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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.022 wR factor = 0.054 Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.0

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The centrosymmetric title compound, $[PdCl_2(C_{19}H_{17}P)_2]$, crystallizes with a square-planar geometry about the Pd^{II} metal centre. The most important bond distances include Pd– P (*trans* P) of 2.3404 (9) Å and Pd–Cl (*trans* Cl) of 2.2977 (12) Å. Weak intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonding is observed in the solid-state structure between the chloro and phenyl H atoms. This weak intermolecular hydrogen-bonding pattern forms a one-dimensional chain along the *b* axis.

Comment

The application of palladium complexes as catalysts has been thoroughly investigated in the past [Cambridge Sructural Database (CSD), Version 5.27 (Allen, 2002); Tsuji, 2004; Crabtree, 2001]. Recently in our group, we have started to investigate the stability of the Pd^{II} oxidation state with different mono-anionic ligands (Steyl, 2006, 2005). The effect of adding a functional group to a single phenyl ring on the triphenylphosphine ligand has not been reported for Pd^{II} complexes. The title compound, (I), has a methyl group attached at the 4-position in one of the phenyl groups of the PPh₃ ligand (Fig. 1).



Compound (I) crystallizes with a square-planar geometry about the Pd^{II} metal centre (Fig. 1). The Pd–P and Pd–Cl bond distances do not differ significantly from those in previously reported complexes in the CSD. The Pd^{II} metal atom lies on a centre of symmetry, which causes the 4-tolyldiphenylphosphine groups to adopt an eclipsed configuration. This effect can also be observed from the Cl–Pd–P–C torsion angle (Table 1). The H atoms of the tolyl group are disordered over two positions.

An intramolecular hydrogen bond, C12-H12···Cl, is present in the molecule (Table 2). In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by intermolecular C23-H23···Clⁱⁱ bonds (symmetry code as in Table 2) to form a chain along the *b* axis. In addition, there is π - π stacking between C11-C16 rings related by (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z), with a centroid-centroid distance of 3.712 Å. Received 16 May 2006 Accepted 21 June 2006

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Experimental

The title complex was synthesized by the addition of 4-tolyldiphenylphosphine (43 mg, 0.156 mmol) to $[Pd(COD)Cl_2]$ (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene) (20 mg, 0.070 mmol) in 10 ml of acetone. On evaporation of the solvent, crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic investigation were obtained (yield 50 mg, 98%).

V = 813.7 (7) Å³

 $D_x = 1.489 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

 $0.26 \times 0.16 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$

17732 measured reflections

3918 independent reflections 3644 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 0.86 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 100 (2) K

Block, yellow

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.028$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.0^{\circ}$

Z = 1

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} PdCl_2(C_{19}H_{17}P)_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 729.89 \\ Triclinic, P\overline{1} \\ a = 9.960 (5) Å \\ b = 9.985 (5) Å \\ c = 10.255 (5) Å \\ \alpha = 88.312 (5)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 68.129 (5)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 61.045 (5)^{\circ} \\ \end{bmatrix}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1998) $T_{\rm min} = 0.847, T_{\rm max} = 0.905$

Refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0193P)^2]$
+ 0.5842P]
where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.47 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

P-Pd	2.3404 (9)	Cl-Pd	2.2977 (12)
$Cl-Pd-Cl^{i}$ $Cl-Pd-P^{i}$	180.00 (2) 93.40 (2)	Cl-Pd-P P ⁱ -Pd-P	86.60 (2) 180.0
C31-P-Pd-Cl C21-P-Pd-Cl	52.89 (6) 169.65 (6)	C11-P-Pd-Cl	-68.99 (6)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1.

Table 2

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} C12-H12\cdots Cl\\ C23-H23\cdots Cl^{ii} \end{array}$	0.93	2.64	3.440 (2)	144
	0.93	2.80	3.675 (2)	157

Symmetry code: (ii) x, y + 1, z.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $U_{iso}(H)$ values of 1.2 or 1.5 times U_{eq} (parent atom) for aromatic and methyl H atoms, and C–H distances of 0.93 and 0.96 Å, respectively. The disordered H atoms of the methyl group weres constrained to have occupancies of 0.50 for each of the two positions.



Figure 1

Representation of (I), showing the numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. For the carbon rings, the first digit refers to the ring number, the second digit to the atom in the ring. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by (-x, 1 - y, 1 - z).



Figure 2

A packing diagram, showing the intermolecular hydrogen bonding (dashed lines) of the metal complex, forming chains along the *b* axis [symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (ii) x, -1 + y, z; (iii) -x, -y, 1 - z; (iv) x, 1 + y, z; (v) -x, 2 - y, 1 - z].

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus* and *XPREP* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Putz, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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