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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.081 Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.6

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# *µ*-Isophthalato-bis[triphenyltin(IV)]

In the title compound,  $[Sn_2(C_6H_5)_6(C_8H_4O_4)]$ , two triphenyltin groups are bridged by an isophthalate dianion through its two carboxylate groups. Each Sn atom displays a distorted tetrahedral geometry composed of three phenyl groups and one carboxylate O atom from the isophthalate anion.

## Comment

Owing to their wide applications, such as PVC stabilizers, agricultural biocides, additives for antifouling paints and catalysts for the production of silicones (Thoonen *et al.*, 2004), organotin compounds have been studied extensively (Lockhart *et al.*, 1987; Teoh *et al.*, 1997; Basu *et al.*, 2005). Organotin compounds show various structures and coordination geometries (Ma *et al.*, 2005; Yin *et al.*, 2005). To further widen the scope of application of organotin compounds, there is a need to prepare new series of organotin complexes. In this paper, the structure of (I) is described.



As shown in Fig. 1, in the structure of (I) two triphenyltin groups are bridged by one isophthalate, L, through its two carboxylate groups. Each Sn atom shows a distorted tetrahedral geometry composed of three phenyl groups and one carboxylate O atom from L. The Sn-O distances are similar to reported values (Chee *et al.*, 2003; Tian *et al.*, 2005). In addition, there is a weak Sn···O interaction between Sn1 and O2. The Sn1···O2 distance, 2.724 (3) Å, is longer than the sum of covalent radii (2.13 Å), but is considerably shorter than the sum of van der Waals radii of Sn and O atoms (3.68 Å) (Bondi, 1964). The distortion of the coordination geometry from ideal tetrahedral is reflected in the bond angles about the Sn atom.

### **Experimental**

Isophthalic acid (0.166 g, 1 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium ethoxide (0.136 g, 2 mmol) in ethanol (30 ml). After stirring for 30 min, triphenyltin(IV) chloride (0.77 g, 2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 12 h at 313 K and then filtered. Light-yellow

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crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtrate after it had been allowed to stand for several days at room temperature.

 $D_x = 1.525 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 9738

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 2.3 - 28.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.37 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

Block, light yellow

 $0.43 \times 0.31 \times 0.29 \text{ mm}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Sn}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_6(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4) \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 864.13 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/n \\ a = 10.6434 (12) \text{ Å} \\ b = 26.413 (3) \text{ Å} \\ c = 13.7552 (15) \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 103.272 (2)^{\circ} \\ V = 3763.6 (7) \text{ Å}^3 \\ Z = 4 \\ \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD	8843 independent reflections
diffractometer	4724 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.093$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 14$
$T_{\min} = 0.564, \ T_{\max} = 0.680$	$k = -32 \rightarrow 35$
22965 measured reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.014P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.081$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 0.96	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
8843 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.73 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
451 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.06 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn1-O1	2.060 (2)	Sn2-O3	2.036 (3)
Sn1-C7	2.118 (4)	Sn2-C27	2.113 (5)
Sn1-C13	2.126 (4)	Sn2-C39	2.117 (4)
Sn1-C1	2.147 (4)	Sn2-C33	2.128 (4)
O1-Sn1-C7	105.63 (12)	O3-Sn2-C27	112.50 (14)
O1-Sn1-C13	112.19 (12)	O3-Sn2-C39	107.16 (14)
C7-Sn1-C13	118.73 (14)	C27-Sn2-C39	112.93 (16)
O1-Sn1-C1	96.00 (13)	O3-Sn2-C33	94.54 (14)
C7-Sn1-C1	110.80 (13)	C27-Sn2-C33	113.67 (18)
C13-Sn1-C1	111.03 (14)	C39-Sn2-C33	114.47 (16)

H atoms were treated as riding with C–H distances of 0.93 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ . The minimum electron-density peak is loacted 0.96 Å from atom Sn1.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine



#### Figure 1

View of the molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted.

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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