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## 2,2-Dichloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)-ethanone

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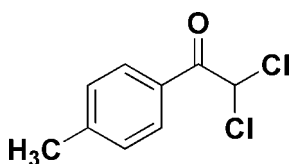
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.054;  $wR$  factor = 0.155; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4.

The molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , is almost planar: the dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the plane defined by the carbonyl O and ethane C atoms is  $15.5(2)^\circ$ . The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

### Related literature

For the preparation, see: Aston *et al.* (1943); Terent'ev *et al.* (2004). For synthetic use of the title compound and mandelic acid derivatives, see: Schiffers & Bolm (2008); Blay *et al.* (2006).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 203.05$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 6.650(5)$  Å  
 $b = 9.959(7)$  Å  
 $c = 14.475(11)$  Å  
 $\beta = 92.921(9)^\circ$

$V = 957.4(12)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.63$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 $0.32 \times 0.26 \times 0.14$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.826$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.920$   
 4496 measured reflections  
 1694 independent reflections  
 874 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.061$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.155$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 1694 reflections  
 110 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C4}-\text{H4}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.93	2.58	3.42	150

 Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2008); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2008); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2006) and ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997).

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**2,2-Dichloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanone**

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**S1. Comment**

The title compound, 2,2-Dichloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanone, was obtained by chloration of 1-(4-methylphenyl)ethanone with concentrated hydrochloride and aqueous hydroperoxide in hot ethanol (Terent'ev *et al.*, 2004) and it was used for the preparation of substituted mandelic acid and derivatives.

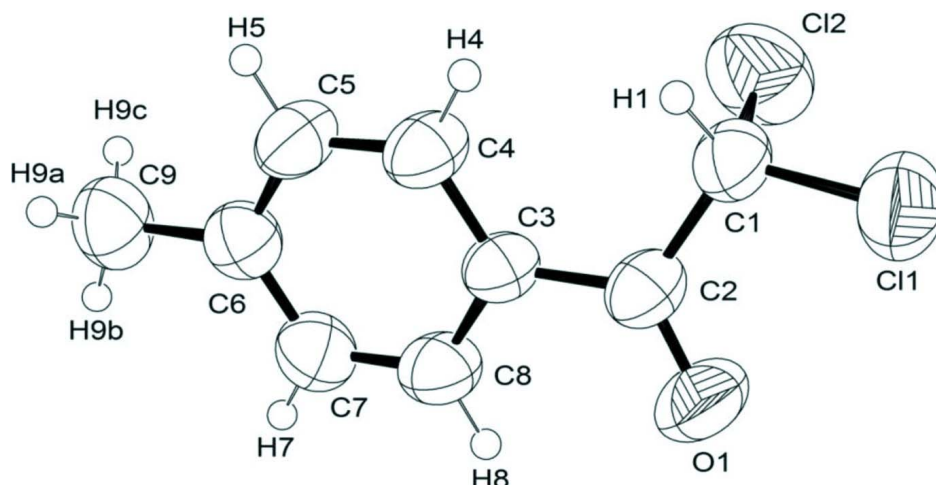
In the title compound, C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O, the lengths of two C—Cl bonds are different, the distance of C1—Cl1 is 1.757 Å, otherwise, the distance of C1—Cl2 is 1.762 Å. The molecule is nearly planar, the dihedral angle between the phenyl ring and the plane defined by O1, C2 and C1 is 15.5°. The packing of molecules in the crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular C—H···O hydrogen bonds.

**S2. Experimental**

To a stirred hot mixed aqueous concentrated hydrochloride and ethanol solution (300 cm<sup>3</sup>) of commercially available 1-*p*-tolylethanone (13.42 g, 0.10 mol) added dropwise aqueous hydroperoxide (35% wt in water, 0.272 mol), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 90–100°C. The solution was cooled to room temperature and diluted by addition of water (300 cm<sup>3</sup>), it was extracted by ether (2× 400 cm<sup>3</sup>), the combined organic layer was washed with 1 M NaOH (100 cm<sup>3</sup>), water (100 cm<sup>3</sup>), brine (2× 110 cm<sup>3</sup>), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent afforded the title compound as a light yellow oli (19.8 g, 97%), which was solidified as a pale block after 24 h at room temperature. The melting point and the spectroscopic data of the title compound were consisted with the reported literature (Terent'ev *et al.*, 2004).

**S3. Refinement**

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding, with C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

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$V = 957.4$  (12) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 416$

$D_x = 1.409$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

$\theta = 2.5$ – $25.1$ °

$\mu = 0.63$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 296$  K

Block, colorless

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### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

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(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2005)

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4496 measured reflections

1694 independent reflections

874 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.061$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.1$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.5$ °

$h = -7 \rightarrow 7$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 9$

$l = -17 \rightarrow 15$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$

$wR(F^2) = 0.155$

$S = 1.03$

1694 reflections

110 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0679P)^2]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C11	1.21054 (15)	0.84106 (11)	0.13668 (8)	0.0912 (5)
C12	0.79412 (19)	0.87565 (15)	0.07241 (8)	0.1147 (6)
O1	0.9705 (4)	0.6849 (3)	0.2551 (2)	0.0966 (10)
C1	0.9678 (5)	0.8856 (4)	0.1682 (2)	0.0670 (10)
H1	0.9707	0.9780	0.1915	0.080*
C2	0.8918 (5)	0.7929 (4)	0.2428 (2)	0.0627 (9)
C3	0.7161 (5)	0.8368 (3)	0.2934 (2)	0.0562 (9)
C4	0.6500 (5)	0.9690 (4)	0.2946 (2)	0.0662 (10)
H4	0.7173	1.0350	0.2629	0.079*
C5	0.4837 (5)	1.0019 (4)	0.3433 (3)	0.0711 (10)
H5	0.4403	1.0907	0.3436	0.085*
C6	0.3800 (5)	0.9072 (4)	0.3915 (2)	0.0662 (10)
C7	0.4492 (6)	0.7764 (4)	0.3911 (3)	0.0747 (11)
H7	0.3823	0.7111	0.4238	0.090*
C8	0.6142 (6)	0.7406 (4)	0.3439 (3)	0.0691 (10)
H8	0.6588	0.6521	0.3453	0.083*
C9	0.1955 (5)	0.9460 (5)	0.4417 (3)	0.0876 (13)
H9A	0.2314	1.0114	0.4884	0.131*
H9B	0.1410	0.8679	0.4701	0.131*
H9C	0.0965	0.9834	0.3985	0.131*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C11	0.0822 (7)	0.0892 (9)	0.1049 (9)	0.0029 (6)	0.0303 (6)	-0.0065 (6)
C12	0.1093 (9)	0.1452 (13)	0.0881 (9)	0.0030 (8)	-0.0091 (7)	0.0200 (7)
O1	0.0959 (19)	0.0598 (18)	0.137 (3)	0.0230 (16)	0.0350 (18)	0.0209 (17)
C1	0.072 (2)	0.050 (2)	0.080 (3)	-0.0003 (18)	0.019 (2)	-0.0037 (18)
C2	0.065 (2)	0.049 (2)	0.075 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.0035 (19)	-0.0052 (19)
C3	0.0566 (19)	0.046 (2)	0.065 (2)	-0.0002 (17)	0.0016 (17)	0.0010 (17)
C4	0.062 (2)	0.049 (2)	0.088 (3)	-0.0012 (19)	0.0076 (19)	0.0019 (18)
C5	0.067 (2)	0.058 (3)	0.088 (3)	0.012 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.000 (2)
C6	0.063 (2)	0.073 (3)	0.063 (2)	0.000 (2)	0.0003 (18)	0.001 (2)
C7	0.081 (3)	0.068 (3)	0.076 (3)	-0.007 (2)	0.016 (2)	0.007 (2)
C8	0.080 (2)	0.051 (2)	0.076 (3)	0.000 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.0040 (19)
C9	0.070 (2)	0.113 (4)	0.081 (3)	0.009 (2)	0.014 (2)	0.002 (2)

## Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C11—C1	1.756 (4)	C5—C6	1.378 (5)
C12—C1	1.761 (4)	C5—H5	0.9300
O1—C2	1.206 (4)	C6—C7	1.382 (5)
C1—C2	1.527 (5)	C6—C9	1.508 (5)
C1—H1	0.9800	C7—C8	1.369 (5)
C2—C3	1.476 (5)	C7—H7	0.9300
C3—C4	1.388 (5)	C8—H8	0.9300
C3—C8	1.401 (5)	C9—H9A	0.9600
C4—C5	1.380 (5)	C9—H9B	0.9600
C4—H4	0.9300	C9—H9C	0.9600
C2—C1—C11	111.9 (3)	C4—C5—H5	119.0
C2—C1—C12	107.2 (2)	C5—C6—C7	117.9 (3)
C11—C1—C12	110.86 (19)	C5—C6—C9	120.6 (4)
C2—C1—H1	109.0	C7—C6—C9	121.5 (4)
C11—C1—H1	109.0	C8—C7—C6	121.5 (4)
C12—C1—H1	109.0	C8—C7—H7	119.2
O1—C2—C3	122.6 (3)	C6—C7—H7	119.2
O1—C2—C1	119.2 (3)	C7—C8—C3	120.2 (4)
C3—C2—C1	118.1 (3)	C7—C8—H8	119.9
C4—C3—C8	118.7 (3)	C3—C8—H8	119.9
C4—C3—C2	123.1 (3)	C6—C9—H9A	109.5
C8—C3—C2	118.2 (3)	C6—C9—H9B	109.5
C5—C4—C3	119.6 (3)	H9A—C9—H9B	109.5
C5—C4—H4	120.2	C6—C9—H9C	109.5
C3—C4—H4	120.2	H9A—C9—H9C	109.5
C6—C5—C4	122.0 (4)	H9B—C9—H9C	109.5
C6—C5—H5	119.0		
C11—C1—C2—O1	-19.0 (4)	C2—C3—C4—C5	179.7 (3)
C12—C1—C2—O1	102.8 (3)	C3—C4—C5—C6	0.1 (6)
C11—C1—C2—C3	164.5 (2)	C4—C5—C6—C7	1.0 (5)
C12—C1—C2—C3	-73.7 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C9	-178.3 (3)
O1—C2—C3—C4	166.2 (4)	C5—C6—C7—C8	-0.7 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-17.4 (5)	C9—C6—C7—C8	178.5 (3)
O1—C2—C3—C8	-12.5 (5)	C6—C7—C8—C3	-0.7 (5)
C1—C2—C3—C8	163.8 (3)	C4—C3—C8—C7	1.9 (5)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-1.6 (5)	C2—C3—C8—C7	-179.4 (3)

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
C4—H4 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.58	3.42	150

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