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# SYNTHESES OF FLUORINE-CONTAINING FUSED POLYCYCLIC COMPOUNDS : PHOTO-CYCLOADDITION OF INDENE TO CYCLIC FLUORO-OLEFINS AND SOME REACTIONS CONCERNING THE ADDUCTS

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### SUMMARY

Acetophenone photo-sensitized addition of indene to cyclic fluoro-olefins ( 1,2-dichlorohexafluorocyclopentene-1, 1,2 dichlorotetrafluorocyclobutene-1 and hexafluorocyclobutene ) gave the corresponding cycloadducts in satisfactory yields. The cycloadducts obtained predominantly had exo configuration.

Some reactions such as reduction, oxidation, dechlorination and halogenation, of the cycloadducts were also studied.

#### INTRODUCTION

Thermal cycloaddition of fluoro-olefins has been studied rather extensively, but only a few investigations [l] on photocycloaddition of fluoro-olefins have been carried out. Since photo-cycloaddition is expected to have different scope from thermal reaction in the syntheses of cyclobutane derivatives, we examined the photo-cycloaddition of indene to some cyclic fluoro-olefins as a part of our studies [Z] on synthetic aspects of addition reactions of fluoro-olefins.

In thermal reaction, it has been said [3] that the presence of a terminal difluoromethylene group is required for the fluoro-olefins to give cycloadducts in high yield and that symmetrically substituted ethylenes such as 1,2-dichloro-1,2 difluoroethylene do not undergo cycloaddition. Consequently, the cyclic fluoro-olefins employed in this investigation would not give cycloadducts thermally.

Ever since indene was found to give the head-to-head dimers under photo-irradiation 141, photo-sensitized cycloaddition of indene to several olefins have been reported. The yields were reported to be good in the cases of the olefins having an electron-withdrawing substituent such as chlorine [5], cyano [6] and carbonyl [7] groups. In this connection, it was interesting to examine the effect of fluorine, an electronegative substituent, on the photo-cycloaddition. Thus, we studied the photo-sensitized reaction of indene with cyclic fluoro-olefins ( 1,2-dichlorohexafluorocyclopentene-1, l,Z-dichlorotetrafluorocyclobutene-1 and hexafluorocyclobutene ).

### RESULTS AND DISCUSS ION

Irradiation ( $>300$  nm) of indene and an excess of fluoroolefins ( $Ia \sim c$ ) in the presence of acetophenone as a sensitizer gave the corresponding cycloadducts ( $\text{IIa}\sim c$ ). The reaction conditions and product yields are shown in Table 1. In the



a)  $n = 3$ ,  $X = C1$  b)  $n = 2$ ,  $X = C1$  c)  $n = 2$ ,  $X = F$ 

cases of Ia and Ib, 79.3 and 100 % of indene was consumed and 85.2 and 87.8 % of the cycloadducts were obtained, respectively Small amounts of indene dimer *were* also formed as a byproduct. However, with Ic, the cycloadduct ( $\text{IIc}$ ) was yielded only 24.9 % and large amounts of the indene dimer was generated. When the ratio of indene to Ic was reduced ( run 4 ), conversion and the yield of IIc were increased. As compared with Ia and Ib, Ic gave the cycloadduct in low yield. The result would be explained by the stability of the biradicals. The photosensitized cycloaddition is considered to proceed via biradical intermediates and a chlorine atom ( in Ia, Ib ) stabilizes the

TABLE 1

Photo-sensitized addition reaction of indene to cyclic fluoro-olefins

Run	[Fluoro-olefin] Indene]			$Aceto-$	Irrad. time	Conv.	Yield $(\%)$	
		(mol)	(mol)	phenone (mol)	(hrs)	$\%$ )	$\csc 10-$ adduct	indene dimer
1	Ia	1.00	0.10	0.02	66	79.3	85.2	1.8
2	Ib	1.00	0.10	0.02	66	100	87.8	6.0
3	I <sub>c</sub>	1.00	0.10	0.02	66	81.0	24.9	65.7
4	I c	1.00	0.05	0.01	66	100	40.3	51.7
$5^*$	Ia	1.00	0.10	0.02	20	100	88.9	10.3
$6\frac{44}{100}$	I a	1.00	0.20	0.02	20	74.4	85.7	10.2

\*) The reaction carried out using immersion well type photo-reactor.

\*) The reaction carried out adding indene dropwise in immersion well type photo-reactor.

adjoining carbon radical much more than a fluorine atom ( in Ic ) does. When an immersion well type photo-reactor was used ( run 5 ), the conversion and the yield are high even under shorter irradiation time. The best procedure established here for the preparative purpose ( run 6 ) was the irradiation of a solution containing acetophenone, indene and excess fluoroolefin in a Pyrex immersion well type photo-reactor. Indene should be added drop by drop during the irradiation.

Irradiations without acetophenone in a quartz ampoule gave small amounts of tarry product only, no cycloadducts were obtained.

The structures of cycloadducts were elucidated by means of their IR, NMR and mass spectra. In the mass spectra, the strongest peak of the cycloadducts corresponds to indene ( $m/e$ : 116,  $C_0H_8$  ) which is generated by the cleavage of four membered ring.

Two stereoisomers, IIa and II<sup>'</sup>a, were obtained from Ia in the ratio  $97 : 3$ . The predominant isomer ( $\text{IIa}$ ) was estimated to have exo configuration on the basis of their NMR spectra. The NMR spectral data of  $\text{IIa}$  and  $\text{IIa}$  are shown in Table 2 together with those of IIIa and IIIa, which were obtained from oxidation of  $\text{IIa}$  and  $\text{IIa}$  by chromium trioxide, respectively.



The configuration of Ha was further characterized by the replacement of chlorines by hydrogens and measurement of vicinal coupling constants between hydrogens on four membered ring. Reduction of IIa by lithium aluminum hydride afforded Va in 7S.7 % yield, together with IVa in 18.4 % yield. Monitoring



by g.1.c. showed that the reduction proceeded stepwise. The reduction seems to proceed with retention of configuration, because one of the chlorines of Ha can not be substituted with inversion. The proton NMR spectrum of Va could not be analyzed owing to complex signal overlapping. Oxidation of Va by chromium trioxide was tried and VII was obtained in 55.8 % yield. Removal of the hydrogens on 5 position of Va made the NMR spectrum of VII more simple. The signals of hydrogens

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TABLE 2

The NMR spectral data of the cycloadducts from Ia and their oxidation products





on 2 and 6 position appeared in two doublet pairs :  $\delta(H^2)$  4.01,  $\delta(H^6)$  3.32,  $J(H^2-H^6) = 5 Hz$ . The line breadths of the signals showed that values of  $J(H^{1}-H^{2})$  and  $J(H^{6}-H^{7})$  were less than 2 Hz. Although the vicinal coupling constants between hydrogens on four membered rings are sensitive to many factors, such as ring strain and substituents, the predominant factor is dihedral angles. The vicinal coupling constants between cis protons usually exceed those between trans protons [8]. The small  $J(H^1-H^2)$  and  $J(H^6-H^7)$  values indicate that these hydrogens are on the opposite side of the plane of four membered ring to one another. Therefore, VII has the  $ero$  configuration.

The study on structure of IIa by X-ray crystallography is now under way.

Two kinds of structure, A and B, are possible for IVa.



The structure was determined by the chemical shifts of  $H<sup>2</sup>$  and  $H<sup>6</sup>$  (Table 3). On the four membered ring, it is found that the resonance of hydrogen is shifted down-field by vicinal chlorine. As also shown in Table 3, the same shifts are observed more clearly in the case of  $\text{II\!a$ , VI and VII, the oxidation products of  $\text{IIa}$ , IVa and Va. Since only one kind of product was obtained as IVa, the chlorine on 7 position was thought to be selectively reduced at first by lithium aluminum hydride.

## TABLE 3

# Chemical shifts of  $H^2$  and  $H^6$  ( ppm )

**R**  Compound

	R	X	Υ	$H^6$	$H^2$
$\pi$ a	H <sub>2</sub>	C1	C1	3.63	4.28
IVa	H <sub>2</sub>	Η	C1	$3.1 \times 3.4^{*}$	4.23
Va	H <sub>2</sub>	Η	Η	$3.1 \times 3.4^{*}$	3.83
Шa	$\circ$	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	3.64	4.25
VI	$\Omega$	Η	C <sub>1</sub>	3.23	4.37
VII	$\Omega$	Н	Н	3.32	4.01

\*) overlapped with peaks of other hydrogens

In the photo-cycloaddition of the other cyclic fluoroolefins ( Ib and Ic ), only exo-isomers ( IIb and IIc ) were obtained and their endo-isomers were not detected. The configuration of  $\mathbb{I}$ b is estimated in the same manner as the case of IIa described above. Reduction of IIb by lithium alminum hydride gave IVb and Vb in 42.5 % and 56.7 % yield, respectively. The vicinal H-H coupling constants of IVb and



Vb indicated the  $exo$  configuration. The oxidation of  $IIb$  afforded  $IIIb$  in 90.5 % yield.



The NMR spectrum of IIc is too complicated, so the cofiguration is estimated by NMR of IIIc, the oxidation product of IIc.



The coupling constants between hydrogens and fluorines on four membered ring of IIIc are as follows:  $J(H^2-F^1) = 7.1$  Hz,  $J(H^6-F^7) = 5.9$  Hz,  $J(H^2-F^7) < 1$  Hz,  $J(H^6-F^1) = 2.0$  Hz. The relation between the vicinal H-F coupling constants and the conformations of cyclobutanes has been known. However, when the molecules are statically planar or in dynamic equilibrium between nonplanar conformations, the vicinal H-F coupling constants are thus averaged to become nearly equal,

having intermediate magnitude [9]. Therefore, in the case of mc, no configurational information was obtained from the vicinal H-F coupling constants. The small values of coupling constants between hydrogens and fluorines crossing the four membered ring seem to indicate that the hydrogens and fluorines are on the opposite side of the ring plane [10]. The resonance peak of  $F^7$  of  $\Pi$ c shifted 10.2 ppm down-field from that of  $\Pi$ c. The shift is due to the electric field effect of the neighboring carbonyl group. A similar shift is observed in the oxidation product of the cycloadduct between indene and l,l-dichloro-2,2 difluoroethylene [11].



Dechlorination of IIa by zinc powder afforded VIIIa quantitatively. Upon heating of VIHa at 18O"C, it underwent a thermal ring expansion, followed by a 1,5-hydrogen migration to give X in 86.2 % yield. The NMR spectrum of the product shows the presence of isolate methylene protons ( $\delta$ : 3.43, singlet ) and adjacent two vinyl protons ( $\delta$ : 6.48, doublet and  $\delta$ : 7.38 doublet of triplet;  $J = 11.4$  Hz). This is in good agreement with the structure X but not with the structure IX. A simple ring expansion product ( IX ) was not detected. The 1,5-hydrogen migration in tropyridenes has been known and explained by intramolecular mechanism [12].



The mass spectra of VIIIa and X give an identical pattern of fragmentation. The isomerization of VIIIa to X seems to occur in a mass spectrometer before ionization.

An attempt of the similar dechlorination of IIb was unsuccessful even at 16O"C, probably due to the highly strained structure of VIIIb.



Dechlorination of *IIIa* afforded XI in 78.9 % yield. When XI was heated at 18O"C, the product ( XII ) having the benzotropone structure was obtained in 66.7 % yield.



The ring opening reaction of cyclobutene derivatives has been well known and the Woodward-Hoffmann's rule predicts that the thermal cleavage of cyclobutene occurs con-rotatory [13]. However, for a compound having a cyclobutene ring fused to a five membered ring such as bicyclo[3.2.0]heptene-6, the conrotatory cleavage should be very difficult for steric reason. The ring expansion reaction of some derivatives of bicyclo- [3.2.0]heptene-6 was reported to proceed dis-rotatory under more vigorous conditions, at a temperature higher than 400°C **15,141.** It is surprising that the ring expansion reaction of VIIIa and XI occurred at relatively lower temperature of 180°C in spite of forbiddeness by Woodward-Hoffmann's rule. This is probably due to their highly strained structures.

Bromination of  $\Pi$ a by N-bromosuccinimide gave the monobromide ( Xllla ) in quantitative yield.



In the NMR spectrum of XIIIa, the signal of the hydrogen on 5 position appeares as singlet at 5.83 ppm being shifted downfield by the geminal bromine. The singlet peak indicated that the magnitude of coupling constant between  $H<sup>5</sup>$  and  $H<sup>6</sup>$  is less than 1 Hz. In view of the relationship between vicinal H-H coupling constants and dihedral angles  $[15]$ ,  $H<sup>5</sup>$  is considered to be opposite side of the five membered ring plane from  $H^6$ . Biomine substitution occurred on sterically favorable position of hydrogen of methylene group with high selectivity. Even excess N-bromosuccinimide did not result in further bromine substitution. The irradiation of IIa with bromine in tetrachloromethane afforded the same product ( $XIIIa$ ) in 93.2 % yield

Similar brominations of IIb and IIc by N-bromosuccinimide gave the corresponding monobromides, XllIb and XlIIc, in quantitative yield.



Photo-chlorination of IIa gave the monochloride ( XIVa ) in 75.8 % yield together with the small amounts ( 7.0 % ) of dichloride ( XVa ). In analogy with the case of bromination the same position of the hydrogen was replaced by chlorine at



 $IIa$  XIVa XVa

first selectively, but further chlorination occurred on a hydrogen of 2 position. A similar photo-chlorination of IIb afforded XIVb and XVb in 79.4 % and 8.3 % yield, respectively.



All the aromatic hydrogens of IIa were replaced by chlorine upon heating at 160°C with antimony pentachloride to give XVI in 80.2 % yield.



 $\overline{a}$  xvI

### EXPERIMENTAL

#### Apparatus

The melting points were determined on Mettler FPl with the elevating rate of 2"C/min. The IR and mass spectra were measured using a flitachi Model EPI-2 grating spectrometer and

Model RMG-7 double-focusing mass spectrometer at 70 eV, respectively . The NMR spectra were obtained on Hitachi Model R-22 ( 90 MHz ) using TMS as an internal standard for 'H, and on Model R-20B ( 56.45 MHz ) using trifluoroacetic acid as an external standard for  ${}^{19}F$ . The analytical g.l.c. was carried out in a stainless steel column ( $3m$  long  $\times$  3 mm diameter ) packed with 20 % Silicone DC-QFl-Chromosorb W. In a preparative scale work an aluminum column ( 6m long x 10 mm diameter ; 20 % Silicone DC-QFl-Chromosorb W ) was used on a Varian Model 920.

### Starting materials

Commercially available 1,2-dichlorohexafluorocyclopentene-1 ( Ia ), 1,2-dichlorotetrafluorocyclobutene-1 ( Ib ) and indene were used after distillation. Hexefluorocyclobutene-1 ( Ic ) was prepared from 1,2-dichlorohexefluorocyclobutane by dechlorination. All the other chemicals were of reagent grade and used as received.

### Photo-cycloaddition reaction

*endo-* and exe-1,7-Dichloro-8.8,9,9,10,10-hexafluoro-3,4 benzotricyclo  $[5.3.0.0^{2.6}]$ decane ( II's and IIa ) : (a) An addition reaction in a Pyrex ampule

A mixture of indene ( 11.6 g, 0.10 mole ), Ia ( 245 g, 1.00 mole ) and acetophenone ( $2.4$  g,  $0.02$  mole ) sealed in a Pyrex ampule was irradiated by a 1OOW high pressure mercury lamp at room temperature for 66 hours. After recovery of excess Ia by distillation, the residue was allowed to stand overnight. Cycloadduct ( IIa ) precipitated as colorless needles and was separated by filtration. The filtrate was further separated by vacuum distillation into indene (1.7 g, 14.8 % recovered), acetophenone (  $2.2 g$  ), a mixture (  $9.7 g$  ) of IIa and II'a, and the indene dimer (  $0.2$  g,  $1.8$  %, mp. 109.5°C, lit. 109.5~111°C  $[4]$ ). The endo-isomer (  $\Pi$ <sup>'</sup>a) was isolated by preparative g.1.c. as colorless needles (0.7 g, 2.3 %) : mp.  $80 \sim 82^{\circ}C$ ; mass  $m/e$  (relative abundance ) 360 (0.4)  $M^+$ , 325 (30.8),

289 ( 6.2 ), 219 ( 6.5 ), 116 ( 100 ), 115 ( 24.6 ) ; NMR ( 5 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.0 ~ 7.5 (m, 4H ), 3.22 and 3.59 (AB, 2H,  $Jg$ em = 18.7 Hz ), 3.92 ( t-t, 1H,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz ), 4.59 ( d-d, 1H,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 19.8 and 48.4 (AB, 2F,  $J$ gem = 257 Hz), 21.8 and 45.5 ( AB, ZF, Jgem = 253 Hz ), 49.2 and 57.3 ( AB, 2F, Jgem = 252 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 46.56 %, H 2.41 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_B$  C1<sub>2</sub> F<sub>6</sub> C 46.57  $\frac{8}{3}$ , H 2.23  $\frac{8}{9}$ . The total yield of the exo-isomer (  $\text{IIa}$  ) was 79.2 % ( 24.4 g ). Recrystallization from ethanol gave colorless needles : mp.  $77.1^{\circ}$ C ; bp.  $136^{\circ}$ C/ 8 mmHg ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 360 (1.2 ) M<sup>+</sup>, 325  $(24.9)$ ,  $289$   $(3.8)$ ,  $219$   $(3.8)$ ,  $116$   $(100)$ ,  $115$   $(22.5)$ ; NMR ( 20 % CDC1<sub>3</sub> solution )  $6$  7.1 ~ 7.3 ( m, 4H ), 3.30 and 3.56 ( AB, 2H, *Jgem =* 17.7 Hz ), 3.63 ( d-d, lH,J= 9.5 and 6.6 Hz ), 4.28 ( d, 1H ), 30.3 and 54.7 ( AB, 2F, *Jgem =* 247 Hz ), 43.5 and 58.8 ( AB, 2F, Jgem = 260 Hz ), 32.3 and 52.1 ( AB, 2F, Jgem = 241 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 46.69 %, H 2.35 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_8C1_2F_6$   $C$  46.57 %, H 2.23 %.

(b) An addition reaction in an immersion well type reactor A mixture of indene ( 11.6 g, 0.10 mole ), Ia ( 245 g, 1.00 mole ) and acetophenone ( $2.4 g$ , 0.02 mole ) was irradiated for 20 hours in an immersion well type Pyrex photo-reactor ( 300 ml capacity, with a water-cooled 100 W mercury lamp ) under an argon atmosphere. IIa ( 32.1 g, 88.9 % ) containing about  $3 \t3$  of II's and the indene dimer (1.2 g, 10.3 %) were obtained.

# exo-1,7-Dichloro-8,8,9,9-tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo- $[5.2.0.0^{2,6}]$ nonane ( IIb ) : An addition reaction in a Pyrex ampule

The irradiation of a mixture of indene ( $11.6$  g,  $0.10$  mole), Ib ( $195 g$ ,  $1.00$  mole) and acetophenone ( $2.4 g$ ,  $0.02$  mole) gave IIb ( 27.3 g, 87.8 % ) and indene dimer ( 0.7 g, 6.0 % ). Recrystallization of IIb from ethanol gave colorless plates : mp. 81.8°C ; mass  $m/e$  (relative abundance ) 310 (3.5)  $M^{\dagger}$ , 275 ( 13.9 ), 239 ( 8.2 ), 219 ( 6.5 ), 177 ( 11.3 ), 116 ( 100  $3$ , 115 ( 14.6 ) ; NMR ( 20 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.1 ~ 7.4 ( m, 4H ), 3.40 ( d, lH,J= 7.2 Hz ), 3.44 ( d, lH, J= 2.4 Hz ), 3.68 ( d-d-d, 1H ), 4.31 ( d, 1H,  $J = 5.4$  Hz ), 37.2 and 39.0

( AB, ZF, *Jgem =* 203 Hz ), 38.6 and 39.4 ( AB, ZF, *Jgem = 198* Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 49.86 %, H 2.80 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_8C_{12}F_4$   $C_{50.19}$  %, H 2.59 %.

exo-1,7,8,8,9,9-Hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.2.0.0^{2,6}]$ nonane ( $\text{IIc}$ ) : An addition reaction in a Pyrex ampule

The irradiation of a mixture of indene (11.6 g, 0.10 mole) , Ic ( 162 g, 1.00 mole ) and acetophenone ( 2.4 g, 0.02 mole ) gave unchanged indene (  $2.2$  g,  $19.0$  % recovered ),  $\text{IIc}$  (  $5.6$  g, 24.9 % ) and indene dimer ( 6.6 g, 65.7 % ).

Another run was carried out in a different molar ratio. The irradiation of a mixture of indene  $(5.8 g, 0.05 mole)$ , Ic ( 162 g, 1.00 mole ) and acetophenone ( 1.2 g, 0.01 mole ) gave IIc (  $5.6$  g,  $40.3$  % ) and indene dimer (  $3.0$  g,  $51.7$  % ). Recrystallization from ethanol of IIc gave colorless plates : mp. 53.8°C; bp. 121°C/11 mmHg; mass m/e ( relative abundance ) 278 ( 14.5 ) M+, 177 ( 12.5 ), 132 ( 4.7 ), 116 ( 100 ), 115  $(14.3)$ ; NMR  $(20 \text{ % } CDC1<sub>3</sub>$  solution )  $\delta$  7.1~7.3 (m, 4H),  $3.30 \sim 3.45$  (m, 3H),  $4.20$  (m, 1H),  $44.0$  and  $53.9$  (AB, 2F, Jgem = 219 Hz ), 44.1 and 55.3 ( AB, 2F, *Jgem =* 219 Hz ), 99.8 ( d-m, 1F,  $J = 26.0$  Hz ), 111.9 ( d-m, 1F ); elemental analysis Found C 55.92 %, H 2.85 % Calcd. for  $C_13H_8F_6$ C 56.13 %, H 2.90 %.

### Reduction

eso-1-Chloro-8,8.9,9,lO,lO-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo-  $[5.3.0.0^{2.6}]$  decane ( IVa ) and  $exc-8.8.9.9.10.10$ -Hexafluoro- $3,4$ -benzotricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2.6}]$ decane ( Va )

Lithium aluminumhydride ( 1.5 g, 0.04 mole ) and 20 ml of anhydrous ether were placed in a 100 ml Erlenmeyer flask ; a solution of IIa ( 3.6 g, 0.01 mole ) in 20 ml of ether was then added. With stirring, the mixture was refluxed for 10 hours and allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The mixture was poured into dilute sulfuric acid and the ether layer was separated and dried by magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, a mixture was separated by preparative g.1.c. into IVa ( $0.6$  g,  $18.4$  %) as colorless prisms ( recrys-

tallized from ethanol ) : mp.  $64.4^{\circ}$ C ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 326 (  $0.3$  ) M<sup>+</sup>, 291 (  $1.2$  ), 271 (  $0.9$  ), 201 ( 1.5 ), 116 ( 100 ), 115 ( 20.7 ) ; NMR ( 20 % Ccl4 solution )  $\delta$  7.0  $\sim$  7.3 (m, 4H ), 2.5  $\sim$  3.6 ( complex m, 4H ), 4.23 ( broad d, lH, *J= 6.5* Hz ). 31.7 and 48.7 ( AB, 2F. *J=* 257 Ilz ), 33.7 and 51.3 ( AB. ZF, *J* = 253 Hz ), 46.6 and 63.1 ( AB, 2F,  $J = 260$  Hz) ; elemental analysis Found C 51.42  $\frac{6}{9}$ , H 2.77 % Calcd. **for C14H9C1F6** C 51.48 %, H 2.78 % and Va  $( 2.3 g, 78.7 g)$  as colorless oil : bp.  $97 \sim 98^{\circ}$ C/ 4mmHg;  $n_b^{20}$  1.4692 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 292 (4.4 ) M<sup>+</sup>, 291 ( 2.9 ), 191 ( 2.1 ), 177 ( 1.9 ), 140 ( 7.7 ), 116 ( 100 ), 115 (  $23.1$  ) ; NMR  $\delta$  7.13 ( broad s, 4H ),  $2.5 \sim 3.5$  ( complex m, 5H ). 3.83 ( broad d, lH, *J=* 5 Hz ), 30.7 and 51.3 ( AB. 2F, *J = 248* Hz ), 33.1 and 48.7 ( AB, 2F, *J=* 255 Hz ), 46.2 and 57.4 ( AB, 2F. *J = 257 Hz ) ;* elemental analysis Found C 57.45 %, H 3.39 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{10}F_6$  C 57.54 %, H 3.45 %.

 $_{exo-1}$ -Chloro-8,8,9,9-tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo[5.2.0.0<sup>2,6</sup> ]nonane ( IVb ) and exo- 8,8,9,9-Tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo-  $[5.2.0.0^{2.6}]$ nonane ( Vb )

In a similar procedure, the reaction of IIb ( 1.6 g, 0.005 mole ) and lithium aluminum hydride ( 0.8 g, 0.021 mole ) gave IVb ( 0.6 g, 42.5 % ) as colorless needles ( recrystallized from chloroform ) : mp.  $129.2^{\circ}$ C ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 276 ( 1.1 )  $M^+$ , 241 ( 2.6 ), 201 ( 2.9 ), 177 ( 2.6 ), 170 ( 2.3 ), 164 ( 2.6 ). 141 ( 2.3 ), 116 ( 100 ), 115 ( 15.8 ) ; NMR ( 20 % CDC13 solution )  $\delta$  7.1 ~ 7.4 ( m, 4H ), 2.7 ~ 3.6 ( complex m, 4H ), 4.22 ( broad d, lH, *J = 5 Hz ), 36.6*  and  $39.3$  ( overlapped two AB pairs,  $4F$ ,  $J = 209 Hz$  ); elemental analysis Found C 56.53 %, H 2.97 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_9C1F_4$  C 56.44 %, H 3.28 % and Vb (0.8 g, 56.7 %) as colorless oil :  $n_p^{20}$  1.4950 , mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 242 ( 9.4 ) M<sup>+</sup>, 201 ( 3.0 ), 177 ( 5.4 ), 165 ( 5.2 ), 141  $(10.8)$ , 116 (100), 115 (21.2); NMR (20 % CDC13 solution )  $7.0 \times 7.3$  (m, 4H),  $2.4 \times 3.5$  (complex m, 5H),  $3.92$ ( broad d, lH, *J* = 5 Hz ), 37.0 ( m, 2F ), 36.4 and 41.1 ( AB, 2F, *J = 209* HZ ) ; elemental analysis Found C 63.97 %, H 4.00 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{10}F_4$  C 64.46 %, H 4.16 %.

 $_{exo}$ -1,7-Dichloro-8,8,9,9,10,10-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo- $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ deca-5-one (IIIa)

To a solution of chromium trioxide ( 8.0 g, 0.080 mole ) in  $30 \text{ m1 of water}$ , a solution of  $\Pi$ a ( 7.2 g, 0.020 mole ) in 50 ml of glacial acetic acid was added ; the mixture was then refluxed for 7 hours and poured into an ice-cooled aqueous sodium hydrogensulfite solution. Ether ( 300 ml ) was then added and the organic layer separated was washed by 50 ml of water and dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was allowed to evaporate to give a white solid ( 8.4 g ). Recrystallization from ethanol gave  $\text{IIa}$  (  $6.4$  g,  $85.3$  % ) as colorless prisms : mp. 113.4°C ; IR  $\forall c = 0$  1727 cm<sup>1</sup> ; mass  $m/e$  (relative abundance) 374 ( 9.7 ) M+, 339 ( 100 ), 319 ( 9.2 ), 206 ( 7.6 ), 175  $( 7.3 )$ , 130 ( 97.6 ), 102 ( 26.2 ) ; NMR ( 5 % CCl<sub>4</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.4 $\sim$  7.9 (m, 4H ), 3.64 (d-d, 1H,  $J = 6$  Hz and 3 Hz), 4.25 ( d, lH, *J =* 6 Hz ). 30.5 and 53.3 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 243 Hz) 33.9 and 53.3 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 243 Hz ), 43.8 and 59.2 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 254 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 44.57 %, H 1.63 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_6$  OC1<sub>2</sub> F<sub>6</sub> C 44.83 %, H 1.62 %.

 $_{endo}$ -1,7-Dichloro-8,8,9,9,10,10-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ deca-5-one (III<sup>a</sup>)

By a similar procedure, oxidation of about equal amounts of mixture (1.8 g, 0.005 mole ) of  $\text{IIa}$  and  $\text{IIa}$  by chromium trioxide gave the mixture (1.5 g) of  $\text{II}$ a and  $\text{II}$ <sup>2</sup> as white solid. Fractional crystallization from ethanol gave  $\text{III}^1$  (0.3 g) as colorless prisms : mp.  $145.1^{\circ}$ C ; IR  $Vc=0$  1724  $cm^{-1}$  ; mass  $m/e$ *(* relative abundance ) 374 ( 4.3 ) M+, 339 ( 100 ), 319 ( 16.5 ), 206 ( 13.7 ), 175 ( 10.8 ), 130 ( 64.7 ), 102 ( 20.1 ) ; NMR ( 20 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.4  $\sim$  7.9 ( m, 4H ), 3.88 ( d-d, 1H. *J = 9* Hz and 2 Hz ), 4.61 ( d, lH, *J = 9* Hz ), 22.1 and 48.6 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 254 Hz ), 25.1 and 46.1 ( AB, 2F, *J = 254 Hz 1,* 46.1 and 56.7 ( AB, 2F, J = 255 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 44.85 %, H 1.58 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_6$  OCl<sub>2</sub> F<sub>6</sub> C 44.83 %, H 1.62 %.

 $_{exo-1}$ ,7-Dichloro-8,8,9,9-tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo- $[5.2.0.0^{2.6}]$ nona-5-one (IIIb)

By a similar procedure, oxidation of  $IIb$  (1.6 g, 0.005 mole) by chromium trioxide gave  $\text{IIb}$  ( 1.7 g, 90.5 % ) as colorless needles ( recrystallized from chloroform ) : mp. 159.8"C ; IR  $Yc=0$  1724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 324 (3.4)  $M^*$ , 289 ( 100 ), *269 (* 15.8 ), 226 ( 8.5 ), 206 ( 14.6 ), 130 ( 12.1 ), 102 (  $9.0$  ) ; NMR (  $5$   $%$  CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $6$   $7.4 \sim 8.0$  (m, 4H ), 3.83 ( d, lH, *J =* 5 Hz ), 4.37 ( d, lH, *J =* 5 Hz ), 37.8 ( d, 2F, *J =* 2 Hz ), 37.0 and 40.1 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 203 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 47.70 %, H 1.97 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_6$  OC1<sub>2</sub> F<sub>4</sub> C 48.03 %, H 1.86 %.

 $exo-1,7,8,8,9,9$ -Hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.2.0.0^{2.6}]$ nona- $5$ -one ( $\text{IILc}$ )

By a similar procedure, oxidation of  $\text{IIc}$  (1.4 g, 0.005 mole) gave  $\text{IIIc}^{\cdot}$  ( 1.3 g, 89.0 % ) as colorless needles ( recrystallized from ethanol ) : mp. 121.6°C ; IR  $\gamma$ c=o 1726 cm<sup>-1</sup> ; mass  $m/e$ ( relative abundance ) 292 ( 100 )  $M^*$ , 272 ( 12.8 ), 253 ( 14.4), 245 ( 17.4 ), 223 ( 27.4 ), 195 ( 46.2 ), 164 ( 34.1 ), 130  $(23.6)$ , 104 (24.5); NMR (30 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.4 ~ 8.0  $(m, 4H)$ , 3.72 (d-d-d, 1H,  $J = 6$  Hz, 4 Hz and 2 Hz), 4.34 ( d-d, lN, J = 7 Hz and 4 Hz ), 97.9 ( d-d-t, lF, *J=* 26 Hz and 6 Hz ),  $101.1$  ( d-d-m,  $1F$ ,  $J = 26$  Hz and 7 Hz ),  $41.3$  and  $53.9$ *( AB, 2F. J =* 214 Hz ), 42.4 and 53.1 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 218 Hz ); elemental analysis Found C 53.13 %, H 1.84 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_6$  OF<sub>6</sub>  $C_{53.44$  %, H 2.07 %.

ezo-1-Chloro-8,8,9,9,lO,lO-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo-  $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ deca-5-one ( VI )

By a similar procedure, oxidation of IVa ( $0.33$  g.  $0.001$  mole) by chromium trioxide gave VI (  $0.26$  g, 75.6 % ) as colorless prisms : mp. 129.2°C ; IR  $\sqrt{c}$ =o 1718 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass m/e ( relative abundance ) 340 ( 8.5 )  $M^+$ , 305 ( 24.4 ), 289 ( 3.1 ), 285 ( 2.1 ), 257 ( 3.0 ). 237 ( 2.2 ), 130 ( 100 ), 102 ( 24.6 ) ; NMR (  $10 \text{ }$  CDC1<sub>3</sub> solution )  $6 \text{ } 7.4 \sim 8$ . 0 ( m, 4H ), 3.06 ( m, 1H ), 3.23 ( d, 1H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz ), 4.37 ( d, 1H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz ), 31.1 and 54.5 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 248 Hz ), 32.7 and 48.8 ( AB, 2F,  $J = 256$  Hz), 45.4 and 59.6 (AB, 2F,  $J = 261$  Hz);

elemental analysis Found C 49.09 %, H 2.04 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_7$ OClF<sub>6</sub> C 49.36 %, H 2.07 %,

 $exo - 8, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10$ -Hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo[5.3.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>]deca-5-one  $(VII)$ 

By a similar procedure, oxidation of Va  $(1.2 g, 0.004$  mole) gave VII ( 0.7 g, 55.8 % ) as colorless prisms ( recrystallized from ethanol ) : mp.  $103^{\circ}$ C ; IR  $\gamma$ C=0 1711 cm<sup>-1</sup> ; mass  $m/e$ ( relative abundance ) 306 (  $18.3$  )  $M^{+}$ , 278 ( 2.4 ), 177 ( 14.0 ), 130 ( 100 ), 102 ( 21.3 ) ; NMR ( 10 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$ 7.4  $\sim$  7.9 (m, 4H ), 2.98 (m, 2H ), 3.32 (d, 1H,  $J = 5$  Hz), 4.01 ( d, lH, *J = 5* Hz ), 32.7 and 49.5 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 254 Hz) 32.7 and 50.1 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 254 Hz ), 46.3 and 63.6 ( AB, ZF, *J- =* 265 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 55.12 %. H 2.41 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_8$  OF<sub>6</sub> C 54.92 %, H 2.63 %.

#### Dechlorination

## $8,8,9,9,10,10$ -Hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ deca- $1(7)$ -ene (  $VIIIa$  )

To a solution of IIa ( 3.6 g, 0.01 mole ) in 60 ml of ethanol, zinc powder ( 6.6 g ) was added. Then with stirring, the mixture was refluxed for 4 hours and poured into dilute hydrochloric acid. The product was extracted with ether. Removal of the solvent yielded crystals, which were recrystallized from ethanol to give VIIIa ( 2.9 g, 100 % ) as colorless prisms : mp. 149.6°C ; IR  $\gamma$ c=c 1672 cm<sup>-1</sup> ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 290 ( 100 )  $M^+$ , 289 ( 33.9 ), 239 ( 13.6 ), 221 ( 14.1 ), 219 ( 18.0 ), 201 ( 20.6 ), 190 ( 20.6 ), 170 ( 15.0 ) ; NMR (  $10 \text{ % CDC1}_3$  solution )  $\delta$  7.1~7.4 (m, 4H ), 3.08 and  $3.27$  (AB, 2H,  $J = 21$  Hz),  $4.20$  (m, 1H),  $4.88$  (d-m, IH, *J=* 4 hz ). 32.0 ( broad s, 2F ), 31.S and 33.8 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 248 Hz ), 46.2 ( t-t, 2F, *J =* 2.3 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 57.91 %, H 2.86 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_8F_6$ C 57.94 %, H 2.78 %.

8,8,9,9,10,10-Hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo[5.3.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>]decal(7)-ene-5-one ( XI )

By a similar procedure, dechlorination of  $\text{IIIa}$  (1.9 g, 0.005 mole ) by zinc powder ( 3.3 g ) gave XI ( 1.2 g, 78.9 % ) as colorless prisms : mp. 119°C ; IR  $\gamma$ c=o 1724 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\gamma$ c=c 1673 cm<sup>1</sup>; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 304 ( 14.4 ) M<sup>+</sup>, 276 ( 100 ), 226 ( 35.6 ), 207 ( 40.4 ), 176 ( 18.5 ), 157  $(20.3)$  ; NMR  $(10 \t{8} CDC1<sub>3</sub>$  solution )  $\delta$  7.3~7.9 (m, 4H), 4.44 ( d-t, 1H,  $J = 4$  Hz and 7 Hz), 4.99 ( q, 1H,  $J = 4$  Hz), 32.8 ( m, 2F ), 32.3 and 34.8 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 248 Hz ), 46.1 ( quintet, ZF, *J =* 2.3 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 55.09 %, H 2.07 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_6$ OF<sub>6</sub> C 55.28 %, H 1.99 %.

### Thermal ring expansion

 $8,8,9,9,10,10$ -Hexafluoro-3,4-benzobicyclo $[5.3.0]$ deca- $1(7)$ , 5diene ( X )

A solution of VIIIa (  $2.9 g$ , 0.01 mole ) in 30 ml of  $o$ -dichlorobenzene was refluxed for 2 hours. After the solvent was removed by vacuum distillation, solid residue was obtained and recrystallized from ethanol to give X  $(2.5 g, 86.2 g)$  as colorless prisms : mp.  $44.5^{\circ}$ C ; IR  $\gamma$ c=c 1607 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1665 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 290 ( 100 )  $M^{\dagger}$ , 289 ( 26.3 ). 271 ( 10.4 ), 240 ( 15.5 ), 219 ( 16.5 ), 201 ( 17.1 ). 190  $(37.5)$ , 170 (16.9); NMR (10 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $87.1 \sim$ 7.4 ( m, 4H ), 3.43 ( broad s, 2H ), 6.48 and 7.38 ( AB, ZH, *J =* 11.4 Hz ), 31.6 ( broad s, 2F ), 32.1 ( d-t, 2F. *J =* 4 Hz) 50.3 ( quintet,  $2F$ ,  $J = 4 Hz$  ) ; elemental analysis Found C 57.60 %, H 2.82 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_8F_6$  C 57.94 %, H 2.78 %.

8,8,9,9,10,10-Hexafluoro-3,4-benzobicyclo[5.3~OJdeca-l,6 diene-5-one (XII)

By a similar procedure, pyrolysis of XI ( 0.6 g, 0.002 mole) gave XII (  $0.4$  g,  $66.7$  % ) as pale yellow plates : mp.  $143.4^{\circ}$ C; IR  $\gamma c = 0$  1596 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\gamma c = c$  1618 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mass  $m/e$ ( relative abundance ) 304 (  $17.0$  )  $M^+$ , 276 (  $100$  ), 226 ( 33.3) ), 207 ( 36.1 ), 176 ( 14.9 ), 157 ( 18.1 ) ; NMR ( 5 % CDC1<sub>3</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.8 $\sim$  7.9 (m, 4H ), 7.31 ( broad s, 1H ), 8.53 (m, 1H ), 32.8 ( broad s, 2F ). 35.6 ( broad s, 2F ), 57.7 ( quintet, 2F,  $J = 7$  Hz); elemental analysis Found C 55.32 %, H 1.94 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_6$  OF<sub>6</sub> C 55.28 %, H 1.99 %.

ezo-5-Bromo-1,7-dichloro-8,8,9,9,lO,lO-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2.6}]$ decane ( $XIIIa$ )

(a) Bromination by N-bromosuccinimide : A solution of IIa (  $3.6$  g,  $0.01$  mole ), N-bromosuccinimide (  $1.4$  g,  $0.008$  mole ) and benzoyl peroxide ( 0.001 g ) in 50 ml of tetrachloromethane was refluxed for 1.5 hours under a nitrogen atmosphre. Precipitated succinimide was filtered off and the solvent was removed by distillation. The residue was separated by elution chromatography ( on silica gel, using tetrachloromethane as an eluant ) into  $\text{IIa}$  and  $\text{X} \text{IIa}$  (3.5 g, quantitative yield ) as a pale yellow oil :  $n_b^{20}$  1.5170 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 438 ( 0.05 ) M+, 359 ( 100 ), 324 ( 33.1 ), 289 ( 18.7 ), 277  $(28.3)$ , 219 (25.3), 188 (18.4), 115 (96.8); NMR (5 %) CC1<sub>4</sub> solution )  $\delta$  7.0  $\sim$  7.6 (m, 4H ), 3.90 (broad s, 1H,  $J =$ *7 Hz ),* 4.50 ( d, lH, *J =* 7 Hz ), 5.83 ( s, 1H ), 29.1 and 54.1 (AB,  $2F$ ,  $J = 247$  Hz), 33.4 and 51.6 (AB,  $2F$ ,  $J = 245$ Hz ), 43.5 and 58.6 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 263 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 38.48 %, H 1.43 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_7BrC1_2F_6$ C 38.22 %, H 1.60 %.

(b) Photo-bromination : A solution of Ha ( 3.6 g, 0.01 mole ) and bromine ( $3.2 g$ ,  $0.02$  mole ) in 25 ml of tetrachloro methane was irradiated by a 100 W high pressure mercury lamp in a Pyrex flask for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with a 10 % aqueous sodium hydrogensulfite and then a 10 % aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate, and dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the product was purified by elution chromatography to give  $X \mathbb{II}$ a (4.1 g, 93.2 %).

exo-S-Bromo-1,7-dichloro-8,8,9,9-tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.2.0.0^{2,6}]$ nonane (XIIIb)

By a procedure similar to that described in (a), the bromination of IIb ( 3.1 g, 0.01 mole ) with N-bromosuccinimide ( 1.4 g, 0.008 mole ) gave XIIIb ( 3.1 g, quantitative yield ) as a colorless oil :  $n_0^{20}$  1.5417 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 388 ( 0.2 ) MC, 309 ( 88.0 ), 273 ( 39.1 ), 239 ( 32.5 ), 219

*(* 22.0 *1,* 188 ( 18.8 ), 115 ( 100 ) ; NMR ( 20 % Ccl4 solution ) 6 7.1~7.6 ( m, 4H ), 3.97 ( d, lH, *J =* 5 Hz ), 4.48 ( d, lH, *J* = 5 Hz ), 5.80 ( s, 1H ), 36.4 and 41.2 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 203 Hz ), 38.0 and 39.5 ( AB, 2F, *J* = 183 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 40.46  $\frac{1}{8}$ , H 1.90  $\frac{1}{8}$  Calcd. for  $C_{12}H_7BrCl_2F_4$  C 40.04  $\frac{1}{8}$ , H 1.81 %.

# exo-5-Bromo-1,7,8,8,9,9-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo-  $[5.2.0.0^{2,6}]$ nonane ( XIIIc )

By a similar procedure, the bromination of  $\text{IIc}$  (1.8 g, 0.0065 mole ) with N-bromosuccinimide ( 1.1 g, 0.0062 mole ) gave XIUc ( 2.2 g, quantitative yield ) as a colorless oil :  $n_{p}^{20}$  1.5030 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 356 ( 0.14 ) M<sup>+</sup>, 277 ( 100 ), 257 ( 14.5 ), 237 ( 7.9 ), 195 ( 10.6 ), 188 ( 16.6 ), 177 ( 41.4 ), 115 ( 58.6 ) ; NMR ( 20 % Ccl4 solution ) 6 7.0  $\sim$  7.6 (m, 4H), 3.69 (q, 1H,  $J = 5$  Hz), 4.40 (d-d, 1H, *J* = 7 Hz and 5 Hz ), 5.68 ( s, 1H ), 43.1 and 55.9 ( AB, ZF, *J =* 218 Hz ), 44.5 and 53.2 ( AB, 2F, *J =* 223 Hz ), 98.9 ( d-m, IF, *J* = 28 Hz ), 111.6 ( d-m, lF, *J* = 28 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 44.15 %, H 2.09 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_7BrF_6$ C 43.73 %, H 1.98 %.

### Chlorination

ezo-1,5,7-Trichloro-8,8,9,9,lO,lO-hexafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo[5.3.0.0<sup>2,6</sup>]decane (XIVa) and  $exo-1,2,5,7$ -Tetrachloro- $8,8,9,9,10,10$ -hexafluorotricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ decane (XVa)

Chlorine ( 0.8 g, 0.011 mole ) was absorbed by bubbling through a solution of IIa ( 3.6 g, 0.010 mole ) in 200 ml of tetrachloromethane. The solution was irradiated for 20 minutes by a 100 W high pressure mercury lamp in a Pyrex flask, washed with a 10 % aqueous sodium hydrogensulfite and dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the residue was distilled in  $vacuo$  to give the mixture (3.4 g) of XIVa and XVa in a ratio of 9 : 1. They were separated by preparative g.1.c. into XIVa (  $3.0$  g,  $75.8$  % ) : mp.  $80.9$ °C ( recrystallized from ethanol ) ; bp.  $120 \sim 121^{\circ}$ C/3 mmHg ; mass  $m/e$ ( relative abundance ) 394 ( 2.5 )  $M^+$ , 359 ( 49.6 ), 324 ( 11.0 ), 323 ( 11.2 ), 289 ( 7.2 ), 219 ( 12.2 ), 188 ( 7.6 ), 150

 $(97.0)$ , 115 (100); NMR (20% CC14 solution )  $87.0 \times 7.5$ ( m, 4H ), 3.77 ( broad d, 1H,  $J = 7$  Hz), 4.45 ( d, 1H,  $J =$ 7 Hz ), 5.75 ( s, 1H ), 29.4 and 54.3 (AB, 2F,  $J = 250$  Hz), 33.4 and 52.1 ( AB, 2F, *J* = 246 IIz ), 43.7 and 58.9 ( AB, 2F,  $J = 261$  Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 42.49 %, H 1.86 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_7C1_3F_6$  C 42.51 %, H 1.78 % and XVa (0.3 g, 7.0 %).

 $exo-1, 5, 7$ -Trichloro-8,8,9,9-tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo- $[5.2.0.0^{2.6}]$ nonane (XIVb) and  $exo-1,2,5,7$ -Tetrachloro-8,8,9,9tetrafluoro-3,4-benzotricyclo $[5.2.0.0^{2.6}]$ nonane ( XVb )

By a similar procedure, chlorination of IIb ( 1.6g, 0.005 mole ) gave XIVb ( 1.4 g, 79.4 % ) as a colorless oil :  $n_n^{20}$ 1.5277 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 344 ( 5.9 )  $M^{+}$ , 309 ( 29.4 1, 274 ( 21.0 ), 239 ( 13.4 ), 238 ( 10.9 ), 219 ( 14.3 ), 211 ( 16.0 ), 188 ( 15.1 ), 150 ( 100 ), 115 ( 80.7 ) ; NMR ( 20 % CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution )  $67.2 \times 7.4$  (m, 4H<sup>t</sup>), 3.86 (d, lH, *J =* 5 Hz ), 4.48 ( d, lH, *J =* 5 Hz ), 5.72 ( s, 1H ), 36.5 and 40.8 ( AB, 2F, *J=* 203 Hz ), 37.7 and 39.5 ( AB, 2F, *J* = 172 Hz ) ; elemental analysis Found C 45.16 %, H 2.13 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_7C1_3F_4$  C 45.19 %, H 2.04 % and XVb as a colorless oil :  $n_p^{20}$  1.5343 ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 378  $( 0.1 )$   $M^*$ , 343 ( 32.4 ), 307 ( 18.7 ), 273 ( 18.7 ), 238 ( 18.7 1, 237 ( 17.3 ), 184 ( 100 ), 149 ( 71.9 ) ; elemental analysis Found C 41.37 %, H 1.70 % Calcd. for  $C_{13}H_6C1_4F_4$ C 41.09 %, H 1.59 %.

# ezo-1,7-Dichloro-8,8,9,9,lO,lO-hexafluoro-3,4-(tetrachlorobenzo)tricyclo $[5.3.0.0^{2,6}]$ decane ( XVI )

The mixture of IIa ( 2.0 g, 0.0055 mole ) and antimony pentachloride ( 6.0 g, 0.020 mole ) was heated at 160°C for 3 hours and poured into ice cooled water. The product was extracted by 50 ml of dichloromethane and the extract was dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was allowed to evaporate to give a pale yellow solid ( 3.0 g ). Recrystallization from hexane gave XVI ( 2.2 g, 80.2 % ) as pale yellow plates : mp. 164.2°C ; mass  $m/e$  ( relative abundance ) 496 (4.5 )  $M^+$ , 461 ( 33.9 1, 426 ( 73.2 ), 391 ( 27.7 ), 321 ( 26.8 ), 252 ( 100 ); NMR ( 10 % CCll, solution ) 6 3.36 and 3.74 ( AB, 2H, *J =* 19 Hz ), 3.64 ( d-d, lH, J = 11 Hz and 7 Hz ), 4.51 ( d, lH, *J = 7* HZ

), 31.3 and 54.3 ( AB, ZF, J = 244 Hz ), 31.9 and 53.2 ( AB,  $2F$ ,  $J = 241$  Hz), 44.3 and 59.2 (AB,  $2F$ ,  $J = 263$  Hz); elemental analysis Found C 33.77 %, H 0.73 % Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{4}Cl_{6}F_{6}$  C 33.71 %, H 0.81 %.

# All the fluorine-containing polycyclic compounds synthesized in this work are new compounds.

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