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Substituent exchange occurs when a mixture of 2-ethoxytetrahydropyran (I) with an alcohol is passed through aluminum oxide at 200-240°C (this is similar to the exchange observed in the liquid phase [1]).



Secondary and tertiary alcohols are less active than primary alcohols in this reaction. Data obtained at 210° and a reagent molar ratio of 1:1 under pulse conditions are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Yields of 2-Alkoxytetrahydropyrans

Alcohol	Com- pound	Yield, %
$n-C_3H_7OH$	IIa	78,5
iso- $C_3H_7OH$	IIb	44,1
$n-C_4H_9OH$	IIc	78,2
tert- $C_4H_9OH$	IId	20,4

The products were identified by gas-liquid chromatography with respect to authentic samples with an LKhM-8MD chromatograph with a thermal-conductivity detector at an analysis temperature of 100-110°; the column was 4 m long with a diameter of 3 mm, the stationary phase was FS, the carrier gas was hydrogen, and the flow rate was 4 liters/h.

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