titative yield, m.p. $\sim 375^{\circ}$ (sealed tube) (reported¹⁰ m.p. \sim 375°)

Anal. Calcd. for C₈H₉FSn: C, 19.71; H, 4.96; F, 10.40. Found: C, 19.46; H, 4.91; F, 10.21.

Trielhyltin chloride. Ethylaluminum sesquichloride (77 g.; 0.31 mole) was added dropwise with stirring to stannic chloride (75 g.; 0.29 mole) during 90 min. The addition was accompanied by a strong exothermic reaction and the pot temperature rose from 25" to 70". The product was worked **up** by dilute hydrochloric acid hydrolysis essentially as described above. There was obtained 52 g. of triethyltin chloride (74%), b.p. 96-97° (15 mm.); n_p^{25} 1.5042 [reported¹¹ b.p. 94° (13 mm.); n_D 1.50553].

Anal. Calcd. for $C_6H_{15}ClSn$: C, 29.86; H, 6.27; Cl, 14.70. Found: C, 30.07; H, 6.50; C1, 14.89.

When an excess of ethylaluminum sesquichloride (0.39 mole) was treated with stannic chloride (0.29 mole) and the resulting reaction mixture heated for 2 hr. at 100° , triethyltin chloride was the exclusive product. The fluoride was prepared and its melting point (take in a sealed tube) was found to be in agreement with the previous literature value,¹⁰ m.p. 297-298°.

Tetraethyldin. Triethylaluminum (11.4 g.: 0.1 mole) was added dropwise during 20 min. to triethyltin chloride (24.1 g .; 0.1 mole). The pot temperature increased from 20 $^{\circ}$ to 54 $^{\circ}$ during the addition and was heated thereafter for 1 hr. at 100". There was obtained upon workup and distillation 21 g. (89%) of tetraethyltin, b.p. 67-67.5° (14 mm.); n_D^{25} 1.4692 [reported¹¹ b.p. 78° (13 mm.); n_D 1.47243].

Anal. Calcd. for $C_8H_{20}Sn$: C, 40.90; H, 8.58. Found: C, 41.04; H, 8.81.

n-Butyltin trichloride and tri-n-butylaluminum. Tri-nbutylaluminum (64 g.; 0.32 mole) was added dropwise during 35 min. to n-butyltin trichloride9 (84.6 g.; 0.3 mole). The exothermic reaction caused the pot temperature to increase from 30° to 52° during the addition. The mixture was stirred and heated at 140–145° for 4 hr. There was obtained 86 g. of a mixture of tributyltin chloride and tetrabutyltin, b.p. 155-160° (15 mm.), $n_{\rm p}^{25}$ 1.4880.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₃₆Sn: C, 55.36; H, 10.45; Cl, 0.00. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{27}ClSn$: C, 44.27; H, 8.36; Cl, 10.89. Found: C, 45.03; EI, 8.48; C1, 10.60.

 $Tetra-n-butyltin$. Tri-n-butylaluminum (53 g.; 0.27 mole) was added slowly dropwise to tri-n-butyltin chloride (81.4 g.; 0.25 mole). The addition required 30 min. and was accompanied by an increase in the pot temperature from 25-46'. The mixture was then heated for 2 hr. at 100'. Workup, as described above, furnished 76 g. (87%) of tetrabutyltin, b.p. 160–165° (20 mm.); $n_{\rm p}^{25}$ 1.4711 [reported¹² b.p. 145" (10 mm.)].

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{26}Sn$: C, 55.36; H, 10.45; Sn, 34.20. Found: C, 55.40; H, 10.29; Sn, 34.09.

Tetra-n-butyltin and aluminum trichloride. Equimolar amounts of tetra-n-butyltin and aluminum trichloride (0.096 mole) were heated at 130° for 3 hr. The aluminum chloride went into solution and a homogeneous reaction mixture resulted. The reaction mixture was hydrolysed by the addition of 5% hydrochloric acid, dried, and distilled. There was obtained a 91% recovery of the tetrabutyltin, b.p. 155-157° (15 mm.); $n_{\rm D}^{28}$ 1.4735. A test for chloride ion in the distillate was negative.

Di-n-octyltin dichloride and tri-n-octylaluminum, Tri-noctylaluminum¹³ (74 g.; 0.20 mole) was added dropwise to di-n-octyltin dichloride^s (120 g.; 0.29 mole) during 15 min. The reaction mixture became fluid at the early stages of the addition. During the addition, the pot temperature increased from 24" to 55". The mixture was heated at 100" for 3 hr. and

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then 6 **hr.** at 150". A fluid, grayish black reaction mixture resulted, which when cooled to room temperature and hydrolyzed with 100 ml. of water furnished two nearly colorless layers. The oily layer was separated, the water layer extracted with ether, and the combined organic material dried. Removal of the solvent and a short heating period at a pot temperature of 240' at 0.4 mm. resulted in 149 g. of a yellowish oily residue, n_D^{25} 1.4758 believed to be a mixture of trioctyltin chloride and tetraoctyltin.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₄H₅₁ClSn: C, 58.38; H, 10.41; Cl, 7.18. Found: C, 61.17; H, 10.82; C1, 4.72.

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Fluoroolefins. VIII. The Preparation of 2-PerfluoroaIkyl-1,3-butadienes1

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Previous investigators^{1,2} have obtained 2-trifluoromethyl-l,3-butadiene by multistep methods starting with trifluoroacetone. The over-all yields were low and at least one step in each synthetic method was inconvenient to carry out. Thesynthesis of other **2-perfluoroalkyl-1,3-butadienes** has not been reported.

We have developed a more direct route to these compounds by use of the following reactions:

The reaction between trifluoromethyl-, pentafluoroethyl- and heptafluoropropyl methyl ketone and vinylmagnesium chloride in tetrahydrofuran3 proceeded smoothly to give the corresponding carbinols in yields of *SO-SO%.* It was not possible to isolate pure samples by distillation and the crude material contained about **20%** tetrahydrofuran. Analytic samples were obtained by the use of a large-scale vapor phase chromatographic column packed with dinonyl phthalate on celite.

The patent literature claims⁴ that 2-trifluoromethyl-1,3-butadiene can be obtained by the dehydration of 2-trifluoromethyl-3-buten-1-01 (I) with sulfuric acid, oxalic acid, or succinic anhy-

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dride; however, no physical constants were given for the carbinol. In this laboratory I was distilled unchanged from both phosphoric oxide and aniline hydrobromine.

The caxbinols were converted to the acetates by refluxing with acetyl chloride. The perfluoroalkyl group had a pronounced retarding effect on the formation of the acetates as the conversions were about $40-60\%$ but the yields were high. The acetylation reactions were carried out on crude mixtures of the carbinols and the esters were obtained by distillation.

2-Trifluoromethyl- and 2-pentafluoroethyl-l,3 butadiene were obtained as essentially pure materials by distillation of the products from pyrolysis of the corresponding acetates at **500-550'.** Gas chromatographic analysis of the product from the heptafluoropropyl compound indicated the presence of two other compounds with vapor pressures close to that of the desired diene. However, heptafluoropropylbutadiene was readily obtained in a pure state from the preparative scale chromatographic column.

EXPERIMENTAL⁵

Source of kelones. Trifluoroacetone was obtained from Peninsular ChemResearch, Inc. Pentafluoroethyl- and heptafluoropropyl methyl ketones were prepared from the corresponding acids by the method of Sykes, Tatlow, and Thomas.6

Preparation of the methylvinylperfluoroalkyl carbinol. The vinyl magnesium chloride was prepared in tetrahydrofuran solvent by the method of Ramsden, *et. al.3*

Methyl perfluoroalkyl ketone was added dropwise to the stirred solution of vinyl magnesium chloride at such a rate that the temperature of the reaction mixture did not rise above 50'. The mixture was stirred 1 to 2 hr. and allowed to stand overnight. The Grignard intermediate was decomposed by the addition of water followed by *6N* hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was steam distilled and the steam distillate was extracted with diethyl ether. The ethereal extracts were combined, dried, and distilled through a 25-cm. column packed with protruded nickel packing.

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Acetylation of *the ~nethylvinylperjtuoroalkylcarbinols.* The crude carbinol was heated under gentle reflux with an equal weight of acetyl chloride for 4-5 hr. The reaction mixture was poured into iced water and the organic layer was separated, washed with dilute sodium bicarbonate solution and water, dried, and distilled through a 70-cm. column packed with protruded nickel packing.

Pyrolysis of the acetates of the methylvinylperfluoroalkylcarbinols. The pyrolyses were carried out in an atmosphere of dry nitrogen in a vertical pyrex glass tube (16 in. \times 1 in. dia.) packed with Pyrex glass rods (each 0.6 ± 0.2 cm. \times 0.3 cm. dia.) at 500-550°. The rate of ester addition was *ca.* 30 g./hr. and the products were continuously swept from the hot tube into a trap cooled in Dry Ice-acetone by a nitrogen sweep. The volatile dienes were isolated by distillation. Preparative scale vapor phase chromatography was employed to obtain a pure sample of 2-heptafluoropropyl butadiene.

Impurities isolated by V.P.C. but not identified:

Preparative scale chroinatography. **A** column accepting 6-8 ml. of liquid sample was used to obtain pure material for physical constants other than boiling points. The column was made of glass tubing 25 mm. in diameter and was 20 ft. in length. The packing was Johns-Manville Chromosorb and the liquid phase was dinonyl phthalate. Xitrogen was used as the carrier gas.

^a CH₂=CHBr ^{*6*} Obtained by preparative scale v.p.c. The desired material was collected in cold traps immersed in either liquid air or Dry Ice.

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On the Continuous Preparation of Vinyl Grignard Reagents

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In 1934 H. Normant² showed that vinylmagnesium bromide could be prepared in good yields using tetrahydrofuran as a solvent. In many subsequent publications Kormant and co-workers demonstrated the syntheses of several vinyl derivatives.³ Recently, Ramsden, *et al.*,⁴ have shown the generality of Kormant's method by extending it to vinyl chloride. Since then, vinylmagnesium halides have been used extensively in the syntheses of olefinic derivatives.

Recent investigations in this laboratory have been concerned with the syntheses of new vinyl compounds. During the course of this work considerable quantities of vinylmagnesium halides, primarily vinylmagnesium chloride, had to be prepared. In order to avoid large batch operations and still maintain an economical procedure, a continuous process has been developed and employed. This not only afforded a convenient method of preparing the vinyl Grignard reagents, but also circumvented possible side reactions by maintaining a permanent excess of magnesium and removing the changed vinyl chloride essentially quantitatively.

The process may best be described by referring to Fig. 1 which shows the design and construction of the apparatus for operations on a laboratory scale.

EXPERIMENTAL

Vinyl chloride was fed into the apparatus of Fig. 1 at y having the stopcock *b* adjusted in such a way that the gas passed through vessel *E. E* served as a bubble counter. The end of the feed tube was immersed in a few milliliters

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Fig. 1. Apparatus for the continuous preparation of vinyl Grignard reagents. Units are millimeters

of tetrahydrofuran, saturated with vinyl chloride. Having the stopcocks c and *a* appropriately adjusted, the gas **was** allowed to pass through the second of the three concentric tuhes, which were the principal parts of the absorption column A. The gas left this tube from the bottom and then entered the inner tube which was packed with 6-mm. Raschig rings. In this tube the gas was absorbed by tetrahydrofuran, addition of which was maintained at a constant rate from the supply container *G*. The vinyl chloride-tetrahydrofuran solution rose in the outer tube of *A* which ran over into the inner tube of the reaction apparatus *B* **which** was also composed of three concentric tubes. This inner tube of *B* was filled with magnesium turnings. The reaction occurred while flowing through this tiibe. To keep the system at the required temperature and to carry off the exothermic heat, water, thermostatically controlled at 50-52°, was pumped through the second tube.

The reaction solution rose in the outer tube and passed into the inner tube of C . C again consisted of three concentric tubes. Nitrogen was introduced at *e,* left the middle tube at the bottom, and entered the inner tube. Passing through the reaction mixture, the nitrogen removed the unchanged vinyl chloride and a part of the tetrahydrofuran. Both the vinyl chloride and the tetrahydrofuran were then condensed from the gas in the condenser D , which was charged with a carbon dioxide-acetone mixture. Due to