



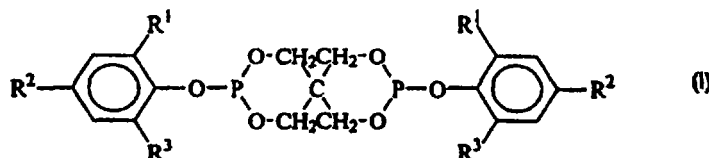
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SPIRO BISPHOSPHITES



(57) Abstract

A process for producing organo-phosphites of formula (I) wherein R¹ and R² are each 2,4-di-tert-butyl and R³ is hydrogen is provided. The process involves heating a mixture of a pentaerythritol bis-phosphorohalidite and a phenolic compound and applying a vacuum of at least about 10 inches of mercury wherein the temperature of the reaction mixture is maintained between about 30 °C and about 140 °C. Conversions to the organic spiro bisphosphite is at least twice that of the same process without a vacuum.



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