

Table V. Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 2

| Bond Distances | | | |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Al-O | 1.800 (3) | Al-C(1) | 1.968 (5) |
| O-C(2) | 1.359 (5) | C(2)-C(3) | 1.384 (6) |
| C(2)-C(7) | 1.389 (6) | C(3)-C(4) | 1.372 (6) |
| C(4)-C(5) | 1.376 (7) | C(5)-C(6) | 1.379 (7) |
| C(6)-C(7) | 1.394 (6) | | |
| Bond Angles | | | |
| O-Al-C(1) | 108.7 (2) | Al-O-C(2) | 125.0 (3) |
| O-Al-O | 96.8 (2) | C(1)-Al-C(1) | 119.4 (3) |
| O-C(2)-C(3) | 120.9 (4) | O-C(2)-C(7) | 119.6 (4) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(7) | 119.5 (4) | C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 120.3 (5) |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5) | 121.2 (5) | C(4)-C(5)-C(6) | 118.8 (6) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(7) | 121.0 (5) | C(2)-C(7)-C(6) | 119.2 (5) |

and the anomalous dispersion corrections applied were those of Cromer and Liberman.²³

Full-matrix least-squares refinement of all non-hydrogen atoms using anisotropic thermal parameters led to final values of $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| = 0.088$ and $R_w = \{ \sum w(F_o - F_c)^2 / \sum w(F_o)^2 \}^{1/2} = 0.093$. No hydrogen atoms were locatable on the final difference Fourier map, and no correction for absorption was applied ($\mu = 2.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). The final values of the fractional coordinates are listed in Table II, and thermal parameters are supplied as supplementary material.²⁴ Bond distances and angles are given in Table III.

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X-ray Data Collection, Structure Determination, and Refinement for 2. Data collection procedures were the same as for 1, and pertinent parameters are given alongside those for 1 in Table I. The structure was solved via MULTAN and refined by using the SHELX program package. The aluminum and potassium atoms were shown to lie on twofold positions in the space group *Pbcn*. With all non-hydrogen atoms refined with anisotropic thermal parameters and hydrogen atoms fixed in positions located from a difference Fourier, final values of $R = 0.031$ and $R_w = 0.031$ were obtained. No correction for absorption was applied ($\mu = 4.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). Final fractional coordinates are given in Table IV, and bond distances and angles are presented in Table V. Thermal parameters are supplied as supplementary material. Scattering factors for H were taken from ref 25.

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Synthesis and Crystal and Molecular Structure of an η -Cyclopropene Complex of Molybdenum

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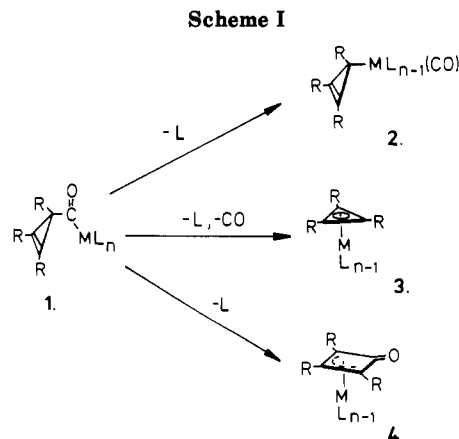
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The 16-electron cation $[\text{Mo}(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{CO})_3]^+$ (6) reacts with sodium 2,3-diphenyl-2-cyclopropene-1-carboxylate with displacement of CO and formation of the chelate complex 9, containing the first example of a molybdenum-cyclopropene bond. Complex 9 has been completely characterized spectroscopically and by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study. Crystals of 9 are monoclinic of space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14, C_{2h}^2) with $a = 16.638$ (5) Å, $b = 11.526$ (3) Å, $c = 15.892$ (5) Å, $\beta = 114.54$ (2)°, $V = 2772.4$ (13) Å³, $Z = 4$, $R_F = 0.0493$, $R_{wF} = 0.0509$, and $\text{GOF} = 1.235$. ¹³C NMR studies indicate that the solid-state structure of 9 is maintained in solution.

Introduction

Although the transition-metal chemistry of cyclopropenes has been investigated extensively, simple η^2 -cyclopropene complexes are rare and have only been characterized chemically and spectroscopically for niobium³ and crystallographically for platinum.^{4,5} The two most common modes of reactivity involve cyclo-oligomerization reactions^{6,7} and ring-opening reactions to give η -allyl^{8,9} or vinylketene¹⁰⁻¹² complexes. We have been



particularly interested in the chemistry of (2-cyclopropene-1-carbonyl)transition metal compounds¹³ 1 and

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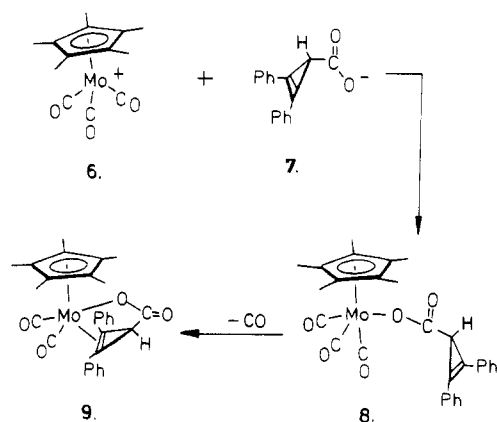
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Table I. Selected Bond Angles and Distances for $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{C}_1\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2)]$ (9)

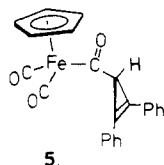
| Bond Distances (Å) | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Mo-C(1) | 2.025 (5) | Mo-CENT ^a | 2.004 (5) | C(3)-C(4) | 1.490 (9) |
| Mo-C(2) | 1.990 (6) | C(1)-O(1) | 1.124 (6) | C(4)-C(5) | 1.511 (6) |
| Mo-C(5) | 2.248 (6) | C(2)-O(2) | 1.150 (7) | C(4)-C(6) | 1.507 (7) |
| Mo-C(6) | 2.333 (4) | C(3)-O(3) | 1.300 (7) | C(5)-C(6) | 1.408 (7) |
| Mo-O(3) | 2.123 (3) | C(3)-O(4) | 1.228 (7) | C(5)-C(16) | 1.480 (8) |
| | | | | C(6)-C(26) | 1.456 (7) |
| Bond Angles (deg) | | | | | |
| CENT-Mo-C(1) | 118.0 (2) | O(3)-Mo-MENE | 79.4 (2) | C(3)-C(4)-C(6) | 119.3 (5) |
| CENT-Mo-C(2) | 102.6 (2) | Mo-C(1)-O(1) | 176.0 (4) | C(4)-C(5)-C(6) | 62.1 (3) |
| CENT-Mo-O(3) | 103.0 (2) | Mo-C(2)-O(2) | 175.6 (5) | C(5)-C(6)-C(4) | 62.3 (3) |
| CENT-Mo-MENE ^a | 141.1 (2) | Mo-O(3)-C(3) | 116.0 (4) | C(5)-C(4)-C(6) | 55.6 (3) |
| C(1)-Mo-C(2) | 82.4 (2) | O(3)-C(3)-O(4) | 123.3 (6) | C(4)-C(5)-C(16) | 126.0 (4) |
| C(1)-Mo-O(3) | 84.3 (2) | C(4)-C(3)-O(4) | 123.8 (5) | C(4)-C(6)-C(26) | 129.0 (3) |
| C(1)-Mo-MENE | 100.9 (2) | O(3)-C(3)-C(4) | 112.8 (4) | C(5)-C(6)-C(26) | 138.1 (5) |
| C(2)-Mo-O(3) | 154.4 (2) | C(3)-C(4)-C(5) | 117.6 (4) | C(6)-C(5)-C(16) | 137.4 (5) |
| C(2)-Mo-MENE | 81.8 (2) | | | | |

^a CENT = centroid of Cp ring; MENE = midpoint of alkene bond.

Scheme II



their reactions to afford η^1 -¹³ and η^3 -cyclopropenyl¹⁴ or η^3 -oxocyclobutenyl^{14,15} compounds 2-4 (Scheme I). A key step in all these reactions has been proposed to involve coordination of the cyclopropene double bond in a (2-cyclopropene-1-carbonyl)metal complex prior to cyclopropenyl migration or ring expansion.¹⁵ A stable (2-cyclopropene-1-carbonyl)iron complex, 5, in which the cyclopropene double bond remains uncoordinated has been characterized.^{13a}



Results and Discussion

With a view to testing the generality of such coordination induced ring expansion reactions we attempted to generate a complex in which the cyclopropene olefin was part of a larger chelate ring. The system we chose involved

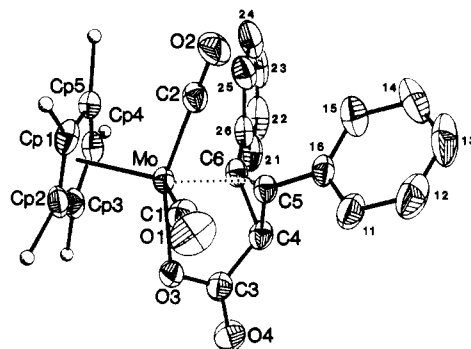


Figure 1. Molecular structure and labeling diagram for 9. Ring methyl groups are reduced in size, and hydrogen atoms have been removed for greater clarity.

reaction of the 16-electron, coordinatively unsaturated cation 6¹⁶ with the 2,3-diphenyl-2-cyclopropene-1-carboxylate anion 7 (Scheme II). The anticipated initial tricarbonyl adduct 8 was not isolated, however, and the reaction proceeded with loss of carbon monoxide to afford the chelated complex 9, containing the first example of a molybdenum-cyclopropene bond. Indeed 9 appears to be the first reported example of a transition-metal complex containing both an unopened coordinated cyclopropene ring and CO ligands (vide supra).

Complex 9 has been completely characterized by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study. The molecular structure and labeling scheme for 9 is shown in Figure 1, and a stereoview is provided in Figure 2. Selected bond angles and distances are provided in Table I. The coordination geometry about Mo is best described as distorted tetragonal pyramidal (a "four-legged piano stool", MoCp(CO)₂LL' complex) with the Mo atom substantially raised above the basal plane. If the $\eta\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5$ ring is treated as occupying three coordination sites, the complex is electronically seven-coordinate.¹⁷ The cis-carbonyl arrangement is required to accommodate the chelating cyclopropenecarboxylate ligand,¹⁸ however, MoCp(CO)₂LL'

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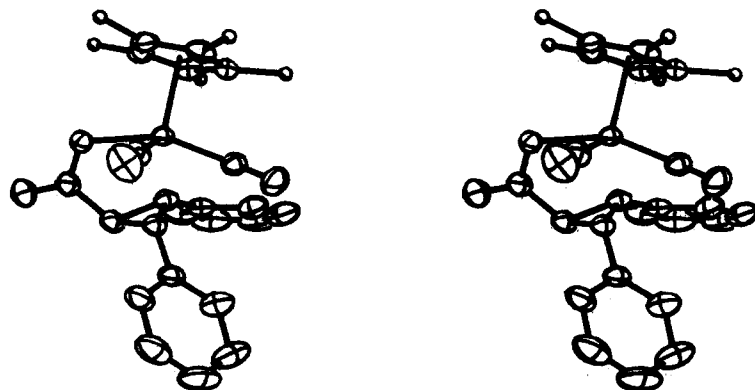
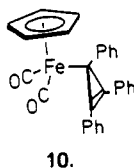


Figure 2. A stereoview of the molecular structure of 9.

complexes in which L and L' are not chelating generally adopt trans-CO arrangements, with only one known exception.¹⁹ The distortions of the typical "four-legged piano stool" structures found in 9 may also be attributed to the constraints imposed by a chelating ligand in the basal plane.

The Mo distances to the cyclopropene ring carbon atoms (see Figure 1 and Table I) clearly reveal the η^2 -olefin bonding. The short C(5)–C(6) distance 1.408 (7) Å (compared to the C(4)–C(5) and C(5)–C(6) distances of 1.511 (6) and 1.507 (7) Å suggests a relatively small π -acceptor character in this formally d^4 metal–olefin bond. In contrast, the coordinated olefin bond length in the d^{10} Pt(O)–cyclopropene complex Pt(PPh₃)₂(η^2 -cyclopropene) is 1.585 (2) Å, indicating that the Pt–olefin bond has a more "metallacyclopropane" character.⁵ These C–C distances may be compared to those found for the uncomplexed cyclopropene molecule (C–C = 1.515 Å and C=C = 1.300 Å) by microwave spectroscopy²⁰ and the η^1 -triphenylcyclopropenyl ligand in 10 (mean C–C = 1.512 Å and C=C = 1.292 Å).^{13c} The phenyl groups are displaced from



the plane of the cyclopropene ring, away from the metal, the "bend-back" angles for the ipso-carbon atoms (calculated as the angle between the exocyclic C–C bond and the C(4)–C(5)–C(6) plane) being 39.7° (C(5)–C(16)) and 36.9° (C(6)–C(26)). The corresponding angle at the saturated cyclopropene carbon atom is 57.4° (C(4)–C(3)).

The solid-state structure of 9 apparently is maintained in solution, with two Mo–CO and two cyclopropene olefinic carbon resonances being observed in the ¹³C NMR spectrum at ambient temperature. No evidence of any further ring opening reactions of 9 have been observed, indicating that (2-cyclopropene-1-carbonyl)metal complexes may have an enhanced reactivity toward ring expansion. Further experiments to test this hypothesis are currently in progress in our laboratories.

Experimental Section

General Data. All reactions were run and worked up in oven dried glassware, using conventional Schlenk techniques under

Table II. Crystal and Refinement Data for $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2)]\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (9)

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|--|---|
| formula | $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{MoO}_4\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ |
| fw | 607.35 |
| cryst system | monoclinic |
| space group | $P2_1/c$ [No. 14, C_2^5] |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 16.638 (5) |
| <i>b</i> , Å | 11.526 (3) |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 15.892 (5) |
| β , deg | 114.54 (2) |
| <i>V</i> , Å ³ | 2772.4 (13) |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 |
| ρ (calcd), g cm ⁻³ | 1.455 |
| temp, °C | 23 |
| cryst dimens, mm | 0.22 × 0.30 × 0.32 |
| radiant | graphite-monochromated Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) |
| diffractometer | Nicolet R3 |
| abs coeff, cm ⁻¹ | 6.86 |
| scan speed, deg/min | var 3.5–20 |
| 2 θ scan range, deg | 3 ≤ 2 θ ≤ 50 |
| scan technique | $\theta/2\theta$ |
| data collected | $\pm h, \pm k, +l$ |
| scan width, deg | 1.8 + $\Delta(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$ |
| ignorance factor | 0.001 |
| unique data | 4770 rflns (4993 collected) |
| unique data with (F_o) ² > 3 σ (F_o) ² | 3996 |
| std rflns | 3/147 (18% decay obs) |
| <i>R</i> _F , % | 4.93 |
| <i>R</i> _{wF} , % | 5.09 |
| GOF | 1.235 |

an atmosphere of dinitrogen that was deoxygenated over BASF catalyst and dried over P₂O₁₀. Hydrocarbon and ether solvents were dried by distillation from Na/K alloy; dichloromethane was dried by distillation from P₂O₁₀. All solvents were stored and transferred under purified dinitrogen.

¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were run on a Varian Associates XL-300 FT spectrometer; chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million downfield from internal tetramethylsilane. IR spectra were run on a Perkin-Elmer 599 instrument and calibrated by using the 1601 cm⁻¹ peak of polystyrene.

2,3-Diphenyl-2-cyclopropene-1-carboxylic acid²¹ and bis(η -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)hexacarbonyldimolybdenum²² were prepared by literature methods.

Sodium 2,3-Diphenyl-2-cyclopropene-1-carboxylate. Sodium hydride (0.085 g of a 1:1 oil dispersion, 1.77 mmol of NaH) was washed with hexane (5 × 6 mL), dried under vacuum, and slurried in THF (10 mL). A solution of 2,3-diphenyl-2-cyclopropene-1-carboxylic acid (0.380 g, 1.61 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added, with magnetic stirring. Vigorous evolution of H₂ was observed and the product precipitated as a white solid. The

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Table III. Final Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) for $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2](\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2)\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (9)

| atom | x | y | z |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mo | 2351 (1) | 4697 (1) | 6474 (1) |
| O(1) | 841 (3) | 2829 (4) | 5685 (3) |
| O(2) | 687 (2) | 6267 (4) | 6048 (2) |
| O(3) | 3195 (2) | 3278 (3) | 7120 (2) |
| O(4) | 3902 (2) | 2377 (3) | 8467 (2) |
| Cp(1) | 2110 (3) | 5267 (5) | 5000 (3) |
| Cp(2) | 2749 (4) | 4365 (4) | 5267 (3) |
| Cp(3) | 3529 (3) | 4807 (4) | 5991 (3) |
| Cp(4) | 3381 (4) | 5941 (6) | 6200 (4) |
| Cp(5) | 2495 (3) | 6235 (4) | 5581 (3) |
| Cm(1) | 1234 (4) | 5271 (6) | 4171 (3) |
| Cm(2) | 2686 (5) | 3217 (5) | 4798 (4) |
| Cm(3) | 4392 (4) | 4189 (6) | 6425 (5) |
| Cm(4) | 4055 (4) | 6756 (7) | 6850 (5) |
| Cm(5) | 2140 (5) | 7455 (6) | 5450 (5) |
| C(1) | 1398 (3) | 3468 (5) | 5992 (3) |
| C(2) | 1318 (4) | 5730 (5) | 6218 (4) |
| C(3) | 3431 (4) | 3169 (6) | 8005 (4) |
| C(4) | 3032 (3) | 4071 (4) | 8385 (3) |
| C(5) | 2122 (3) | 4511 (4) | 7764 (3) |
| C(6) | 2844 (3) | 5259 (4) | 7948 (3) |
| C(11) | 893 (4) | 3434 (6) | 7893 (4) |
| C(12) | 182 (4) | 3361 (8) | 8125 (5) |
| C(13) | -87 (5) | 4307 (9) | 8453 (5) |
| C(14) | 326 (4) | 5336 (7) | 8516 (5) |
| C(15) | 1043 (4) | 5437 (6) | 8274 (4) |
| C(16) | 1330 (3) | 4466 (4) | 7966 (3) |
| C(21) | 2666 (4) | 7390 (5) | 8070 (4) |
| C(22) | 2983 (5) | 8460 (7) | 8497 (5) |
| C(23) | 3789 (5) | 8502 (6) | 9241 (4) |
| C(24) | 4277 (5) | 7527 (7) | 9552 (4) |
| C(25) | 3961 (3) | 6470 (6) | 9129 (3) |
| C(26) | 3148 (3) | 6385 (4) | 8377 (3) |
| C _s ^a | 3339 (5) | 4510 (6) | 1813 (6) |
| Cl(1) | 3805 (2) | 4839 (2) | 1052 (2) |
| Cl(2) | 2191 | 4513 | 1280 |
| Cl(2') | 2168 | 4528 | 833 |
| Cl(2'') | 2223 | 4531 | 1790 |

^a Italicized atoms form the disordered solvent molecule CH_2Cl_2 (see text).

resultant slurry was used in the following reaction.

Synthesis of Complex 9. Bis(η -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)hexacarbonyldimolybdenum (0.514 g, 0.816 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (30 mL), and silver hexafluorophosphate (0.413 g, 1.63 mmol) was added to give a black precipitate of metallic Ag and a solution of $[\text{Mo}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2(\text{CO})_3]^+\text{BF}_4^{16}$. This solution was filtered and added dropwise, at -80°C , to the slurry prepared in the previous reaction. The mixture was stirred cold for 1 h, then allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and stirred overnight. Evaporation of the solution to dryness, followed by column chromatography of the residue on Florisil (2.5 \times 25 cm), yielded a red-orange band on elution with acetone. Evaporation of the eluate and recrystallization of the residue from dichloromethane/hexane afforded the product **9** as orange crystals: 0.25 g, 25%; mp 124–129 $^\circ\text{C}$ dec; IR (CH_2Cl_2) ν_{CO} 2022, 1961, $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ 1630 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.39 (m, 10 H, Ph), 1.98 (s, 1 H, CH), 1.67 (s, 15 H, C_5Me_5); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3) δ 228.79 (MoCO), 222.24 (MoCO), 183.67 (C=O),

139.77–125.99 (Ph), 108.73 (C_5Me_5), 71.91 (CPh), 58.64 (CPh), 44.22 (CH), 10.04 (C_5Me_5). A single crystal was selected for X-ray diffraction.

X-ray Diffraction Study of 9. An orange crystal was mounted on a glass fiber with epoxy cement. Unit cell parameters are reported in Table II, along with the details of data collection and refinement, and were obtained from the angular settings of 25 well-centered reflections ($24^\circ < 2\theta < 30^\circ$) including Friedel relatives to check optical alignment. The data were corrected for L_p effects as well as for a linear 18% decay in reflection intensity. No correction for absorption was required: regular crystal shape, low absorption coefficient ($\mu = 6.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), and max/min transmission = 1.08/1.00.

The structure was solved by standard techniques that revealed the position of the Mo atom. All remaining non-hydrogen atoms were located by subsequent difference Fourier syntheses. Early in the refinement process a molecule of CH_2Cl_2 was located and found to be present in a 1:1 ratio with the Mo complex. While the solvent's C atom and one of the Cl atoms were well behaved, the second Cl atom was highly disordered, appearing to occupy a number of positions, the loci of which were defined by a circle swept out by rotation about the CS–Cl(1) axis. Although a fully satisfactory modeling of the disorder could not be achieved, several Cl(2) positions were located in difference maps and refined with fixed positional and occupancy parameters, the latter adjusted to maintain a total Cl(2) occupancy of 1.0. The partial success of this model is seen in the reasonable final residuals and the "clean" difference map (see below).

All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters, and hydrogen atoms were fixed in idealized positions [$d(\text{C-H}) = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$, $U = 1.2 \times$ the isotropic equivalent for the carbon atom to which it was attached] by using a "riding" model. Convergence was obtained at the residuals shown in Table II. The final difference map showed a low, diffuse background (maximum peak = 0.4 e/\AA^3), and trends of F_o vs. F_c , $\sin \theta$, Miller index, and parity group showed no unusual features.

The programs used throughout data collection, refinement, and graphics preparation were those included in the Nicolet program packages P3, SHELXTL, and xP, and were processed on our in-house Data General Nova 4 computer.

Final positional parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms are provided in Table III. For other tables available as supplementary material see the paragraph following the Acknowledgment.

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Supplementary Material Available: Table 4S, atom coordinates and temperature factors, Table 5S, bond lengths, Table 6S, bond angles, Table 7S, anisotropic temperature factors, Table 8S, and observed and calculated structure factors (29 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.