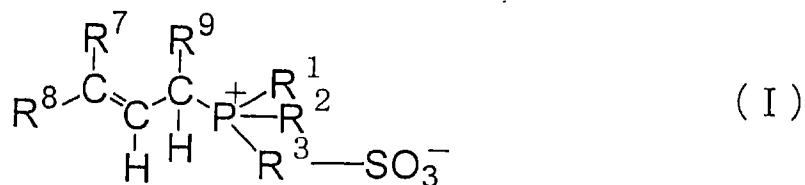


ABSTRACT

Phosphonium salts represented by the general formula
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wherein R¹ and R² each represents a phenyl group which may be substituted by a lower alkyl group, R³ represents a phenylene group which may be substituted by a lower alkyl group, R⁷ and R⁸ each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which may be substituted and R⁹ represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms which may be substituted; processes for producing the same and uses for the same; phosphines providing the same, and processes for producing said phosphines.



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