# **Practical Catalytic Heterogenous Hydrogenation**

Reference: *Practical Catalytic Hydrogenation, Techniques and Applications* by Morris Freifelder, Wiley-Interscience 1971. Below is a reproduction of the table of contents from this book (out of print, but copies can still be found on Amazon.com). The topics covered will follow the same organization.

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## VIII. Acetylenes

- A. Reductions with Platinum catalyst
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- C. Reductions with Palladium catalyst
  - 1. Reduction with deactivated Palladium catalyst
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- A. Variables affecting the Hydrogenation of Olefins
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  - 1. Aldehydes and ketones
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  - 3. Selective reductions in the presence of unsaturated nitrogencontaining groups
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# X. Reduction of the nitro group

- A. In Benzenoid compounds
  - 1. Conditions and Influences on reduction
  - 2. Nitrophenols
  - 3. Nitrobenzoic and nitrophenylalkanoic acids
  - 4. Aromatic nitro compounds with basic side chains
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  - 6. Polyaromatic nitro compounds
  - 7. Nitrophenylarsonic, boronic, and phosphonic acids, and related compounds
  - 8. Partial reduction
- B. In Heterocyclic compounds
- C. Selective reduction in compounds containing other reducible groups
  - 1. Olefinic bonds
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  - 3. Unsaturated Nitrogen-containing groups
  - 4. In non-aromatic compounds

## 5. In N-nitro compounds

- XI. Reduction of the Nitroso, Azo, and Azoxy groups
  - A. Nitroso group
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  - C. Other N=N systems

#### XII. Nitriles

- A. Control of Secondary amine
- B. Aliphatic and aromatic mononitriles
- C. Cyano acids and esters
- D. Aminonitriles
- E. Cyanohydrins
- F. Dinitriles
- G. Aldehydes from nitriles
- H. Secondary and tertiary amines from reduction of nitriles
- I. Selective Reductions
  - 1. In the presence of Aromatic Rings
  - 2. In the presence of non-aromatic Rings
  - 3. In the Presence of ketones
  - 4. In the presence of reducable Nitrogen-Containing groups
  - 5. In the presence of Hydrogenolyzable groups

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- A. Reaction conditions and Catalysts
  - 1. Cobalt
  - 2. Nickel
  - 3. Platinum
  - 4. Palladium
  - 5. Ruthenium and Rhodium
- B. Oximino Acids, Esters, and Amides
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- D. Dioximes
- E. Amidoximes to Amidines
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  - 1. Cyano groups
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  - 3. Hydrogenolyzable groups

# XIV. Carbonyl Groups

- A. Aldehydes
- B. Monoketones
- C. Diketones
- D. Carbonyl to methylene
- E. Selective hydrogenation of the carbonyl group
  - 1. In Aromatic Ring Systems
  - 2. In the Presence of Functional Groups
  - 3. In the Presence of Hydrogenolyzable Groups

### XV. Reduction of the C=N Bond

- A. Primary Imines
- B. N-Substituted Imines
- C. The unconjugated C=N bond in Heterocycles
- D. The C=N bond in Azines, Hydrazones, and Semicarbazones
- E. In amidines
- F. Selective Hydrogenations
  - 1. In the Presence of an Olefinic Bond
  - 2. In the Presence of a Carboxyl Group
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#### XVI. Reductive amination

- A. Aldehydes
  - 1. Catalysts
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  - 2. Reductions over noble metals
  - 3. Effect of Acidic Agents
- C. Selective Hydrogenations
  - 1. In the Presence of Olefinic Bonds
  - 2. In the Presence of Halogen

# XVII. Reductive Alkylation

- A. Procedures
- B. Catalysts
- C. Secondary amine from primary amine
  - 1. Alkylation with Aldehydes
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  - 3. Formation of Teriary amine
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