

## ORGANIC DERIVATIVES OF TIN

### V SYNTHESIS AND REACTIONS OF ALKYL TIN TRIALKOXIDES

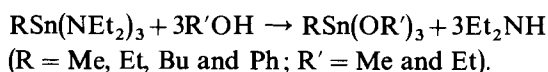
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#### SUMMARY

Alkyltin trialkoxides,  $\text{RSn}(\text{OR}')_3$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Et}, \text{n-Bu}$  and  $\text{R}' = \text{CH}_3, \text{C}_2\text{H}_5, \text{i-C}_3\text{H}_7, \text{n-C}_4\text{H}_9$  and  $\text{t-C}_4\text{H}_9$ ) have been synthesised from alkyltin trichlorides and the corresponding sodium alkoxide. Mixed derivatives of the type  $\text{BuSnX}_n(\text{OPr-i})_{3-n}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2$ ) were obtained by exchange reactions. Reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with protic reagents (*e.g.*,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NOH}$ , *o*- $\text{HOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ , *i*- $\text{PrNHCOCH}_3$ , *n*- $\text{BuNHCOCH}_3$ ,  $\text{HCONH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$ ) have been studied. Dialkyltin acetamido derivatives have also been synthesised. IR and NMR spectra and molecular weights of the new products are reported and discussed.

#### INTRODUCTION

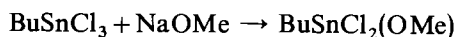
Tin(IV), dialkyltin(IV) and trialkyltin(IV) alkoxides have been studied extensively<sup>1</sup>. However, no systematic study of alkyltin(IV) trialkoxides appears to have been undertaken to date, excepting a brief report by Lorberth and Kula<sup>2</sup> describing a few examples of this series obtained by alcoholysis of alkyltin tris(diethylamide):



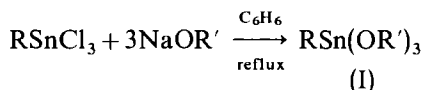
In this paper, we describe the direct preparation of alkyltin trialkoxides from alkyltin trichlorides. Reactions with protic reagents as well as exchange reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide are also discussed.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In contrast to total halide-alkoxide interchange between organotin halides and sodium alkoxides in trialkyltin and dialkyltin derivatives, Davies *et al*<sup>3</sup> have recently reported that alkyltin trihalides undergo only partial replacement even under forcing conditions:



On the contrary, our results indicate that all the chlorines of alkyltin trichlorides are replaced smoothly by alkoxy groups and the method has been utilised to synthesise a number of new alkyltin trialkoxides (Table 1):



(R = Et, n-Bu; R' = CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 1-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub> and t-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)

The appropriate alkyltin trichloride was added to a freshly prepared hot solution of sodium alkoxide in the corresponding alcohol and benzene and the mixture was refluxed for 3–4 h. It was found difficult to remove the finely precipitated sodium chloride by filtration and, in absence of a centrifuging device, either the supernatant liquid was decanted off or in some cases the tin product was distilled without prior removal of sodium chloride. These operations resulted in reduced yields of products.

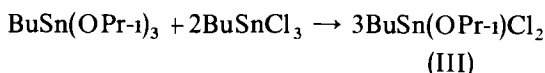
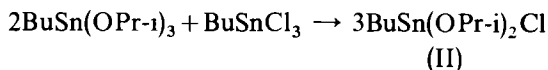
An attempt was made to prepare butyltin trialkoxides by alcoholysis of butyltin oxide with simultaneous azeotropic removal of water. When the reaction was carried out with ethanol or isopropanol in benzene a clear solution was obtained after refluxing, but no ethanol–water–benzene azeotrope formed; the product, after removal of solvents analysed for the original BuSnO<sub>3/2</sub>. However, with n-butanol some water was liberated, the amount of which as well as the analysis of the colourless viscous liquid product corresponded to attachment of only one n-butoxy group to tin *i.e.*, the formation of BuSnO(OC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>-n).

The alkyltin trialkoxides prepared in this work are colourless or yellow volatile liquids (methoxides are white solids which decomposed during attempted distillation) The products are associated as shown by their molecular weights determined ebullioscopically in benzene. The degree of association decreases with increasing ramification of alkoxy group. The degrees of molecular complexity are: methoxides, polymeric; ethoxides, 3; isopropoxides, 1.5; butoxides, 1. It is noteworthy that trialkyltin alkoxides are monomeric, whereas dialkyltin dialkoxides are slightly associated in refluxing benzene.

In the NMR spectrum of EtSn(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, the methyl and methylene protons of ethoxy groups appear as a triplet and a quartet at  $\tau$ 8.8 and 6.08 respectively ( $J$  7 cps) t-Butoxy protons of EtSn(OBu-t)<sub>3</sub> give a singlet at  $\tau$ 8.83. The Sn–Et protons in both the compounds appear as a singlet at  $\tau$ 8.63. In the earlier NMR study of EtSnX<sub>3</sub> derivatives<sup>2</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub> protons of Sn–Et groups were separately resolved only when highly electronegative substituents were present on tin.

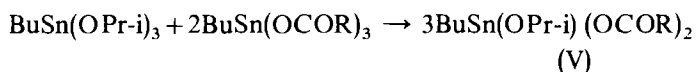
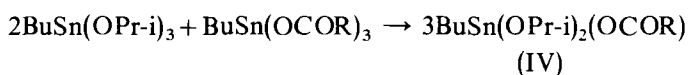
#### Exchange reactions

Butyltin triisopropoxide reacts exothermically with butyltin trichloride yielding unsymmetrical derivatives by radical interchange:



Butyl(diisopropoxy)tin chloride is a volatile liquid (molecular complexity, ca 1.8) whereas butyl(isopropoxy)tin dichloride is a white solid (molecular complexity, ca. 1.3) which appears to disproportionate into  $\text{BuSnCl}_3$  and  $\text{BuSn(OPr-i)}_2\text{Cl}$  upon attempted vacuum distillation.

Similar codisproportionation of butyltin triisopropoxide have been carried out with butyltin triacetate and tripropionate (obtained readily from the condensation of butyltin oxide with the appropriate acid anhydride).



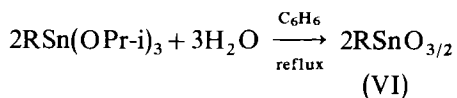
(R =  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ).

These mixed butyltin isopropoxide carboxylates are yellow viscous liquids, stable in refluxing benzene or cyclohexane, but they decompose upon attempted distillation. The decomposition partially proceeds by intermolecular or intramolecular condensation to give isopropyl carboxylates. These compounds are associated; the molecular complexity of both acetates being ca. 3 and that of both the propionates being ca. 2 in refluxing benzene. It is noteworthy that both butyltin tricarboxylates are monomeric.

In an earlier infrared study of butyltin tricarboxylates<sup>4</sup>, the CO stretching bands were observed at ca.  $\nu 1570$  and  $1420\text{ cm}^{-1}$  showing the coordinative nature of the C=O groups. Weak to medium absorption bands were also observed near  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (free C=O region) and this was attributed to the free acid formed by slight hydrolysis. This explanation is supported by our study of mixed isopropoxide carboxylates since these compounds also show peaks in the coordinating CO region at ca.  $1570\text{ cm}^{-1}$  together with a weak to medium intensity band at ca.  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . However, when the compounds are dissolved in cyclohexane and the solvent is removed by fractionation and vacuum drying, the peak at  $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  disappears from the residue. Butyltin triacetate also behaves similarly. It seems that traces of the free acid formed by slight hydrolysis are removed during cyclohexane treatment.

#### *Reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with protic reagents*

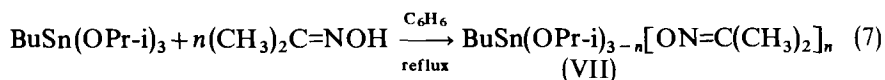
Alkyltin trialkoxides are very reactive which may be due to the presence of three negative alkoxy groups making the tin atom highly prone to nucleophilic attack. The compounds are extremely sensitive to hydrolysis and require careful handling. In the presence of water, ethyltin and butyltin triisopropoxides are completely hydrolysed to the corresponding alkyltin oxide:



(R = Et and Bu)

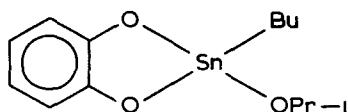
Butyltin triisopropoxide reacts readily and exothermically with hydroxylic reagents giving transalkoxylation products. We have already reported the reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with glycols<sup>5</sup> and thiols<sup>6</sup>. The isopropoxy groups of

BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> are replaced stepwise by acetoxime with the formation of mono-, bis- and tris-acetoximates as distillable liquids:

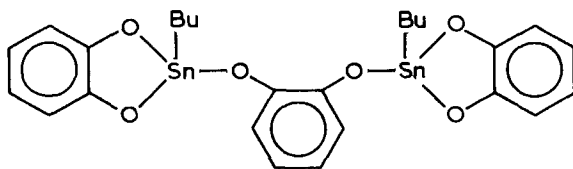


(*n* = 1, 2 and 3).

Reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with catechol in 1/1 and 2/3 molar ratios yielded monobutyltin catecholate isopropoxide (VIII) and bis(monobutyltin) tris(catecholate) (IX):



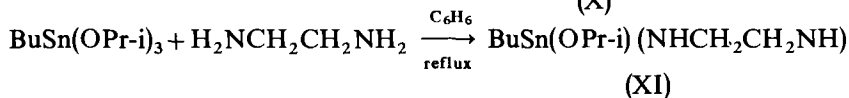
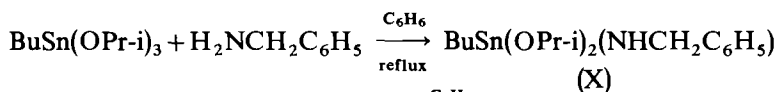
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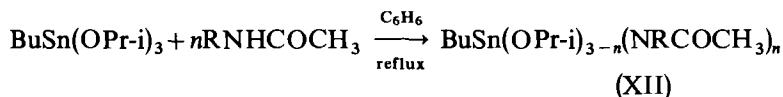
(IX)

All mono-, bis- and tris-(acetoximates) are associated (ca. 2) and could be distilled unchanged, the poor yield may be due to partial decomposition of the product at high temperature. Both 1/1 and 2/3 molar catechol derivatives are dark solids, the former being soluble whereas the latter one is insoluble in benzene.

Benzylamine and ethylenediamine react with an equimolar quantity of butyltin triisopropoxide in refluxing benzene and upon azeotropic fractionation thereby removing isopropanol formed, yellow viscous liquid and brown foamy solid were obtained respectively. However, these reactions do not appear to proceed in the cold which may be ascribed to poor reactivity of the amino groups toward alkoxides:



Reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with *N*-alkylacetamides, RNHCOCH<sub>3</sub> (R = *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub> and *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>) in 1/1 and 1/2 molar ratios in refluxing benzene led to the formation of simple mono- and bis-(*N*-alkylacetamido) derivatives:

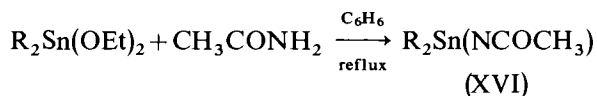


(*n* = 1 and 2; R = *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub> and *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>).

However, the third isopropoxy group in the above derivatives is not replaceable which may be due to steric factors. All mono- and bis-(*N*-alkylacetamido) derivatives of the type (XII) are volatile distillable liquids, highly sensitive to atmospheric moisture. The corresponding reactions of trialkyltin alkoxides with *N*-alkylacetamide, require higher temperature for completion<sup>7</sup>.

The reactions of butyltin triisopropoxide with amides,  $RCONH_2$  ( $R = H$  and  $CH_3$ ) in refluxing benzene resulted in the replacement of both the hydrogen atoms of the amino groups yielding  $BuSn(OPr-i)(NCOR)$  (XIII),  $BuSn(NCOR)(HNCOR)$  (XIV) and  $(BuSn)_2(NCOR)_3$  (XV) respectively in 1/1, 1/2 and 2/3 molar ratios. Except for the 1/1 molar yellow product of acetamide, a viscous liquid, all other derivatives are white solids which tend to decompose during vacuum distillation. For the derivatives XIV and XV the possibility of a mixture can be ruled out since as  $BuSn(OPr-i)_3$  and  $HCONH_2$  are liquids whereas these derivatives are solids, furthermore, the products XV do not show an NH peak in IR spectra. Molecular weight determinations of the type XIII products in refluxing benzene reveal a highly polymeric structure, although the exact degree of polymerisation needs further investigations

For comparison, the reactions of dialkyltin diethoxides,  $R_2Sn(OEt)_2$ , with an equimolar ratio of acetamide have been found to lead to similar products as in the case of monoalkyltin(IV) derivatives. Although the reactions are slower, they can nevertheless be pushed to completion by prolonged refluxing:



( $R = Et, Pr$  and  $Bu$ ).

The products are white insoluble solids which may be polymeric.

#### *Infrared spectra*

Infrared spectra of all products were recorded in the region  $400\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . All derivatives show two bands near  $500$  and  $600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which may be assigned to  $\nu_s$  and  $\nu_{as}$  ( $Sn-C$ )<sup>8,9</sup> respectively. Similar to other organotin alkoxides and chlorides, a band has been observed near  $665\text{--}670\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be assigned to ( $Sn-CH_2$ ) rocking vibration arising from *trans* conformations<sup>10</sup>. The band observed at about  $500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be associated with  $\nu(Sn-O)$ . However, a clear distinction between  $\nu_s(Sn-C)$  and  $\nu(Sn-O)$  cannot be made as the bands may overlap. A common feature of all organotin(IV) alkoxides derived from primary alcohols is that they show a strong band in the region  $1030\text{--}1070\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(C-O)$ <sup>11</sup> which shifted to a lower region ( $940\text{--}980\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in branched alkoxides, *i.e.*, in the isopropoxides and tertiary butoxides. All mixed alkoxides derived from carboxylates show a very strong band near  $1570\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be due to coordinative CO stretching. The acetoximates show a band near  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be assigned to the  $\nu(C=N)$  stretching vibration. Similar bands have been observed in amide derivatives of monobutyltin(IV) and these may be due to either  $\nu(C=N)$  or coordinating  $\nu(C=O)$  stretching.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

All glass apparatus with interchangeable joints were used and the moisture

TABLE I. SYNTHESIS OF ALKYL TIN TRIALKOXIDES

R in RSnCl <sub>3</sub>	R' in NaOR'	Molar ratio	Product	Yield (%)	B p °C/mm (M p °C)	Analysis Found (calcd.)		Mol.wt Found (calcd.)	Some characteristic IR bands <sup>a</sup>
						Sn	(OR)		
Et	CH <sub>3</sub>	1/3	EtSn(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> white solid	55	Dec (230-235)	49.8 (49.3)		Polymer (241)	1070-1038 vs(br), 950 vw, 670 s, 660 s, 620 (sh), 600 (sh), 590 s(br), 500 s(br)
Et	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1/3	EtSn(OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> colourless liquid	65	125-130/0.2	42.5 (42.0)	46.8 (47.8)	933 (283)	1030 (sh), 1020 (sh), 980 vs(br), 958 (sh), 675 m, 610 s, 585 s, 560 s, 505 w(br), 455 m(br)
Et	i-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	1/3	EtSn(OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> colourless liquid	56	83-87/0.3	36.6 (36.3)	53.2 (54.5)	496 (325)	1075 vs(br), 1055 (sh), 1030 s(br), 960- 940 m(br), 675 m, 600 m(br), 525 m, 510 m(br)
Et	n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	1/3	EtSn(OC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> yellow liquid	54	145-150/0.3	31.7 (32.3)		437 (367)	1025-1010 m(br), 960 (sh), 940 s(br), 670 m, 610 (sh), 585 s(br), 500 w(br), 460 m(br)
Et	t-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	1/3	EtSn(OC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -t) <sub>3</sub> colourless liquid	63	75-80/0.9-1.0	31.9 (32.3)			
Bu	CH <sub>3</sub>	1/3	BuSn(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> white solid	41	Dec (220-225)	44.9 (44.2)		Polymer (269)	1060 vs, 1020 (sh), 1000 (sh), 960 w, 685 s(br), 665 s(br), 590 s, 560 s(br), 505 s(br)
Bu	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1/3	BuSn(OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> yellow liquid	57	130-135/0.2	37.6 (38.2)	42.5 (43.4)	1050 (311)	988-975 vs(br), 935 vs, 700 (sh), 675 w, 615 s, 590 s(br), 565 s, 460 s(br)
Bu	i-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	1/3	BuSn(OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> colourless liquid changed to yellow on keeping.	55	93-95/0.3	34.1 (33.6)	49.2 (50.2)	527 (353)	950 vs(br), 700 w(br), 665 w, 590 s, 460 m(br)
Bu	t-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	1/3	BuSn(OC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -t) <sub>3</sub> colourless liquid	58	93-94/0.4	29.6 (30.0)		388 (395)	

<sup>a</sup> IR data given above are in cm<sup>-1</sup> followed by an indication of intensity. Following abbreviations are used: vs, very strong; s, strong; m, medium; w, weak; vw, very weak; (sh), shoulder; (br), broad.

was strictly excluded throughout these investigations. Benzene (B.D.H.) was dried initially over sodium then finally by azeotropic distillation with ethanol. Methanol and ethanol were dried over calcium oxide, magnesium alkoxide, sodium alkoxide and finally azeotropically distilled with benzene. Isopropanol was dried over NaOPr-i, Al(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> and then with benzene azeotropically. n- and t-Butanol were dried over the corresponding sodium butoxide.

Molecular weights were determined ebulliometrically in refluxing benzene using a semi-micro ebulliometer (Gallenkamp). Infrared spectra were recorded using Perkin-Elmer 337 grating spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on an MC 60 instrument in CCl<sub>4</sub> solution.

Tin was estimated as SnO<sub>2</sub>. Ethoxy and isopropoxy groups were estimated by dissolving the sample in benzene. Subsequent hydrolysis with water liberated the corresponding alcohol which were fractionated out azeotropically with benzene. The alcohol in the azeotrope was estimated oxidimetrically<sup>1,2</sup>. Carboxylic groups were estimated by titration with 0.1 N NaOH in alcohol solution. Nitrogen was estimated by the Kjeldahl method.

(1) *General method for synthesis of alkyltin trialkoxides*

A stoichiometric amount of alkyltin trichloride in benzene solution was added dropwise to a freshly prepared hot solution of sodium alkoxide (3 mole) prepared from sodium and alcohol in the presence of excess of the corresponding alcohol under perfectly anhydrous conditions. Sodium chloride was thus precipitated and the mixture was refluxed for ca. 3–4 h, then set aside to allow the sodium chloride to settle down. The supernatant liquid was repeatedly decanted off (filtration of the precipitate was extremely slow, and was avoided due to extremely hydrolysable nature of the products). Excess of solvent was distilled out and the product was finally dried under reduced pressure. Upon vacuum distillation the desired alkyltin trialkoxide was obtained (methoxides decomposed during attempted distillation). The product yield was poor due to loss of the product during repeated decantation, e.g., BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> was obtained in 55% yield by the above process, whereas the product was obtained in 90% yield when ca. 40 g of compound was distilled in the presence of sodium chloride without filtration. BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> when distilled in the presence of sodium chloride (time required for distillation ca. 3–4 h) it separated together with a white solid insoluble in common organic solvents which may be hydrolysed product.

Similar compounds prepared by above method are summarised in Table 1.

(2) *Reaction of BuSnO<sub>3/2</sub> with (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (2/3 molar ratio)*

BuSnO<sub>3/2</sub> (2.63 g, 13.0 mmole) and (CH<sub>3</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (2.10 g, 20.6 mmole) on mixing together evolved heat. The mixture was heated at 95–100°C for ca. 2 h and vacuum distillation of the product yielded BuSn(OCHOCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (ca. 63%) as a yellow liquid b.p. 115–118°C/0.4 mm. (Found: Sn, 33.2; (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 49.5; mol.wt., 361 SnC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> calcd.: Sn, 33.6; (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.2%; mol.wt., 353).

(3) *Reaction of BuSnO<sub>3/2</sub> with (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (2/3 molar ratio)*

Using the above procedure, a mixture of BuSnO<sub>3/2</sub> (3.83 g, 19.2 mmole) and (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (3.74 g, 28.8 mmole) yielded BuSn(OCOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> as a pale yellow liquid b.p. 142–148°C/0.3 mm (ca. 61%). (Found: Sn, 29.6; (OCOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 55.0; mol.wt., 383. SnC<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub> calcd.: Sn, 30.0; (OCOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 55.7%; mol. wt., 395).

TABLE 2  
REACTIONS OF BUTYL TIN TRIISOPROPOXIDES WITH BUTYL TIN TRICHLORIDE AND TRICARBOXYLATES

<i>X</i> in $BuSnX_3$	Molar ratio of the reactants	Product	Yield (%)	Analysis Found (calcd)		Mol wt Found (calcd)	Some characteristic IR bands <sup>d</sup>
				Sn (%)	OCOR (%)		
$OCOCH_3$	2/1	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)_2(OCOCH_3)^a$ yellow viscous liquid	100	33.0 (33.6)	16.5 (16.7)	1033 (353)	1575 (sh), 1565 vs, 1460 (sh), 1075 w, 1020 m(br), 975 s(br), 960 s(br), 665 m(br), 612 s, 580 s(br), 535 m(br), 455 w(br) 1595 vs(br), 1560 vs, 1450 vs, 1080 w, 1020 s, 955 s, 660 vs, 615 vs(br), 585-570 s(br), 550 s, 505 w, 430 vw
$OCOCH_3$	1/2	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)(OCOCH_3)_2^a$ yellow viscous liquid	100	32.8 (33.6)	32.6 (33.5)	980 (353)	1560 vs, 1545 vs, 1460 vs, 1075 s, 1010 m, 980-960 s(br), 670 s(br), 605 vs(br), 570 vs(br), 525 vs
$OCOC_2H_5$	2/1	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)(OCOC_2H_5)^a$ yellow viscous liquid	100	31.8 (32.3)	19.7 (19.9)	920 (367)	1590 vs, 1560 vs, 1465 vs, 1080 vs, 1010 w, 950 w, 675 s(br), 610 vs, 575 vs(br), 510 (sh), 455 vw
$OCOC_2H_5$	1/2	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)(OCOC_2H_5)_2^a$ yellow viscous liquid	100	30.8 (31.2)	37.3 (38.4)	801 (381)	1080 m, 1025 m(br), 975 vs, 950 vs, 700 (sh), 675 m(br), 615 vs(br), 560 s, 460 m(br)
Cl	2/1	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)Cl^b$ colourless liquid	73	35.3 (36.1)		588 (329)	1080 (sh), 1020 w, 915 vs, 688 w, 665 (sh), 610 s, 595 s, 558 vs, 460 s
Cl	1/2	$BuSn(OC_3H_7-1)Cl_2^c$ white solid	100	38.3 (38.8)		400 (306)	

<sup>a</sup> Product decomposed on attempted vacuum distillation

<sup>b</sup> b.p., 110-112°C/0.2 mm, Found Cl, 10.6, calcd; Cl, 10.8%

<sup>c</sup> Disproportionated on distillation Found Cl, 22.9, calcd. Cl, 23.2%

<sup>d</sup> Abbreviations see Table 1



(4) *Reaction of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> with BuSnCl<sub>3</sub> (2/1 molar ratio)*

To BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> (2.60 g, 7.37 mmole) was added BuSnCl<sub>3</sub> (1.06 g, 3.68 mmole); an exothermic reaction occurred after shaking the mixture. The product on distillation under reduced pressure gave a colourless liquid which changed to yellow on keeping (2.64 g, ca. 73%) b.p. 110–112°C/0.2 mm. (Found: Sn, 35.3; Cl, 10.6; mol.wt., 588 SnC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl calcd.: Sn, 36.1; Cl, 10.8%; mol. wt., 329).

Similarly the products obtained by the reactions of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> and BuSnCl<sub>3</sub> in 1/2 molar ratio and that of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> with BuSn(OCOCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and BuSn(OCOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 2/1 and 1/2 molar ratios are summarised in Table 2

(5) *Reaction of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> with HCONH<sub>2</sub> (1/1 molar ratio)*

A mixture of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> (3.67 g, 10.4 mmole) and HCONH<sub>2</sub> (0.47 g, 10.4 mmole) in benzene (ca. 80 ml) was refluxed at 120–125°C bath temperature for about 3 h and the binary azeotrope (isopropanol–benzene) was slowly fractionated out. On removal of the excess of solvent by distillation and finally drying under reduced pressure a white solid was obtained (2.83 g, ca. 98%) which decomposed on attempted vacuum distillation. (Weight of isopropanol in azeotrope, found: 1.20 g; calcd. (for 2 mole): 1.25 g) (Found: N, 4.99; Sn, 43.5; C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Sn calcd.: N, 5.04; Sn, 42.7%).

Using the above procedure, the products obtained by the reactions of BuSn(OPr-i)<sub>3</sub> with HCONH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub>, i-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>, n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C=NOH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> and *o*-OHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH in different molar ratios are summarised in Table 3.

(6) *Reaction of Et<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (1/1 molar ratio)*

To Et<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (3.31 g, 12.4 mmole) was added CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (0.73 g, 12.4 mmole) in benzene (ca. 70 ml). The mixture was refluxed for about 4 h and the binary azeotrope (ethanol–benzene) was very slowly fractionated whereby an insoluble solid was separated. The alcohol estimation showed that the reaction was not complete, hence, about 70 ml more benzene was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was again refluxed for about 4 h and azeotrope was collected. On drying the product under reduced pressure a white solid was obtained (2.88 g, ca. 99%) as Et<sub>2</sub>Sn(NCOCH<sub>3</sub>). (Weight of ethanol in azeotrope, found: 1.08 g; calcd. (for 2 mole): 1.14 g) (Found: N, 5.95; Sn, 51.6. SnC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO calcd.: N, 5.99; Sn, 50.7%).

(7) *Reaction of Pr<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (1/1 molar ratio)*

Using the above procedure, a mixture of Pr<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (3.71 g, 12.6 mmole) and CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (0.74 g, 12.6 mmole) in benzene gave a white insoluble product on drying under reduced pressure (3.25 g, ca. 99%). (Weight of ethanol in azeotrope, found: 1.12 g; calcd. (for 2 mole): 1.16 g) (Found: N, 5.31; Sn, 45.8. SnC<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO calcd.: N, 5.35; Sn, 45.3%).

(8) *Reaction of Bu<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (1/1 molar ratio)*

Similarly, a mixture of Bu<sub>2</sub>Sn(OEt)<sub>2</sub> (3.36 g, 10.4 mmole) and CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub> (0.62 g, 10.5 mmole) in benzene gave a white insoluble product, drying under reduced pressure (2.92 g, ca. 97%). (Weight of ethanol in azeotrope, found: 0.93 g; calcd. (for 2 mole): 0.96 g) (Found: N, 4.79; Sn, 39.8. SnC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO calcd.: N, 4.83; Sn, 40.9%).

TABLE 3. REACTIONS OF  $\text{BuSn}(\text{OPr-}i)_3$  WITH PROTIC REAGENTS

Protic reagent	Molar ratio of reactants	Product	Yield (%)	B p $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{mm}$ (M p. C)	Analysis Found (calcd) (%)			Mol wt Found (calcd)
					Sn	N		
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NOH}$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}[\text{ON}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2](\text{OPr-}i)_2$ yellow liquid	48	110-115/0.3	31.7 (32.4)	3.79 (3.83)	725 (366)	
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NOH}$	1/2	$\text{BuSn}[\text{ON}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2(\text{OPr-}i)$ yellow liquid	42	122-127/0.2	30.8 (31.4)	7.33 (7.39)	950 (379)	
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}=\text{NOH}$	1/3	$\text{BuSn}[\text{ON}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2]_3$ yellow liquid	38	135-140/0.2	29.9 (30.3)	10.6 (10.7)	923 (392)	
$o\text{-HOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(o\text{-OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O})(\text{OPr-}i)$ dark solid	98	Dec (178-180)	35.4 (34.6)			
$o\text{-HOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}$	2/3	$[\text{BuSn}(o\text{-OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O})]_2(o\text{-OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O})$ dark insoluble solid	97	Dec (218-222)	34.8 (35.1)			
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NHCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{OPr-}i)_2$ brown viscous liquid	98		29.4 (29.7)	3.45 (3.50)		
$\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH})(\text{OPr-}i)$ brown foamy solid	97	Dec (118-222)	42.5 (40.5)	9.50 (9.56)		
$\text{HCONH}_2$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NCOH})(\text{OPr-}i)$ white solid	98	Dec (166-170)	43.5 (42.7)	4.99 (5.04)	Polymer (278)	
$\text{HCONH}_2$	1/2	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NCOH})(\text{NHCOH})$ pale yellow solid	(98)	Dec (158-162)	46.3 (45.1)	10.6 (10.7)		
$\text{HCONH}_2$	2/3	$(\text{BuSn})_2(\text{NCOH})_3$ white solid	97	Dec (152-156)	50.3 (49.4)	8.69 (8.74)		
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NCOCH}_3)(\text{OPr-}i)$ yellow viscous liquid	(98)	Dec	42.0 (41.7)	4.71 (4.80)	Polymer (292)	
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$	1/2	$\text{BuSn}(\text{NCOCH}_3)_2(\text{NHCOCH}_3)$ white solid	97	Dec (120-125)	42.5 (40.8)	9.53 (9.63)		
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$	2/3	$(\text{BuSn})_2(\text{NCOCH}_3)_3$ white solid	96	Dec (Does not melt upto 300)	46.5 (45.4)	7.95 (8.04)		
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONHC}_4\text{H}_7\text{-}i$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NCOCH}_3)(\text{OPr-}i)_2$ yellow liquid	70	105-110/0.2	29.7 (30.1)	3.50 (3.56)	378 (394)	
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONHC}_3\text{H}_7\text{-}i$	1/2	$\text{BuSn}(i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NCOCH}_3)_2(\text{OPr-}i)$ yellow liquid	68	125-130/0.2	27.7 (27.3)	6.40 (6.44)	421 (435)	
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONHC}_4\text{H}_9\text{-}n$	1/1	$\text{BuSn}(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NCOCH}_3)(\text{OPr-}i)_2$ colourless liquid	60	108-112/0.2	29.7 (29.1)	3.40 (3.43)	398 (408)	
$\text{CH}_3\text{CONHC}_4\text{H}_9\text{-}n$	1/2	$\text{BuSn}(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NCOCH}_3)_2(\text{OPr-}i)$ yellow liquid	55	140-145/0.2	25.2 (25.6)	5.98 (6.05)	450 (463)	

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