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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 173$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(I-C) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.070  
 $wR$  factor = 0.163  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 23.7

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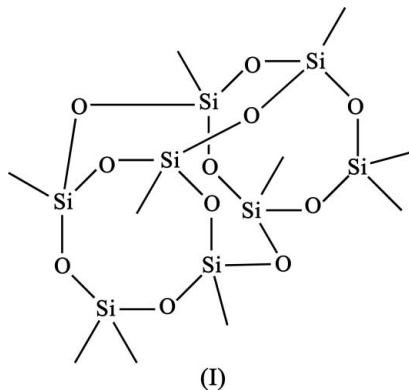
**ortho-Bis(dimethylsilyl)hexamethyldeca-silasesquioxane**

The title compound,  $C_{10}H_{30}O_{11}Si_8$ , crystallizes with two half-molecules in the asymmetric unit; each molecule is located on a twofold rotation axis. The geometric parameters of the two crystallographically independent molecules are almost identical.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), is the product of an insertion reaction (Bassindale *et al.*, 2003). A perspective view of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles can be regarded as normal (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.27 plus one update; *MOGUL* Version 1.1; Allen, 2002). There are two half-molecules in the asymmetric unit. The complete molecules are generated by twofold rotation axes, one along  $c$  and the other along  $a$ , respectively. The geometric parameters of the two crystallographically independent molecules are almost identical. A least-squares fit of all non-H atoms (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0142 Å) is shown in Fig. 3.



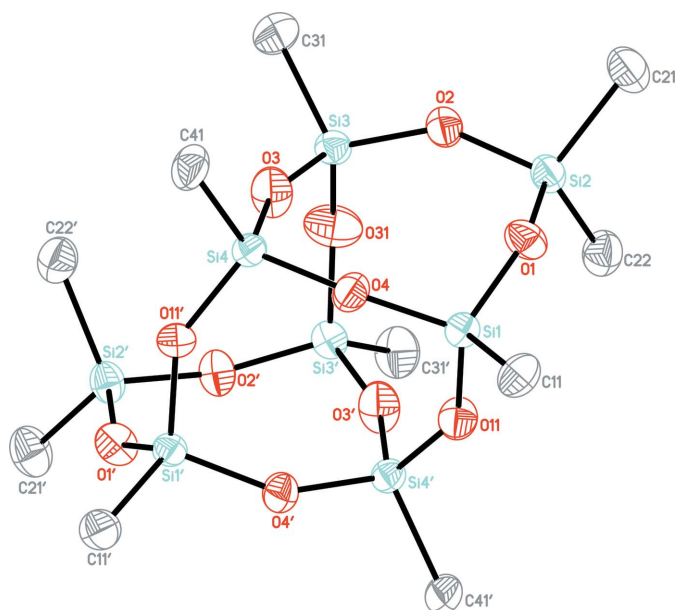
## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to the procedure described by Bassindale *et al.* (2003). Colourless needle-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from a 1:1 dichloromethane–acetone solution of (I).

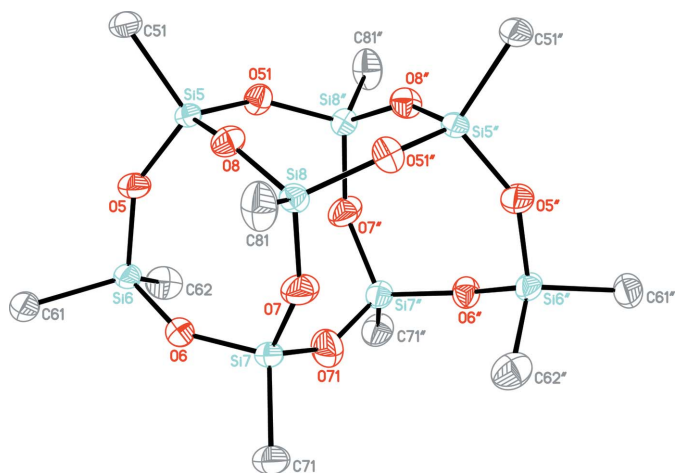
## Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{30}O_{11}Si_8$   
 $M_r = 551.06$   
Orthorhombic,  $Pnna$   
 $a = 16.927$  (1) Å  
 $b = 36.212$  (2) Å  
 $c = 8.5413$  (7) Å  
 $V = 5235.5$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.398$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 510 reflections  
 $\theta = 1-25^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.45$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 173$  (2) K  
Needle, colourless  
 $0.52 \times 0.18 \times 0.15$  mm



**Figure 1**  
Perspective view of the first crystallographically independent molecule of the title compound with the atom-numbering scheme; displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Primed atoms are generated by the symmetry code  $(\frac{1}{2} - x, 1 - y, z)$ .



**Figure 2**  
Perspective view of the second crystallographically independent molecule of the title compound with the atom-numbering scheme; displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Doubly primed atoms are generated by the symmetry code  $(x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$ .

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD three-circle diffractometer

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min} = 0.798$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.935$

85682 measured reflections

6239 independent reflections

4682 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

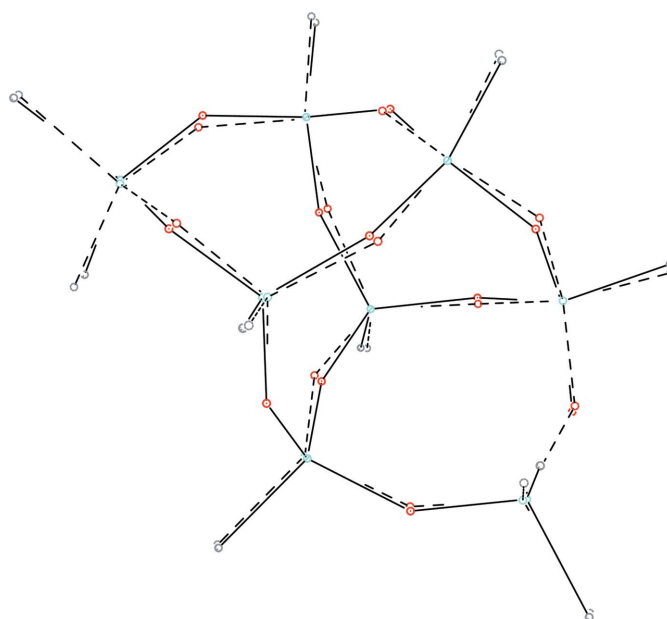
$R_{\text{int}} = 0.096$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.9^\circ$

$h = -22 \rightarrow 21$

$k = -47 \rightarrow 46$

$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$



**Figure 3**  
Least-squares fit of the two crystallographically independent molecules.

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.070$

$wR(F^2) = 0.163$

$S = 1.25$

6239 reflections

263 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0317P)^2 + 21.419P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.59 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.43 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

All H atoms were located in a difference map but were positioned with idealized geometry ( $C-H = 0.98 \text{ \AA}$ ) and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ] using a riding model.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens,1995); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Siemens,1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XP (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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