.7 (5)	92.7 (3)
Bridge angle Cl—C—Cl	107.0 (4), 108.0 (4)	107.5 (3)
Peripheral C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—Cl	1.741 (7)–1.760 (7)	1.757 (3)
C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—Cl	1.684 (7)–1.702 (7)	1.702 (3)
C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—C(sp <sup>2</sup> )	1.515 (10)–1.548 (9)	1.510 (4)
C(sp <sup>3</sup> )—C(sp <sup>2</sup> )	1.310 (10), 1.315 (10)	1.324 (6)

\* Endrin, aldrin (DeLacy & Kennard, 1972); heptachlor (Shields & Kennard, 1973); endosulfan (Smith, Kennard & Shields, 1977); isobenzan (Smith & Kennard, 1977); heptachlor epoxide (Hovmöller, Smith & Kennard, 1978).

Two Cl...O intermolecular contacts are near to the sum of the van der Waals radii (3.20 Å): Cl(3A)...O(61A<sup>i</sup>) = 3.182 (7) and Cl(72A)...O(51A<sup>ii</sup>) = 3.166 (6) Å, where the symmetry operations are (i)  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$  and (ii)  $x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .

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