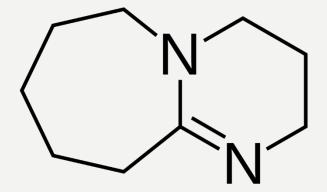


• 1,5-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene,

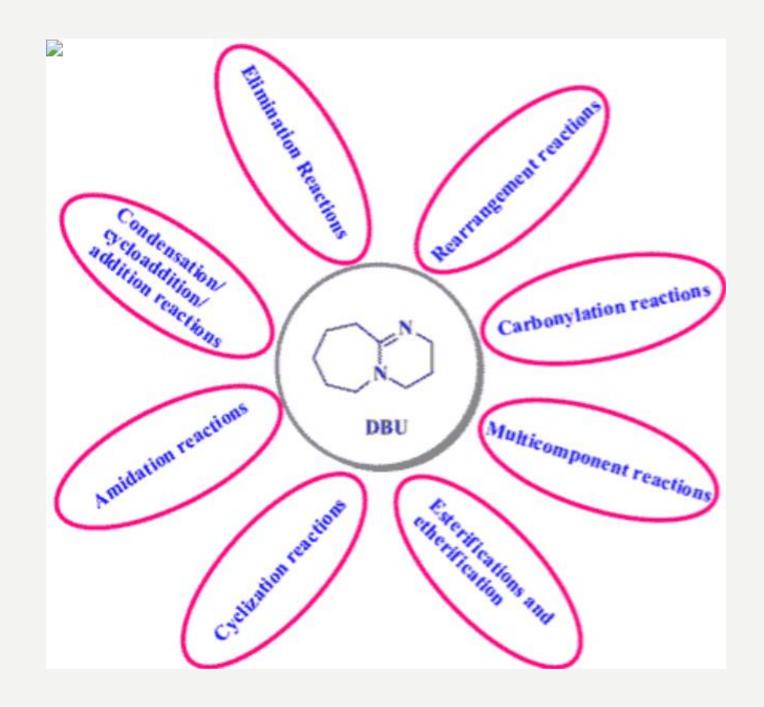
or more commonly **DBU**, is a chemical compound and belongs to the class of amidine compounds.

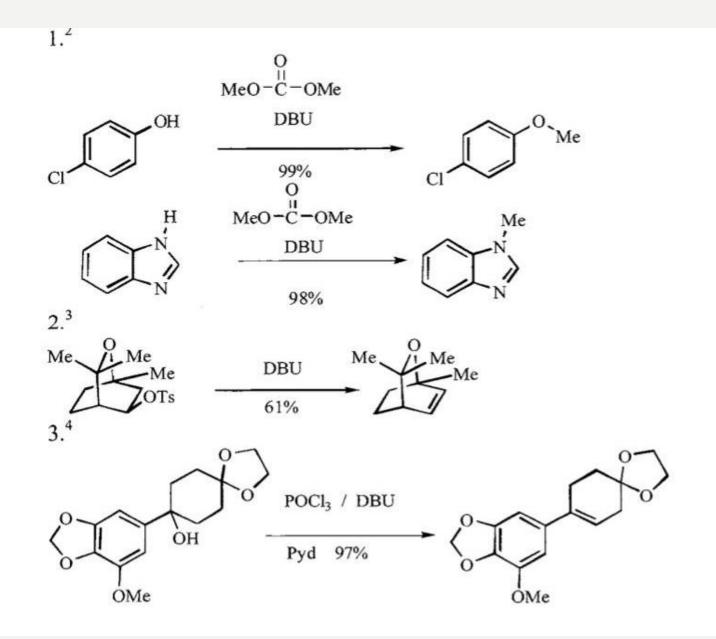
- It is used in organic synthesis as

   a catalyst, a complexing ligand, and
   a non-nucleophilic base.
- . It is also used as a curing agent for epoxy.



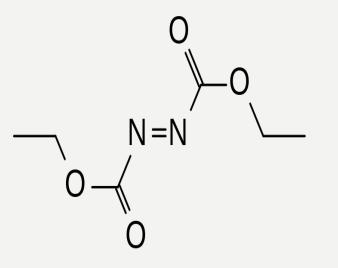
- It is used in fullerene purification with trimethylbenzene (it reacts with C 70 and higher fullerenes, but not to C 60 fullerenes)
- It is also used as a catalyst in polyurethane production.
- It has a strong catalyst effect for the reactions of alicyclic and aliphatic isocyanates.
- It also exhibited its dual character (base and nucleophile) in the synthesis of aryl- and styryl-terminal acetylenes.







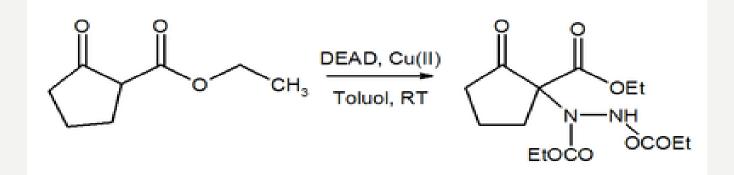
- Diethyl azodicarboxylate, conventionally abbreviated as DEAD and sometimes as DEADCAT, is an organic compound with the structural formula CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>CN=NCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>. Its molecular structure consists of a central azo functional group, RN=NR, flanked by two ethyl ester groups.
- It is an oxidising agent
- This orange-red liquid is a valuable reagent but also quite dangerous and explodes upon heating.



- Therefore, commercial shipment of pure diethyl azodicarboxylate is prohibited in the United States and is carried out either in solution or on polystyrene particles.
- DEAD is an aza-dienophile and an efficient dehydrogenating agent, converting alcohols to aldehydes, thiols to disulfides and hydrazo groups to azo groups; it is also a good electron acceptor.
- DEAD dissolves in most common organic solvents, such as toluene, chloroform, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran and dichloromethane but has low solubility in water or carbon tetrachloride; the solubility in water is higher for the related azo compound di*methyl* azodicarboxylate.

- DEAD is a strong electron acceptor and easily oxidizes a solution of sodium iodide in glacial acetic acid.
- It also reacts vigorously with hydrazine hydrate producing diethyl hydrazodicarboxylate and evolving nitrogen.
- DEAD is toxic, shock and light sensitive; it can violently explode when its undiluted form is heated above 100 °C.
- It is most oftn associated with triphenylphosphine (TPP) in the Mitsunobu reaction.

- The azo group in DEAD is a Michael acceptor.
- In the presence of a copper(II) catalyst, DEAD assists conversion of βketo esters to the corresponding hydrazine derivatives.



• The substitution of boronic acid esters proceeds similarly

