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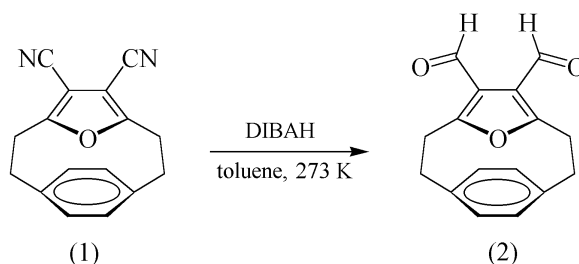
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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 178$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.046
 wR factor = 0.133
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.[2.2](2,5)Furanoparacyclophane-12,13-
dicarbalddehydeIn the title compound, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$, the furan ring makes an angle of 22.0 (1)° with the plane of the four non-bridgehead C atoms of the six-membered ring. The molecules are linked by a short $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interaction to form helical chains parallel to the b axis.Received 9 January 2003
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Comment

In our studies of the addition of highly reactive triple-bond dienophiles to strained aromatic compounds, we prepared the dinitrile (1) by the addition of cyanoacetylene to [2.2](2,5)-furanoparacyclophane (Hopf & Witulski, 1995; Witulski, 1992). To utilize this adduct for further transformations, we have reduced the nitrile to the bis-aldehyde, (2), using diisobutyl aluminium hydride (DIBAH) (Witulski, 1992).

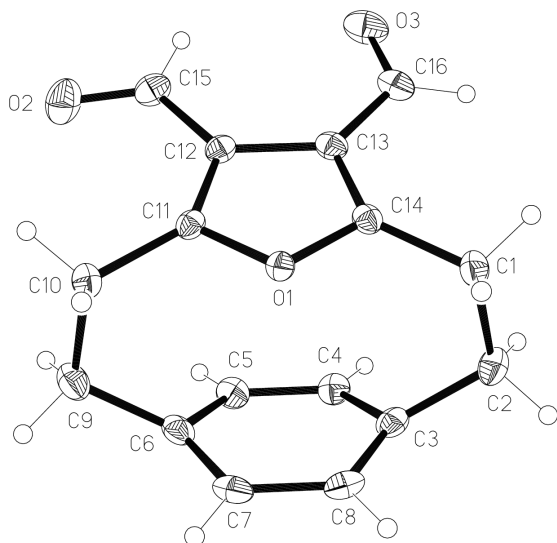
The structure of (2) is shown in Fig. 1. The six-membered ring shows the flattened boat form typical of paracyclophanes, with atom C3 lying 0.160 (3) Å and C6 0.170 (3) Å out of the plane of the other four atoms. The angle between the plane of these four atoms and the plane of the furan ring (r.m.s. deviation 0.02 Å) is 22.0 (1)°.The packing is determined by a short $\text{C1}-\text{H1b}\cdots\text{O3}$ interaction (Table 1), which links adjacent molecules related by the 2_1 screw axis, to form helical chains with an overall direction parallel to the b axis (Fig. 2). There are two such chains per unit cell.

Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to Witulski (1992) and was recrystallized from chloroform/pentane.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$
 $M_r = 254.27$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 13.813$ (3) Å
 $b = 8.909$ (3) Å
 $c = 10.658$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 107.44$ (2)°
 $V = 1251.3$ (6) Å³
 $Z = 4$ $D_x = 1.350$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 50
reflections
 $\theta = 10-11^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 178$ (2) K
Prism, colourless
 $0.7 \times 0.4 \times 0.4$ mm

**Figure 1**

The molecule of compound (2) in the crystal. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H-atom radii are arbitrary.

Data collection

Nicolet R3 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 3018 measured reflections
 2857 independent reflections
 1807 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.6^\circ$
 $h = -17 \rightarrow 17$
 $k = -1 \rightarrow 11$
 $l = 0 \rightarrow 13$
 3 standard reflections
 every 147 reflections
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.133$
 $S = 1.02$
 2857 reflections
 172 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

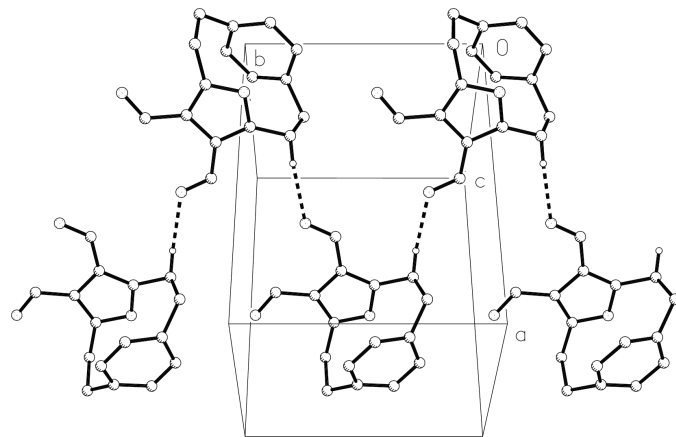
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0502P)^2 + 0.8067P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$C1-H1B \cdots O3^i$	0.99	2.45	3.393 (3)	160

Symmetry code: (i) $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$.

**Figure 2**

Packing diagram of compound (2). Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted. The view direction is perpendicular to $(10\bar{1})$.

H atoms were included using a riding model, with fixed C—H bond lengths (sp^2 C—H = 0.95 \AA and CH_2 = 0.98 \AA); $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ values were fixed at 1.2 times the U_{eq} values of the parent atom.

Data collection: *P3* (Nicolet, 1987); cell refinement: *P3*; data reduction: *XDISK* (Nicolet, 1987); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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