

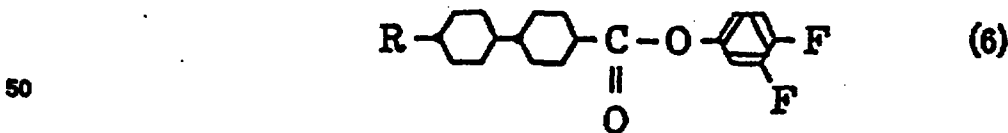
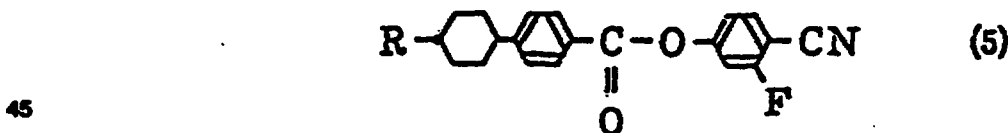
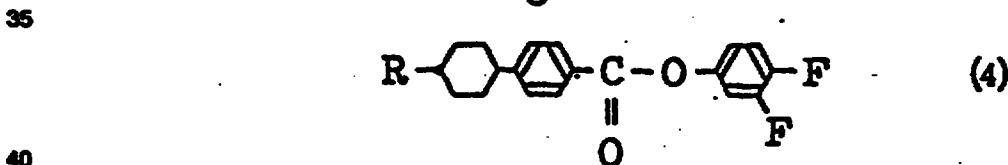
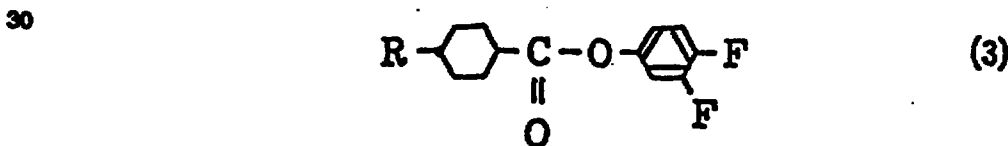
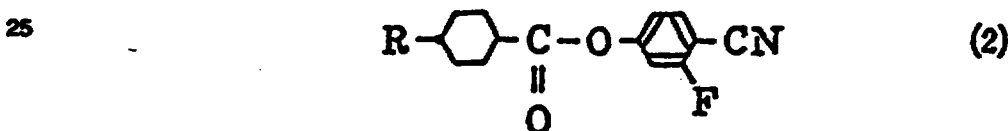
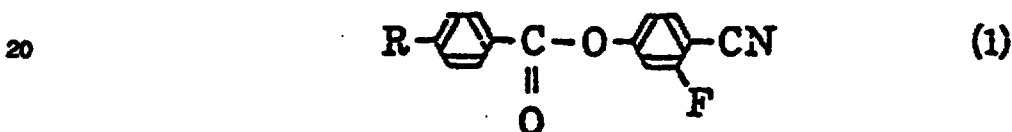
Description

This invention relates to a novel cyclohexane derivative and a liquid crystal composition containing the same.

Liquid crystal display elements utilize the optical anisotropy and the dielectric anisotropy of liquid crystal substances, and there are various modes such as those of T-N (twisted nematic) type, DS (dynamic scattering) type, guest-host type, DAP type, depending on their display mode. There vary properties required for liquid crystal substances used according to these modes, but it has been required in common that the substances exhibit liquid crystal phases within a temperature range as broad as possible and also they are stable to moisture, heat, light, air.

At present, however, there is no single compound which satisfies all such requirements; hence liquid crystal compositions obtained by blending several kinds of liquid crystal compounds or blending these with compounds similar to liquid crystals have been used.

As examples of compounds having a 3,4-dihaloxyphenyl group or a 3-halogeno-4-cyanophenyl group, Japanese patent application laid-open Nos. Sho 58-83665/1983, Sho 58-210057/1983, Sho 59-170042/1984, Sho 59-193850/1984, Sho 59-80651/1984 and Sho 60-45549/1985 disclose respectively ester compounds expressed by the following formulas (1) - (6):



In the above formulas, R represents a linear chain alkyl group.

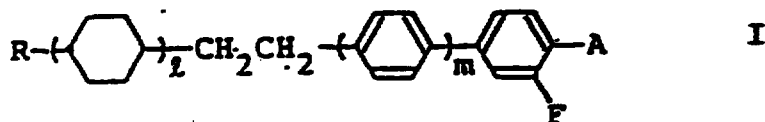
The compounds of the above formulas are liquid crystal compounds or compounds similar thereto, capable of being used as liquid crystal compositions by blending them with other liquid crystal compounds. The respective compounds of the above formulas, however, have drawbacks as described below. The compounds of the formulas (1), (2) and (3) constitute a liquid crystal blend having a relatively large dielectric anisotropy value ($\Delta\epsilon$), but the blend has a high viscosity, and further among these compounds, those which exhibit liquid crystal phases are scanty. Compounds expressed by the formulas (4), (5) and (6) have a relatively large dielectric anisotropy value and a suitable mesomorphic range, but they have a high viscosity.

Further, since the compounds (1) - (6) have an ester bond, they are liable to be hydrolyzed; thus liquid crystal compositions using these compounds could not have completely solved problems of stability, reliability.

The content of EP-A-0 149 208 as filed and published on 24 July 1985 (priority date of 17 January 1984) is, pursuant to Article 54(3) and (4) EPC, comprised in the state of the art. This European patent application is directed to compounds which are similar to the compounds as claimed in this application. In EP-A-0 125 563 and DE-A-3 233 641 compounds are described which are useful as liquid crystal components. The electric properties of the compounds known, however, are not satisfactory.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a compound which has a good stability, a low viscosity and a large dielectric anisotropy value, and also when it is used in admixture with other components to constitute a liquid crystal composition, has a good compatibility therewith and does not raise both the viscosity and the driving voltage of the liquid crystal composition together. It is also an object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal composition having a low viscosity and a low operating threshold voltage.

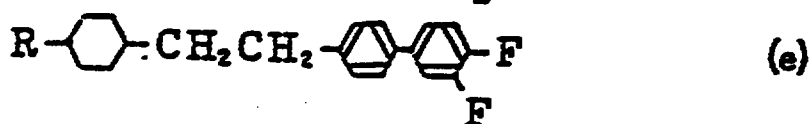
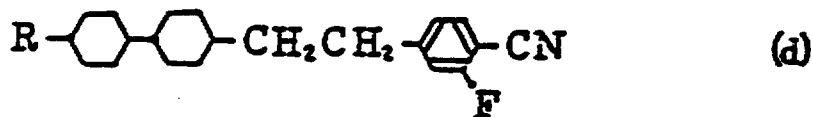
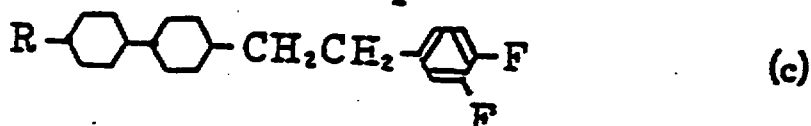
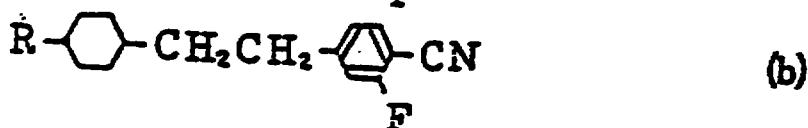
This invention relates to a cyclohexane derivative expressed by the formula



wherein R is an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms; ℓ is 1 or 2; m is 0 or 1; and A is a fluorine atom or a cyano group, with provisos that a sum of ℓ and m is 1 or 2, and that A is a fluorine atom when m is 1.

This invention relates also to a liquid crystal composition having at least two components at least one of which is a cyclohexane derivative expressed by the above mentioned formula (I).

The cyclohexane derivative of the present invention expressed by the formula (I) includes compounds expressed by the following formulas (a)–(e), as those which are preferred as a component of liquid crystal display materials, and in these formulas, R is as defined above and particularly preferred to be a linear alkyl group of 2 to 7 carbon atoms:



Among the compounds of the present invention, those of the formula (I) wherein $\ell=1$ and $m=0$ have a low viscosity and when used as a component of a liquid crystal composition, have a function of enhancing the dielectric anisotropy of the resulting liquid crystal composition.

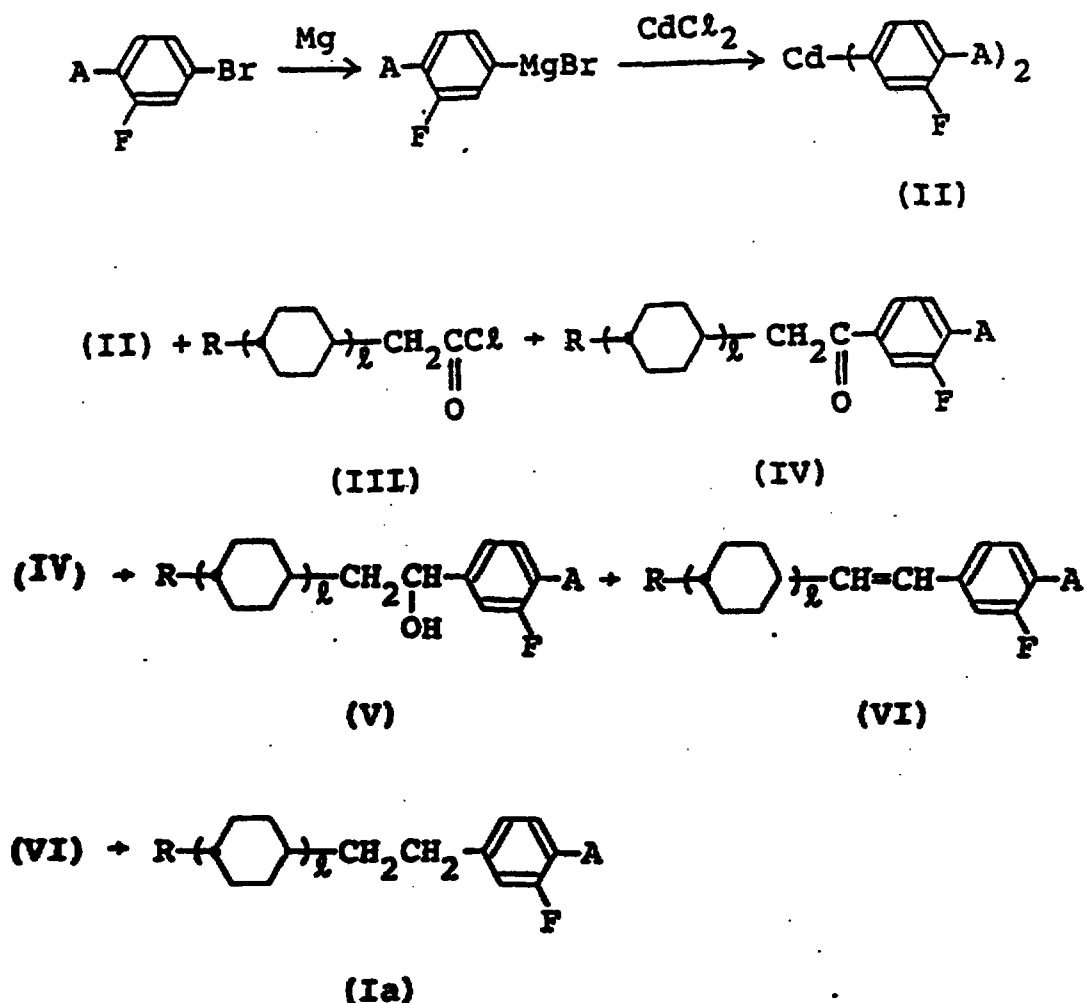
In particular, the compounds expressed by the formulas (a) and (b) have an extremely low viscosity and a notable effectiveness upon its dielectric anisotropy.

By using such compounds having two 6-membered rings as a component of a liquid crystal material, it is possible to operate liquid crystal display elements at a low driving voltage.

Among the compounds of the present invention, compounds having three 6-membered rings have a broad mesomorphic range, and by adding these compounds as a component of a liquid crystal composition, it is possible to broaden the mesomorphic range of the resulting liquid crystal blend without raising the viscosity of the blend.

Next, a preparation example of the cyclohexane derivative of the present invention is illustrated below.

A compound (Ia) of the formula (I) wherein m represents zero and A represents hydrogen or a fluorine atom may be prepared according to the following scheme:

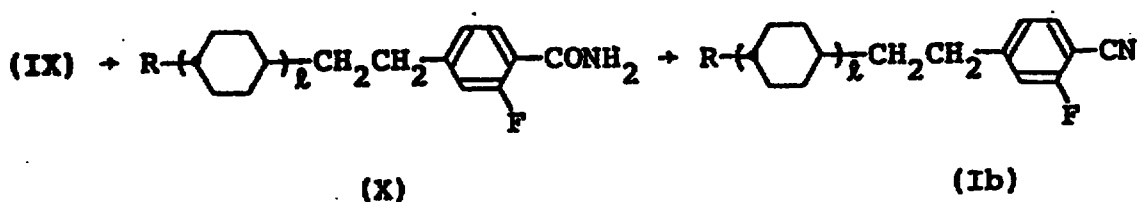
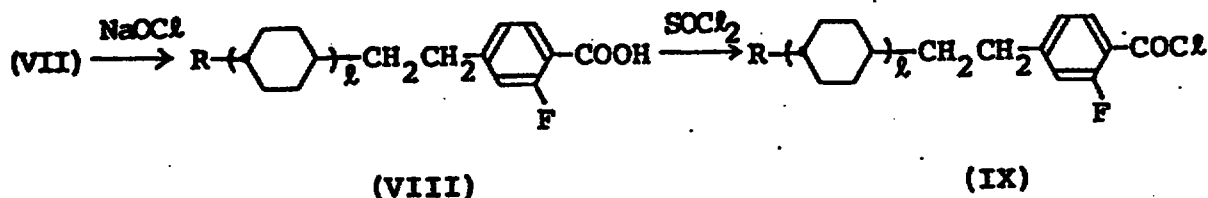
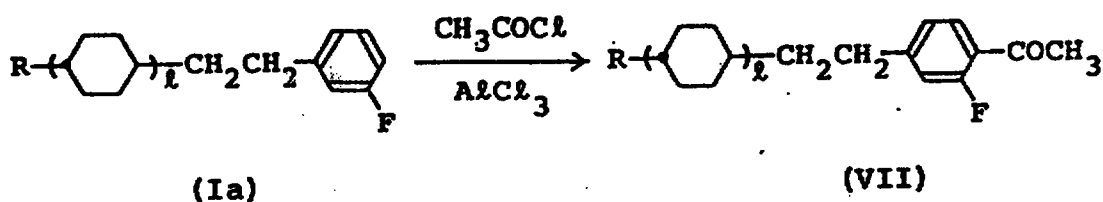


A Grignard reagent obtained by reacting a 3-fluoro-4-substituted-bromobenzene (or a 3-fluoro-bromobenzene) with metal magnesium is reacted with cadmium chloride to obtain a cadmium compound (II), followed by reacting this compound (II) with a substituted acetyl chloride expressed by the formula (III) to obtain a ketone derivative of the formula (IV). The reaction for obtaining this compound (IV) is preferred to be carried out at a temperature of 0° - 150°, preferably 60° - 110°C in an inert solvent such as benzene, toluene. Successively the ketone derivative (IV) is subjected to reduction reaction in the presence of a suitable reducing agent such as lithium aluminium hydride, sodium borohydride, to obtain an alcohol derivative (V), followed by subjecting this alcohol derivative to dehydration reaction in the presence of a catalyst described below in an inert organic solvent at a reflux temperature and under the atmospheric pressure to obtain an ethylene derivative (VI). As the inert organic solvent, benzene, toluene, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, methylene chloride, are suitable. As the catalyst for dehydration, Lewis acids such as aluminium chloride, tin tetrachloride, titanium tetrachloride, toluene-sulfonic acid, and mineral acids such as sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, may be used.

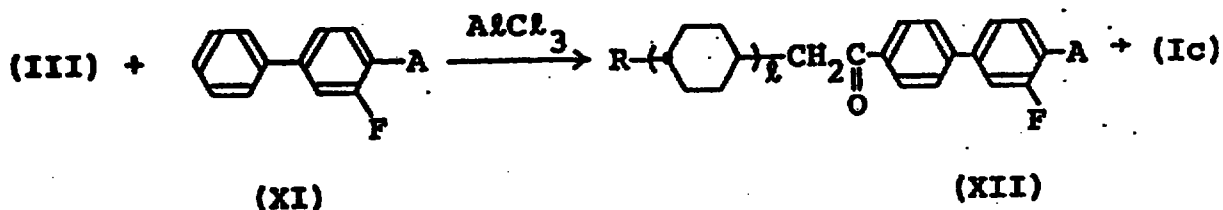
Successively the ethylene derivative (VI) is subjected to catalytic reduction reaction and the reaction mixture is subjected to a purification treatment suitable to the mixture, whereby it is possible to isolate the objective compound of the formula (Ia).

Further, a cyclohexane derivative (Ib) of the formula (I) wherein m represents zero and A represents -CN may be prepared for example as follows by a combination of known reactions:

Namely, the above compound of the formula (Ia) wherein A represents hydrogen is used as the starting raw material and this compound is subjected to Friedel-Crafts reaction to obtain a ketone compound of the formula (VII), followed by subjecting this compound to haloform reaction to obtain a carboxylic acid of the formula (VIII), chlorinating this compound into an acid chloride (IX), converting this chloride into an amide compound (X) and dehydrating it to obtain the objective compound (Ib).

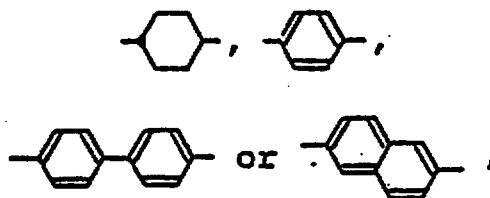


A compound (Ic) of the formula (I) wherein m represents 1 and A represents hydrogen or a fluorine atom may be obtained by subjecting the acid chloride of the formula (III) and a 3-fluoro-4-substituted biphenyl (XI) to Friedel-Crafts reaction to obtain a ketone derivative (XII) which is then reduced, dehydrated and hydrogenated.

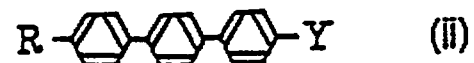
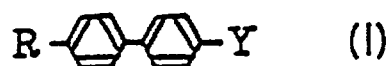


The liquid crystal composition of the present invention contains the compound expressed by the formula (I) in a proportion of 0.1 to 99% by weight, preferably 1 to 40% by weight, more preferably 5 to 20% by weight.

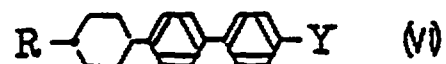
As compounds which may be used in admixture with the compound of the formula (I), as a component of the liquid crystal composition of the present invention, a group of known compounds expressed by the following formulas (i) ~ (xxxiii) may be enumerated; in the above formulas (i) ~ (xxxiii), X represents



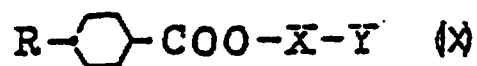
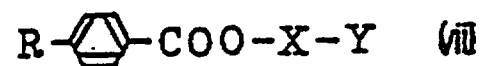
Y represents -CN, halogen, R' or -OR' and R and R' each represent an alkyl group:



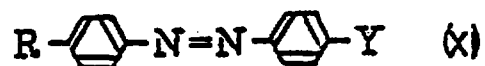
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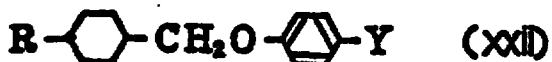
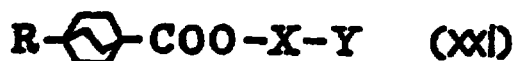
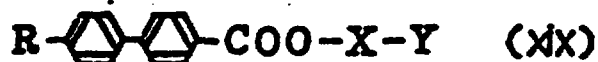
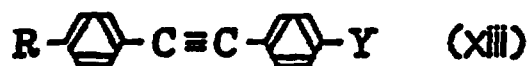
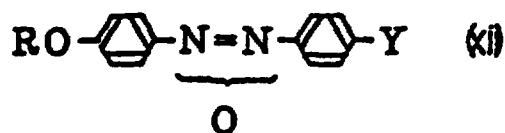
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The present invention will be described in more detail by way of the following Examples.

In the Examples, the symbols C-I point, C-S point, S-N point, N-I point and S-I point mean crystalline-isotropic liquid phase transition point, crystalline-smectic phase transition point, smectic-nematic phase transition point, nematic-isotropic liquid phase transition point and smectic-isotropic liquid phase transition point, respectively.

Further, the dielectric anisotropy values of liquid crystal compositions are abbreviated to $\Delta\epsilon$.

Example 1

- 10 2-[Trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane
- (i) Into a diethyl ether solution of a Grignard reagent prepared from 3,4-difluoro-1-bromobenzene (52.8 g, 0.274 mol) and magnesium (6.6 g, 0.274 mol) was added cadmium chloride (25.1 g, 0.137 mol), followed by refluxing the mixture for one hour, distilling off diethyl ether under reduced pressure, adding benzene (100 ml) to the resulting liquid, heating the mixture under reflux for one hour, adding a solution of trans-4-
- 15 (trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexylacetyl chloride (50.4 g, 0.177 mol) dissolved in benzene (100 ml), heating the reaction mixture under reflux for 2 hours, allowing it to cool down to room temperature, adding it to a mixed solution of water (500 ml) and sulfuric acid (20 g), separating the benzene layer, washing the benzene layer with water till the washing water became neutral, drying by means of anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtering off the drying agent, distilling off benzene from the benzene solution and recrystallizing
- 20 a remaining oily substance from ethanol to obtain trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexylacetyl-3,4-difluorobenzene (35 g). This product exhibited liquid crystal phases (C-I point: 98.2°C, N-I point 84.5°C).
- (ii) Next, a solution of the above trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexylacetyl-3,4-difluorobenzene (13 g) dissolved in diethyl ether (50 ml) was added to a diethyl ether suspension (50 ml) of lithium
- 25 aluminum hydride (1.2 g, 0.032 mol) at 0°C, followed by agitating the mixture at 0°C for one hour, adding 20% sulfuric acid (50 ml) to the reaction material to dissolve the inorganic substance therein, extracting the separated oily substance with diethyl ether (100 ml), washing the separated ether solution with 10% sodium hydrogen carbonate solution and further with water till the washing water became neutral, drying the ether solution with anhydrous sodium sulfate, distilling off diethyl ether, adding to the re-
- 30 maining oily substance, p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.1 g) and toluene (50 ml), heating the mixture under reflux, removing the generated water to the outside of the system, allowing the resulting material to cool down to room temperature after completion of the reaction, washing the toluene solution with water till the washing water became neutral, drying the toluene solution with anhydrous sodium sulfate, distilling off
- 35 toluene and recrystallizing remaining solids from ethanol to obtain 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (10.2 g). This product, too, exhibited liquid crystal phases (C-N point: 35.6°C, N-I point: 177.3°C).
- (iii) Next, the above 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (10g) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (100 ml), followed by subjecting the solution to catalytic hydrogenation
- 40 at 20°C by means of 5%-Pd/C catalyst (0.5 g) till absorption of hydrogen ceased, removing the catalyst after completion of the reaction, distilling off ethyl acetate and recrystallizing a remaining oily substance from ethanol to obtain the objective 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane (8 g). This product has a broad mesomorphic range, and C-S point: 18.4°C, S-N point: 49.5°C and N-I point: 118.3°C.

45 Example 2

The following compound was obtained in the same manner as in Example 1:

2-[trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl) ethane

C-S point: 50.8°C, S-N point: 74.1°C, N-I point: 121.5°C.

50 In addition, compounds obtained as intermediates also exhibited liquid crystal phases. The phase transition points thereof are as follows:

trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexylacetyl-3,4-difluorobenzene

C-S point: 89.9°C, S-I point: 112.6°C,

2-[trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluoro)ethene

55 C-N point: 47.1°C, N-I point: 178.5°C

Examples 3 - 6

The following compounds were obtained in the same manner as in Example 1:

60 2-(trans-4-ethylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane

C-I point: -35.1°C

2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane

C-I point: -7.5°C

2-(trans-4-butylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane

65 C-I point: -0.5°C

2-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane
C-I point: 1.5°C, N-I point: -30.1°C

Example 7

The following compounds were obtained in the same manner as in Example 1:

2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorobiphenyl-4')ethane
C-N point: 64.1°C, N-I point: 88.7°C

Compounds obtained as intermediates, too, exhibited liquid crystal phases. The phase transition points thereof are as follows:

4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexylacetyl)-3', 4'-difluorobiphenyl

C-N point: 75.7°C, N-I point: 80.2°C

2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorobiphenyl-4')ethene

C-N point: 94.1°C, N-I point: 174.3°C

Example 8

2-[Trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane,

(i) 2-[Trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl) ethane (50 g) obtained from 3-fluorobromobenzene and trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-cyclohexylacetyl chloride in the same manner as in Example 1 was dissolved in nitrobenzene (100 ml), followed by adding anhydrous aluminium chloride (50.5 g) to the solution, agitating the mixture, dropwise adding acetyl chloride (29 g), reacting the mixture on heating at 40°C on a water bath for 2 hours after completion of heat generation, adding the reaction mixture to a mixture of ice (500 g) and conc. hydrochloric acid (100 ml) to decompose the resulting aluminium chloride complex with vigorous stirring, extracting a liberated oily substance with toluene (200 ml), washing the extract liquid with water till the washing water became neutral, drying the toluene solution with anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtering off the drying agent, distilling off toluene and nitrobenzene under reduced pressure and recrystallizing the remaining oily substance from ethyl acetate to obtain 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-acetyl)ethane (19 g). This product, too, exhibited liquid crystal phases (C-N point: 76.5°C, N-I point: 168.5°C).

(ii) 2-[Trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-acetyl)ethane (10 g) obtained in the above paragraph (i) was dissolved in dioxane (100 ml), followed by adding to the solution, a solution of sodium hydroxide (19 g), reacting the mixture on heating at 50°C for 4 hours, allowing the reaction mixture to cool down after completion of the reaction, adding 6N hydrochloric acid (100 ml), filtering off a deposited bulk substance, drying it and recrystallizing from acetic acid (200 ml) to obtain 2-fluoro-4-[2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-cyclohexyl]ethyl]benzoic acid (9.0 g). This product, too, exhibited liquid crystal phases (C-N point: 251.7°C, N-I point: >300°C).

(iii) 2-Fluoro-4-[2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-cyclohexyl]ethyl] benzoic acid obtained in the above paragraph (ii) was converted into the corresponding benzoyl chloride (5g), which was then dissolved in dry toluene (10 ml), followed by adding the solution to a mixture of ice (100 g) and aqueous ammonia (30 ml), agitating the mixture vigorously, filtering off a deposited bulky substance, and drying it to obtain the corresponding benzamide (4.7 g). This product, too exhibited liquid crystal phases (C-N point: 234/1°C, N-I point: 241.3°C).

(iv) To the benzamide (4.7 g) obtained in the above paragraph (iii) were added toluene (50 ml) and thionyl chloride (50 ml) and the mixture was reacted on heating under reflux for 10 hours, allowing the resulting mixture to cool down after completion of the reaction, adding it in ice (100 g), agitating the mixture, separating the toluene layer, washing with 2N NaOH aqueous solution (50 ml), further washing with water till the washing water became neutral, drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, removing the drying agent, distilling off toluene from the toluene solution and recrystallizing remaining solids from ethyl acetate to obtain the objective 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane (2.5 g). This product exhibited a broad liquid crystal range (C-N point: 72.1°C, N-I point: 172.9°C).

Examples 9 and 10

The following compounds were obtained in the same manner as in Example 8:

2-[trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane
C-N point: 66.4°C, (S-N point: 60.5°C),
N-I point: 170.4°C

2-[trans-4-propylcyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane
C-I point: 19.2°C, (N-I point: 7.2°C)

Example 11

A liquid crystal composition A consisting of trans-4-propyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane 30% by weight,

trans-4-pentyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
40% by weight and
trans-4-heptyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
30% by weight

has a N-I point of 52.1°C, a dielectric anisotropy value $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.2 and a viscosity at 20°C of 23.4 cp. This composition was sealed in a TN type cell of 10 μ m thick and its characteristics at 20°C were measured to give a threshold voltage of 1.54 V and a saturation voltage of 2.13 V.

To this liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 1. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 60.2°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 12.1 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 22.0 cp. that is, it is seen that its effectiveness is superior. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN type cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.60 V and 2.21 V, respectively.

Example 12

To the liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) used in Example 11 was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 2. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 60.1°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.8 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 21.8 cp. Further when this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.57 V and 2.14 V, respectively.

Example 13

To the liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) used in Example 11 was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 8. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 68.0°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ somewhat raised up to 12.1 and a viscosity at 20°C also somewhat raised up to 25.8 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.59 V and 2.21 V, respectively.

Example 14

A liquid crystal composition B consisting of
trans-4-propyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
24% by weight,
trans-4-pentyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
36% by weight,
trans-4-heptyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
25% by weight, and
trans-4-pentyl-(4'-cyanobiphenyl-4)cyclohexane
15% by weight

has a N-I point of 72.0°C, a dielectric anisotropy value $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.6 and a viscosity at 20°C of 27.8 cp.

This composition was sealed in a TN type cell of 10 μ m thick and its characteristics at 20°C were measured to give a threshold voltage of 1.75 V and a saturation voltage of 2.40 V. To this liquid crystal composition B (85 parts by weight) was added 2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 10. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point of 62.5°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 13.7 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 26.4 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.50 V and 2.07 V respectively.

Example 15

To the liquid crystal composition B (85 parts by weight) used in Example 14 was added 2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 4. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point of 52.6°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.3 and a viscosity at 20°C of 20.7 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.48 V and 2.05 V, respectively.

Claims

1. A cyclohexane derivative expressed by the formula

trans-4-pentyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
40% by weight and
trans-4-heptyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
30% by weight

has a N-I point of 52.1°C, a dielectric anisotropy value $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.2 and a viscosity at 20°C of 23.4 cp. This composition was sealed in a TN type cell of 10 μ m thick and its characteristics at 20°C were measured to give a threshold voltage of 1.54 V and a saturation voltage of 2.13 V.

To this liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 1. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 60.2°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 12.1 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 22.0 cp. that is, it is seen that its effectiveness is superior. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN type cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.60 V and 2.21 V, respectively.

Example 12

To the liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) used in Example 11 was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-pentylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 2. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 60.1°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.8 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 21.8 cp. Further when this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.57 V and 2.14 V, respectively.

Example 13

To the liquid crystal composition A (85 parts by weight) used in Example 11 was added 2-[trans-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)cyclohexyl]-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)-ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 8. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point raised up to 68.0°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ somewhat raised up to 12.1 and a viscosity at 20°C also somewhat raised up to 25.8 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.59 V and 2.21 V, respectively.

Example 14

A liquid crystal composition B consisting of
trans-4-propyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
24% by weight,
trans-4-pentyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
36% by weight,
trans-4-heptyl-(4-cyanophenyl)cyclohexane
25% by weight, and
trans-4-pentyl-(4'-cyanobiphenyl-4)cyclohexane
15% by weight

has a N-I point of 72.0°C, a dielectric anisotropy value $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.6 and a viscosity at 20°C of 27.8 cp.

This composition was sealed in a TN type cell of 10 μ m thick and its characteristics at 20°C were measured to give a threshold voltage of 1.75 V and a saturation voltage of 2.40 V. To this liquid crystal composition B (85 parts by weight) was added 2-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)-1-(3-fluoro-4-cyanophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 10. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point of 62.5°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 13.7 and a viscosity at 20°C lowered down to 26.4 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.50 V and 2.07 V respectively.

Example 15

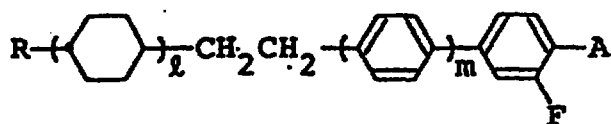
To the liquid crystal composition B (85 parts by weight) used in Example 14 was added 2-(trans-4-propyl)-cyclohexyl)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethane (15 parts by weight) shown in Example 4. The resulting liquid crystal composition had a N-I point of 52.6°C, a $\Delta\epsilon$ of 11.3 and a viscosity at 20°C of 20.7 cp. When this liquid crystal composition was sealed in the above TN cell, the threshold voltage and the saturation voltage were 1.48 V and 2.05 V, respectively.

Claims

1. A cyclohexane derivative expressed by the formula



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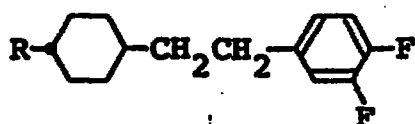


wherein R is an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms; ℓ is 1 or 2; m is 0 or 1; and A is a fluorine atom or a cyano group, with provisos that a sum of ℓ and m is 1 or 2, and that A is a fluorine atom when m is 1.

2. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1 wherein A is a fluorine atom.

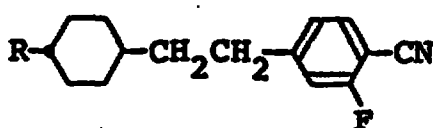
3. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1 wherein A is a cyano group.

4. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1, expressed by the formula



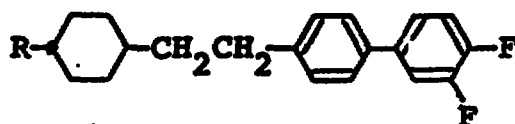
wherein R is as defined above.

5. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1, expressed by the formula



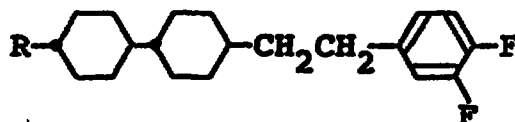
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6. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1, expressed by the formula



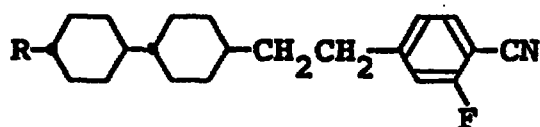
wherein R is as defined above.

7. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1, expressed by the formula



wherein R is as defined above.

8. A cyclohexane derivative according to claim 1, expressed by the formula

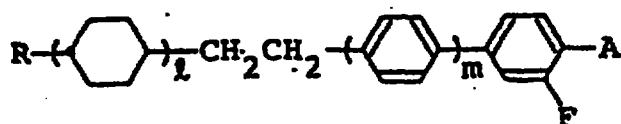


wherein R is as defined above.

9. A liquid crystal composition having at least two components at least one of which is a cyclohexane derivative expressed by the formula (I) as set forth in claim 1.

Patentansprüche

1. Cyclohexanderivat, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:



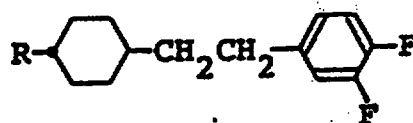
worin R eine Alkylgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen, ℓ 1 oder 2, m 0 oder 1 und A ein Fluoratom oder eine Cyanogruppe bedeuten, mit der Maßgabe, daß die Summe von ℓ und m 1 oder 2 beträgt und daß A ein Fluoratom bedeutet, wenn m 1 ist.

2. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß A ein Fluoratom bedeutet.



3. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß A eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet.
 4. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:

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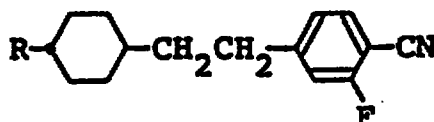


worin R die oben gegebene Definition besitzt.

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5. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:

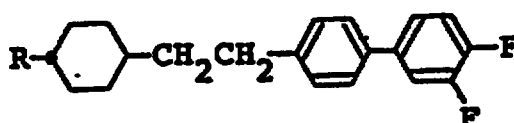
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worin R die oben gegebene Definition besitzt.

6. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:

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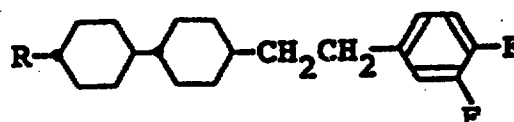


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7. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:

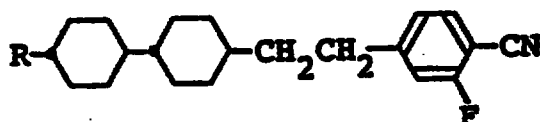
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worin R die oben gegebene Definition besitzt.

8. Cyclohexanderivat nach Anspruch 1, ausgedrückt durch die Formel:

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worin R die oben gegebene Definition besitzt.

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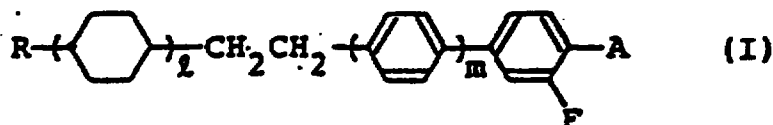
9. Flüssige Kristallzusammensetzung, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß sie mindestens zwei Komponenten enthält, wovon mindestens eine ein Cyclohexanderivat ist, welches durch die Formel (I) dargestellt wird, wie sie in Anspruch 1 angegeben ist.

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Revendications

1. Dérivé de cyclohexane représenté par la formule générale I ci-après:

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dans laquelle R est un groupe alkyle comprenant 1 à 10 atomes de carbone; l est égal à 1 ou 2; m est égal à 0 ou 1; et A représente un atome de fluor ou un groupe cyano, la somme de l et m est toujours égale à 1 ou 2 et A représente toujours un atome de fluor quand m est égal à 1.

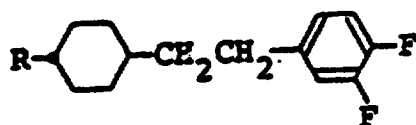
2. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que A représente un atome de fluor.

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3. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que A est un groupe cyano.
 4. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1 de formule:

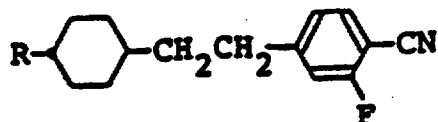
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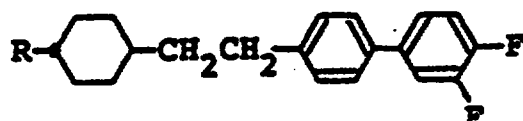
dans laquelle R est tel que défini plus haut.

5. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1 de formule:



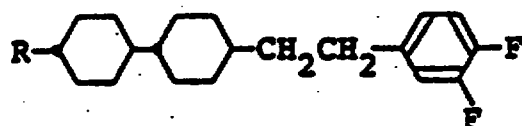
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6. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1 de formule:



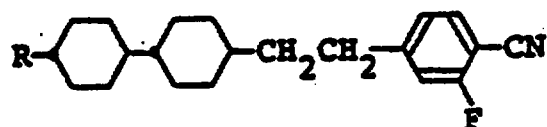
dans laquelle R est tel que défini plus haut.

7. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1 de formule:



dans laquelle R est tel que défini plus haut.

8. Dérivé de cyclohexane selon la revendication 1 de formule



dans laquelle R est tel que défini plus haut.

9. Composition de cristaux liquides comprenant au moins deux composants, dont un au moins est constitué de dérivé de cyclohexane de formule 1 selon la revendication 1.

