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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.036 wR factor = 0.088 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.8

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# 1-(Diphenylphosphinoyl)-3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne

The title compound,  $C_{18}H_{19}OP$ , has a mirror plane passing through the phosphinoyl and acetylene groups. There is a weak intermolecular  $C-H\cdots O$  interaction.

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# Comment

Acetylenic phosphine oxides have attracted considerable interest because they are versatile intermediates for the synthesis of complex natural products and biologically active compounds (Braga *et al.*, 2002). The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), consists of a half molecule. The molecule contains *tert*-butyl and  $-O=P(Ph)_2$  moieties linked by an acetylene fragment. Atoms C9 and P1 and the acetylene group form a linear moiety and are located on a mirror plane. Atom P1 has a slightly distorted tetrahedral configuration. Bond angles around P1 are in the range 104.5 (1)–114.2 (2)° (Table 1). There are two benzene-ring planes, forming a dihedral angle of 119.15 (9)°. The three-dimensional framework of (I) is stabilized by a weak intermolecular C $-H \cdots O$  interaction (Table 1).



### **Experimental**

*tert*-Butylethynylphosphine (50 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (50 ml), the mixture cooled to 273 K and 30%  $H_2O_2$  (6 ml) in acetone



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Figure 2

The crystal structure of (I). H atoms have been omitted.

(30 ml) added dropwise in 1 h. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, dried with MgSO4 and crystallized from diethyl ether and petroleum ether to obtain the title compound, (I), as a colorless solid (yield 13.5 g, 96%; Charrier et al., 1966).

#### Crystal data

C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OP Mo Ka radiation  $M_r = 282.32$ Cell parameters from 8920 Orthorhombic, Cmc21 reflections a = 14.4742(7)Å  $\theta = 2.5 - 27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.17 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 9.5767 (7) Åc = 11.2075 (6) Å T = 296 (1) KV = 1553.5 (2) Å<sup>2</sup> Block, colorless  $0.60 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ Z = 4 $D_x = 1.207 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Data collection Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID 1688 independent reflections diffractometer 1309 reflections with  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  $R_{\rm int} = 0.036$  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  $h = -18 \rightarrow 18$  $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$  $T_{\min} = 0.873, \ \bar{T}_{\max} = 0.983$ 7260 measured reflections  $l = -13 \rightarrow 14$ 

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[0.001F_o^2 + 1.1\sigma(F_o^2)]/(4F_o^2)$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
$wR(F^2) = 0.088$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.29 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
S = 1.00	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
1309 reflections	Absolute structure: (Flack, 1983),
102 parameters	632 Friedel pairs
H-atom parameters constrained	Flack parameter = $0.01(1)$

Table 1 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
C8-H8···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.55	3.464 (3)	156
Symmetry code: (i)	$x, 1 - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$			

The H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H =0.97 Å, and included in the refinement using a riding model, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C}).$ 

Data collection: PROCESS-AUTO (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: PROCESS-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/ MSC, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR97 (Altomare et al., 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: CRYSTALS (Watkin et al., 1996); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: Crystal-Structure.

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