

# Chemical Reactions Promoted by BASF Catalysts



## Hydrogenation

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-R</chem>	Pd/Pt	1621, 2621	RT-100	1-5	Various	Pd is used but may cause migration. Pt is effective for highly hindered olefins.
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-50	1-5	Various	Inhibited Pd is used. Lindlar catalyst is well known.
<chem>-C#C-</chem>	<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-50	1-5	Various	Inhibited Pd is used. Lindlar catalyst is well known.
<chem>-C#C-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-50	1-5	Various	Pd catalyst is used.
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-100	1-5	Various	Modified Pd is used in mild conditions.
<chem>R-CH=CH-X</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-X</chem>	Pt	2621	RT-100	1-5	Various	Modified Pt carbon catalyst produces high yield.
<chem>R-CH=CH-X</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-X</chem>	Pt	2621	RT-100	1-5	Various	Modified Pt carbon catalyst produces high yield.
<chem>-C#C-</chem>	<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-50	1-5	Various	Modified Pd carbon catalyst is effective to avoid hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CH=CH-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-CHO</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Various	Pd catalyst is selective.
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-150	1-10	Various	Since Pd carbon catalyst has low activity to hydrogenate aliphatic ketones, it is effective.
<chem>H2C=CH-CH2-CH3</chem>	<chem>H2C-CH2-CH2-CH3</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-100	1-5	Various	Modified Pd catalyst is used in mild conditions.
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-R</chem>	Pd	1241	RT-100	1-5	Various	Pd alumina catalyst is effective.
Olefin Polymer	Paraffin Polymer	Pd, Pt	1241, 2941	100-300	5-50	Various	Pd alumina catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-R</chem>	Pt	2421	50-200	10-150	Various	Modified Pt and Re catalysts have low activity for dehalogenation. They are effective for this reaction.
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-R</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 2421	RT-100	1-10	Various	Pd may disproportionate at low pressures.
<chem>RCHO</chem>	<chem>RCH2OH</chem>	Ru/Pt	4401, 2601	RT-150	3-50	Various	Ru is strongly catalyzed by water. Some base metal act as promoters of Pt catalysts.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Ru/Pt	4401, 2601	RT-150	1-50	Various	Ru is strongly catalyzed by water.
<chem>R-CH=CH-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-CHO</chem>	Pt	2621	RT-100	1-10	Various	Fe and Zn promote the catalyst.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 2421	RT-150	3-50	Neutral non-polar	Acid may cause hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Pd/Ru	1421, 4401	RT-100	1-10	Neutral	Acid may avoid hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Ru/Pd	3401, 1621	50-150	10-50	Various	Hydrogenolysis is avoided by Ru catalyst.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd/Pt	1621, 2621	50-150	1-10	Various	Reaction is slow compared to aromatic nitro groups. Acid may promote or inhibit the reaction.
<chem>R-CH=CH-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Various	Solvent effects are important. Pyridine, dioxane and ethanol/HCl have been used effectively.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd/Pt	1621, 2931	RT-150	1-10	Neutral	Neutral solvent is used, an acidic solvent may promote the reaction.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NHOH</chem>	Pt	2621	RT-50	1-3	Neutral Various	DMSO gives excellent results.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pt	2931	RT-50	<1-3	Dilute H2SO4	Conditions adjusted to minimize aniline formation.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pt	2931	RT-100	1-10	Various	Stability to hydrogenolysis is in order of F>>Cl>Br>I. Sulfided catalysts may be highly selective.
<chem>2 R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-N=N-R</chem>	Pd/Pt	2621, 1421	RT-100	1-10	Basic	Organic and inorganic bases are effective.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH-CH2-CH3</chem>	Re	5228	50-150	10-100	Various	Re activity is low but selective. Sulfided Pt catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-CH=CH-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Acidic	Acidic solvent favored to prevent dimerization through the benzyl carbons.
<chem>R-CH=CH-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Basic	Quantitative yields have been obtained in pyridine solvent.
<chem>R-NO2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Ru	4401	50-150	10-100	Various	Quantitative yields have been obtained in pyridine solvent.
<chem>NO2</chem>	<chem>NH3OH</chem>	Pd	1621	RT-50	1-5	Acidic	DSM process.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Various	Pd is effective.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Pd	1421	RT-100	1-10	Various	Peroxide compounds are easily hydrogenated.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CH2OH</chem>	Pd	5225	RT-100	1-10	Various	Hydrogen peroxide process is used for this reaction.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd/Rh	1621, 3401	RT-100	5-50	Acid or ammonia addition	Coupling is increased by increased temperature and decreased by increased pressure.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Rh	3401	RT-100	1-50	Neutral	Rh carbon produces high yield with low aliphatic nitriles.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd/Pt	1621, 2621	50-150	1-50	Various	Pd and Pt carbon produce high yield with low aliphatic nitriles.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Acidic	Prolonged hydrogenation may cause hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd/Rh	2421, 2621	RT-100	1-10	Neutral non-polar	Pt catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-C#N</chem>	<chem>R-CH2-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-3	Alcohol with water and acid	Hydrolysis of intermediate imine is faster than reduction to the amine.
<chem>RCN + RNH2</chem>	<chem>RCH2-NHR + NH3</chem>	Rh	3401	RT-100	1-10	Neutral	Rh catalysts provide an excellent route to mixed secondary amines.
<chem>RCN + 2 RNH2</chem>	<chem>RCH2-NHR + 2 NH3</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-10	Various	Coupling is increased by higher temperature and low pressures. The highest yield is obtained by using excess amine.
<chem>R-NH-R + H2O</chem>	<chem>R-CHO + RNH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-10	Acidic	N-substitution improves the yield. Thus, order is tertiary > secondary > primary.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru/Rh/Pt	4401, 3401	50-150	5-50	No solvent	Ru catalyst is used in mild conditions.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd/Rh	1421, 3401	RT-250	1-10	Various Vapor phase	Basic promoters enhance the activity. Rh is the best for partial hydrogenation of resorcinols to dihydroresorcinols.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pt	2421, 2621	RT-150	1-10	Acidic	Pt catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru/Rh	4401, 3401	RT-150	10-50	Neutral non polar	Hydrogenolysis is minimized by low temperature and high pressure.
<chem>R-COOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd/Ru	1421, 4401	RT-150	1-50	Various	Pd catalyst is used.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru/Rh	4401, 3401	RT-150	1-50	Non polar	Ru catalysts are normally used at high temperature and pressure and may require pre-reduction.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru/Pd	4401, 1421	RT-150	1-50	Various	Neutral conditions and moderate temperatures minimize hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-NH2</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Ru/Rh	4401, 3401	RT-150	1-50	No water	Water may cause formation of carbonyl or alcohol. Secondary amine formation minimized by ammonia addition.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd/Rh	2421, 3401	RT-150	1-50	Acidic	Acidic solvents may minimize deactivation.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd, Pt	1241	RT-150	1-50	Various	Platinum Group metal catalysts are effective.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd	1241	RT-150	1-50	Various	Much work was done by P.P. Fu, H.M. Lee, R.G. Harvey, J. Org. Chem., 45 (1980) 2797.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pt	2621	RT-150	1-50	Various	Much work was done by P.P. Fu, H.M. Lee, R.G. Harvey, J. Org. Chem., 45 (1980) 2797.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd	1391	RT-150	1-50	Various	Modified Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-150	1-50	Various	Hydrogenation of either ring or both rings depend on pH of solvent.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd	1241	RT-150	1-50	Various	Pd on alumina produces high yield at high temperature.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Ru/Pd	4401, 1421	RT-150	1-50	Various often acidic	Ruthenium requires higher pressure and avoids N-alkylation by alcoholic solvents.
<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	<chem>R-NH-R</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Various, water is effective	Exposure to air deactivates the catalyst. Various additives may minimize hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-NO</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 2421	RT-100	1-10	Neutral	Neutral solvent is used, an acidic solvent may promote this reaction.
<chem>R-NOH</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	RT-100	1-10	Acidic or basic	Acidic or ammoniacal solvents are often used to prevent coupling reactions.
<chem>R-NOH</chem>	<chem>R-NH-CH2-CH3</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 2421	RT-100	1-10	Neutral	Acid conditions should be avoided. Water-free systems will avoid formation of alcohols.
<chem>R-NOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pt	2421, 2621	RT-100	1-10	Acidic	Acetic acid/H2SO4 and methanol/HCl have been proven effective.
<chem>R-COOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru	4401	200-300	50-150	Various	Addition of base prevents hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-COOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1431	RT-50	1-5	Various	Toluene, benzene and xylene are used under reflux conditions. HCl is removed from the system.
<chem>R-COOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1431	RT-100	1-10	Various	For high yields, a two-stage procedure is necessary. The alcohol formed will react with RCOCl.

## Reductive Alkylation

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>R-NH2 + 2 HCHO</chem>	<chem>R-NH-CH2-CH2-R</chem>	Pd/Pt	7079, C3699	RT-100	1-50	Various	Sulfided Pt catalyst is recommended to avoid formation of alcohols.
<chem>R-NH2 + R'-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-NH-CH2-CH2-R'</chem>	Pd/Pt	7079, C3699	100-200	1-50	Various	Sulfided Pt catalyst is recommended to avoid formation of alcohols.
<chem>R-NO2 + R'-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-NH-CH2-CH2-R'</chem>	Pd/Pt	2421, 1421	100-200	1-50	Various	Temperature and pressure may have to be raised after reduction of the nitro groups.

## Reductive Amination

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>R-OH + NH3</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-300	5-50	Various	Cyclohexanone acts as an intermediate.
<chem>R-CHO + NH3</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-300	5-50	Various	Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-OH + NH3</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-300	5-50	Various	Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>R-O + NH3</chem>	<chem>R-NH2</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-300	5-50	Various	Pd catalyst is effective.

## Hydrogenolysis

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd/Pt	1471, 2621	50-150	1-10	Acidic	Hydrogenolysis is favored at low pressures and high temperatures.
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1931, 1951	50-150	1-10	Various	Acid promotes hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHOH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1931, 1951	50-150	1-10	Various	Acid promotes hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1931, 1951	50-150	1-10	Various	Acid promotes hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1931, 1951	50-150	1-10	Various	Acid promotes hydrogenolysis.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1471	RT-100	1-50	Various	Acid solvent may minimize deactivation.
<chem>R-CHO</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1471	RT-100	1-50	Various	Regiospecificity and stereospecificity are influenced by presence or absence of alkyl.
<chem>R-S-S-R</chem>	<chem>R-SH + HS-R</chem>	Re		150-250	100-200	Various	Re produces high yields.

## Dehalogenation

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 1621	50-150	1-10	Basic	Hydrogenolysis is favored at low pressures and high temperatures.
<chem>-CH=CH-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-10	Various	Hydrogenolysis is favored at low pressures and high temperatures.
<chem>-R-X</chem>	<chem>-R-H</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-200	1-10	Basic polar	Hydrogenolysis is favored at low pressures and high temperatures.
<chem>R-X</chem>	<chem>R-H</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-10	Basic polar	Hydrogenolysis is favored at low pressures and high temperatures.

## Isomerization / Disproportionation / Migration

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	Pt		350-500	10-50	Vapor phase	Xylene isomerization, Octafining process.
<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	<chem>R-CH=CH-R</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-50	No solvent	Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>-CH2-CH2-CH2-CH2-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH=CH-CH2-</chem>	Pd	1421, 1621	50-150	1-50	Various	Pd catalyst is used.

## Dehydrogenation

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>-CH2-CH2-CH2-CH2-</chem>	<chem>-CH2-CH=CH-CH2-</chem>	Pt		350-450	1-5	Vapor phase	Alkaline metal prevents carbon deposit.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421, 2621	300-400	1-5	Various	Acidic support should be avoided.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Ru	4401	300-400	1-5	Various	Acidic support should be avoided.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pt	2621	300-400	1-5	Various	Acidic support should be avoided.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1421, 2421	300-400	1-5	High boiling solvent	Hydrogen acceptor is useful. Liquid phase reaction.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd	1421	150-250	1-5	Various	Hydrogen acceptor is useful. Liquid phase reaction.
<chem>R-OH</chem>	<chem>R-CHO</chem>	Pd/Pt	1421	150-250	1-5	Vapor phase or high boiling solvent	Pd on carbon is effective in liquid phase reaction. Pt catalysts are used in gas phase reaction.

## Decomposition

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>N2H4</chem>	<chem>N2 + H2</chem>	Ir		RT-800	1-5	Vapor phase	Ir catalyst is used.
<chem>H2O2</chem>	<chem>1/2 O2 + H2O</chem>	Ru/Pt	4401, 2421	RT-200	1-5	Water	Ru catalyst is effective.
<chem>O3</chem>	<chem>3/2 O2</chem>	Pd/Pt	2941, 1241	RT-150	1-5	Vapor phase	Pt catalyst is used for decomposition of ozone in air planes.
<chem>H2C-OH</chem>	<chem>CO + 2H2</chem>	Ru	4401	150-350	1-5	Various	Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>NH3</chem>	<chem>1/2 N2 + 3/2 H2</chem>	Rh	3401	500-800	1-5	Various	Rh catalyst is used to produce pure hydrogen.

## Carbonylation / Decarbonylation

REACTANT	PRODUCT	METAL	Catalyst	T (°C)	P (Atm)	Solvent	Comment
<chem>R-OH + CO</chem>	<chem>COOR</chem>	Pd	1421	RT-150	10-100	Various	Pd catalyst is effective.
<chem>H2C=CH2 + CO</chem>	<chem>H2C-CHO</chem>	Pd	1421	RT-150	10-100	Various	Pd catalyst is effective