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# 2-[2-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)ethyl]-1,3,5trinitrobenzene

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 113 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å; R factor = 0.040; wR factor = 0.107; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6.

In the title compound, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, the two benzene rings are inclined at a dihedral angle of 14.81 (5)°, and the nitro groups are twisted with respect to the benzene rings to which they are attached, making dihedral angles of 57.89 (7), 14.93 (7), 62.58 (7), 2.80 (12) and 22.38 (12)°. Weak intermolecular C-H···O hydrogen bonding is present in the crystal structure.

#### **Related literature**

The title compound is an intermediate in the synthesis of the high energy density compound 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexanitrostilbene, see: Shipp (1964). For the synthesis, see: Blatt & Rytina (1950).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data  $C_{14}H_9N_5O_{10}$ 

 $M_r = 407.26$ 

Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Z = 4
a = 14.099 (7) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
b = 8.227 (4) Å	$\mu = 0.15 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 15.356 (8) Å	T = 113  K
$\beta = 114.758 \ (7)^{\circ}$	$0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1617.6 (14) \text{ Å}^3$	
Data collection	
Rigaku Saturn724 CCD	16454 measured reflections
diffractometer	3823 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	2847 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(CrystalClear; Rigaku/MSC,	$R_{\rm int} = 0.043$
2000)	
$T_{\min} = 0.971, \ T_{\max} = 0.983$	
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	262 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.107$	H-atom parameters constraine

$R[F^- > 2\sigma(F^-)] = 0.040$	262 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.107$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.03	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.35 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
3823 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.33 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
C4-H4···O8 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.39	3.249 (2)	151
C10−H10···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.58	3.508 (3)	167
$C11 - H11 \cdots O9^{ii}$	0.95	2.40	3.353 (3)	176

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ 

Data collection: CrystalClear (Rigaku/MSC, 2000); cell refinement: CrystalClear; data reduction: CrystalClear; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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### S1. Comment

2,2',4,4',6,6'-Hexantanitrobibenzyl, which can be prepared from bibenzyl by nitration (Blatt & Rytina, 1950), is a intermediate for synthesizing high energy density compound 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexanitrostilbene (Shipp, 1964). As a byproduct, 2,2',4,4',6-pentantanitrobibenzyl is separated from the nitrate product. Here we report the crystal structure of the title compound.

In the crystal structure, because the number of nitro group is not identical in two benzene rings, the two benzene rings are inclined at a dihedral angle 14.811 (48)°, For the interaction of nitro groups, the nitro groups is rotated out the benzene plane, making dihedral angles of 57.885 (65)°(N1/O1, O2), 14.934 (68)°(N2/O3, O4), 62.579 (71)° (N3/O5, O6), 2.799 (121)°(N4/O7, O8) and 22.376 (115)° (N5/O9, O10).

#### **S2. Experimental**

The title compound was prepared according to literature method (Blatt *et al.*, 1950). Single crystals were obtained by evaporation of a solution of the title compound in ethyl acetate at room temperature.

### **S3. Refinement**

All the Friedel pairs were merged. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C—H bond lengths constrained to 0.95 ° for benzene ring H and 0.99 ° for methylene H atoms, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .



### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound with the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



## Figure 2

The crystal packing of the title compound.

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Crystal data

C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>10</sub>  $M_r = 407.26$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Hall symbol: -P 2yn a = 14.099 (7) Å b = 8.227 (4) Å c = 15.356 (8) Å  $\beta = 114.758$  (7)° V = 1617.6 (14) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Rigaku Saturn724 CCD diffractometer Radiation source: rotating anode Multilayer monochromator Detector resolution: 14.22 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans F(000) = 832  $D_x = 1.672 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 5515 reflections  $\theta = 1.6-27.9^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.15 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 113 KPrism, colorless  $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku/MSC, 2000)  $T_{min} = 0.971$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.983$ 16454 measured reflections 3823 independent reflections 2847 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

$R_{\rm int} = 0.043$	$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.9^\circ, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 1.7^\circ$	$l = -20 \rightarrow 19$
$h = -18 \rightarrow 12$	
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.107$	neighbouring sites
S = 1.03	H-atom parameters constrained
3823 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0594P)^2]$
262 parameters	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
0 restraints	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.33 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### 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  $(\hat{A}^2)$ 

	x	у	Z	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
01	0.64474 (9)	0.08191 (14)	1.03105 (8)	0.0325 (3)	
02	0.68105 (8)	0.33883 (14)	1.06099 (7)	0.0270 (3)	
03	0.86607 (8)	0.48825 (14)	0.85862 (7)	0.0273 (3)	
O4	0.79057 (8)	0.43068 (14)	0.70657 (7)	0.0283 (3)	
05	0.39540 (8)	0.33811 (14)	0.60692 (8)	0.0291 (3)	
O6	0.40895 (9)	0.07989 (14)	0.63732 (8)	0.0369 (3)	
07	-0.06620 (8)	0.15196 (13)	0.84028 (8)	0.0264 (3)	
08	0.02060 (9)	0.19441 (17)	0.99188 (8)	0.0408 (3)	
09	0.37441 (8)	0.36062 (14)	1.11500 (7)	0.0281 (3)	
O10	0.46932 (9)	0.29102 (18)	1.04226 (9)	0.0450 (4)	
N1	0.65521 (9)	0.22023 (16)	1.00726 (9)	0.0217 (3)	
N2	0.79545 (9)	0.42757 (15)	0.78811 (8)	0.0199 (3)	
N3	0.43956 (9)	0.21995 (16)	0.65550 (8)	0.0204 (3)	
N4	0.01476 (10)	0.18383 (16)	0.91063 (9)	0.0224 (3)	
N5	0.38449 (10)	0.31254 (16)	1.04428 (9)	0.0227 (3)	
C1	0.63893 (11)	0.24823 (17)	0.90684 (10)	0.0171 (3)	
C2	0.72280 (11)	0.31584 (17)	0.89544 (10)	0.0186 (3)	
H2	0.7866	0.3392	0.9490	0.022*	
C3	0.71003 (11)	0.34782 (17)	0.80322 (10)	0.0163 (3)	
C4	0.61836 (11)	0.31584 (17)	0.72466 (10)	0.0174 (3)	
H4	0.6110	0.3381	0.6614	0.021*	
C5	0.53752 (11)	0.25001 (17)	0.74139 (10)	0.0166 (3)	

C6	0.54234 (11)	0.21345 (17)	0.83201 (10)	0.0168 (3)	
C7	0.44685 (11)	0.16298 (17)	0.84700 (11)	0.0193 (3)	
H7A	0.4687	0.1085	0.9099	0.023*	
H7B	0.4046	0.0853	0.7964	0.023*	
C8	0.38085 (11)	0.31511 (19)	0.84336 (11)	0.0224 (3)	
H8A	0.4257	0.3962	0.8901	0.027*	
H8B	0.3553	0.3642	0.7787	0.027*	
С9	0.28820 (11)	0.27651 (17)	0.86572 (10)	0.0184 (3)	
C10	0.19285 (11)	0.24056 (18)	0.78975 (10)	0.0206 (3)	
H10	0.1892	0.2383	0.7266	0.025*	
C11	0.10317 (11)	0.20795 (18)	0.80267 (10)	0.0207 (3)	
H11	0.0392	0.1831	0.7497	0.025*	
C12	0.10966 (10)	0.21278 (17)	0.89524 (10)	0.0168 (3)	
C13	0.20092 (11)	0.24750 (17)	0.97324 (10)	0.0184 (3)	
H13	0.2037	0.2512	1.0361	0.022*	
C14	0.28871 (11)	0.27693 (17)	0.95696 (10)	0.0174 (3)	

Atomic displacement parameters  $(\mathring{A}^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	<i>U</i> <sup>23</sup>
01	0.0369 (7)	0.0277 (7)	0.0361 (7)	0.0037 (5)	0.0186 (5)	0.0142 (5)
O2	0.0267 (6)	0.0344 (7)	0.0198 (6)	-0.0049 (5)	0.0096 (5)	-0.0043 (5)
O3	0.0223 (6)	0.0302 (7)	0.0264 (6)	-0.0099(5)	0.0074 (5)	-0.0005 (5)
O4	0.0273 (6)	0.0392 (7)	0.0234 (6)	-0.0053 (5)	0.0156 (5)	0.0023 (5)
O5	0.0249 (6)	0.0293 (7)	0.0249 (6)	0.0011 (5)	0.0023 (5)	0.0041 (5)
O6	0.0293 (7)	0.0235 (7)	0.0455 (7)	-0.0058 (5)	0.0035 (6)	-0.0108 (5)
O7	0.0151 (6)	0.0305 (6)	0.0307 (6)	-0.0029 (4)	0.0069 (5)	-0.0059 (5)
08	0.0273 (7)	0.0792 (10)	0.0204 (6)	-0.0048 (6)	0.0143 (5)	0.0012 (6)
O9	0.0260 (6)	0.0374 (7)	0.0180 (5)	0.0030 (5)	0.0063 (5)	-0.0062 (5)
O10	0.0147 (6)	0.0825 (11)	0.0368 (7)	-0.0038 (6)	0.0097 (5)	-0.0248 (7)
N1	0.0182 (7)	0.0254 (7)	0.0224 (7)	0.0017 (5)	0.0094 (5)	0.0051 (5)
N2	0.0185 (7)	0.0211 (7)	0.0211 (7)	-0.0016 (5)	0.0094 (5)	0.0018 (5)
N3	0.0172 (6)	0.0243 (7)	0.0216 (6)	-0.0020(5)	0.0100 (5)	-0.0048(5)
N4	0.0180 (7)	0.0263 (7)	0.0227 (7)	-0.0004(5)	0.0083 (6)	0.0007 (5)
N5	0.0170 (7)	0.0268 (7)	0.0228 (7)	-0.0007(5)	0.0069 (5)	-0.0055 (5)
C1	0.0193 (7)	0.0166 (7)	0.0172 (7)	0.0013 (5)	0.0094 (6)	0.0021 (5)
C2	0.0168 (7)	0.0186 (7)	0.0185 (7)	0.0007 (6)	0.0056 (6)	0.0011 (6)
C3	0.0144 (7)	0.0162 (7)	0.0213 (7)	-0.0004(5)	0.0103 (6)	0.0005 (5)
C4	0.0195 (7)	0.0178 (7)	0.0158 (7)	0.0017 (6)	0.0083 (6)	-0.0005 (5)
C5	0.0127 (7)	0.0178 (7)	0.0183 (7)	0.0007 (5)	0.0053 (6)	-0.0032 (5)
C6	0.0173 (7)	0.0136 (7)	0.0203 (7)	0.0006 (5)	0.0089 (6)	-0.0012 (5)
C7	0.0179 (8)	0.0194 (8)	0.0242 (8)	-0.0028 (6)	0.0122 (6)	-0.0015 (6)
C8	0.0221 (8)	0.0217 (8)	0.0269 (8)	-0.0003 (6)	0.0137 (7)	0.0000 (6)
C9	0.0190 (8)	0.0160 (7)	0.0223 (8)	0.0013 (5)	0.0107 (6)	0.0001 (6)
C10	0.0229 (8)	0.0247 (8)	0.0163 (7)	0.0015 (6)	0.0101 (6)	-0.0007 (6)
C11	0.0181 (8)	0.0239 (8)	0.0171 (7)	0.0005 (6)	0.0044 (6)	-0.0027 (6)
C12	0.0148 (7)	0.0176 (7)	0.0199 (7)	0.0003 (5)	0.0091 (6)	0.0000 (6)
C13	0.0203 (8)	0.0194 (7)	0.0164 (7)	0.0015 (6)	0.0084 (6)	0.0003 (5)

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C14	0.0138 (7)	0.0172 (7)	0.0186 (7)	0.0004 (5)	0.0041 (6)	-0.0024 (6)
Geometr	ric parameters (Å	, <i>°</i> )				
01—N1		1.2229 (1	7)	C4—C5		1.380 (2)
02—N1		1.2305 (1	7)	C4—H4		0.9500
03—N2	2	1.2289 (1	5)	C5—C6		1.397 (2)
04—N2	2	1.2252 (1	6)	С6—С7		1.516 (2)
O5—N3	;	1.2248 (1	7)	С7—С8		1.547 (2)
06—N3	3	1.2211 (17	7)	C7—H7A		0.9900
07—N4	Ļ	1.2272 (10	6)	С7—Н7В		0.9900
08—N4	Ļ	1.2187 (1	8)	С8—С9		1.517 (2)
09—N5	5	1.2187 (10	6)	C8—H8A		0.9900
010—N	[5	1.2222 (1	7)	C8—H8B		0.9900
N1-C1		1.4789 (19	9)	C9—C10		1.394 (2)
N2—C3		1.4727 (1	8)	C9—C14		1.398 (2)
N3—C5		1.4774 (1	8)	C10-C11		1.386 (2)
N4-C1	2	1.472 (2)		C10—H10		0.9500
N5-C1	4	1.4801 (19	9)	C11—C12		1.386 (2)
C1—C2		1.383 (2)		C11—H11		0.9500
C1—C6		1.395 (2)		C12—C13		1.372 (2)
С2—С3		1.376 (2)		C13—C14		1.383 (2)
С2—Н2		0.9500		С13—Н13		0.9500
C3—C4		1.374 (2)				
01—N1		125.21 (12	3)	C5—C6—C7		122.30 (12)
01—N1	—C1	118.10 (13	3)	С6—С7—С8		109.39 (12)
02—N1	—C1	116.66 (12	2)	С6—С7—Н7А		109.8
04—N2	2—03	124.75 (12	2)	С8—С7—Н7А		109.8
04—N2	2—С3	118.08 (12	2)	С6—С7—Н7В		109.8
O3—N2	2—С3	117.16 (12	2)	С8—С7—Н7В		109.8
06—N3	05	124.67 (1)	3)	H7A—C7—H7B		108.2
06—N3	—C5	118.09 (12	2)	С9—С8—С7		112.61 (12)
O5—N3	—C5	117.23 (12	2)	С9—С8—Н8А		109.1
08—N4	07	123.76 (1	3)	С7—С8—Н8А		109.1
08—N4		118.46 (12	2)	C9—C8—H8B		109.1
07—N4		117.78 (12	2)	C7—C8—H8B		109.1
09—N5	6—O10	123.38 (1.	3)	H8A—C8—H8B		107.8
09—N5	—C14	117.97 (13	3)	C10—C9—C14		115.96 (13)
010—N	[5—C14	118.65 (13	3)	C10—C9—C8		118.37 (13)
C2—C1	—C6	124.74 (1.	3)	C14—C9—C8		125.65 (13)
C2—C1	—N1	115.28 (12	2)	C11—C10—C9		122.64 (14)
C6—C1	—N1	119.91 (13	3)	C11—C10—H10		118.7
C3—C2	C1	117.19 (13	3)	С9—С10—Н10		118.7
C3—C2	—H2	121.4		C10-C11-C12		117.96 (13)
C1—C2	—H2	121.4	_ `	C10—C11—H11		121.0
C4—C3	—C2	122.44 (13	3)	C12—C11—H11		121.0
C4—C3	—N2	118.51 (13	3)	C13—C12—C11		122.44 (13)

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C2—C3—N2	118.96 (12)	C13—C12—N4	118.48 (13)
C3—C4—C5	117.27 (13)	C11—C12—N4	119.06 (12)
C3—C4—H4	121.4	C12—C13—C14	117.52 (13)
C5—C4—H4	121.4	C12—C13—H13	121.2
C4—C5—C6	124.78 (13)	C14—C13—H13	121.2
C4—C5—N3	115.83 (13)	C13—C14—C9	123.46 (13)
C6—C5—N3	119.38 (13)	C13—C14—N5	114.64 (13)
C1—C6—C5	113.57 (13)	C9—C14—N5	121.89 (13)
C1—C6—C7	123.63 (13)		
O1—N1—C1—C2	-122.42 (14)	N3—C5—C6—C7	-7.6 (2)
O2—N1—C1—C2	55.76 (17)	C1—C6—C7—C8	93.28 (16)
O1—N1—C1—C6	60.38 (18)	C5—C6—C7—C8	-78.03 (17)
O2—N1—C1—C6	-121.44 (15)	C6—C7—C8—C9	-175.40 (12)
C6-C1-C2-C3	-1.3 (2)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-92.16 (15)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-178.37 (12)	C7—C8—C9—C14	89.32 (18)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.4 (2)	C14—C9—C10—C11	0.4 (2)
C1—C2—C3—N2	176.88 (12)	C8—C9—C10—C11	-178.27 (14)
O4—N2—C3—C4	-15.38 (19)	C9-C10-C11-C12	0.4 (2)
O3—N2—C3—C4	163.70 (13)	C10-C11-C12-C13	-0.3 (2)
O4—N2—C3—C2	167.96 (13)	C10-C11-C12-N4	178.04 (13)
O3—N2—C3—C2	-12.96 (19)	O8—N4—C12—C13	1.2 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.3 (2)	O7—N4—C12—C13	-179.59 (13)
N2—C3—C4—C5	-176.20 (12)	O8—N4—C12—C11	-177.28 (13)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.2 (2)	O7—N4—C12—C11	2.0 (2)
C3—C4—C5—N3	178.94 (12)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-0.6 (2)
O6—N3—C5—C4	117.21 (15)	N4-C12-C13-C14	-178.95 (12)
O5—N3—C5—C4	-62.02 (17)	C12—C13—C14—C9	1.5 (2)
O6—N3—C5—C6	-63.64 (18)	C12-C13-C14-N5	-179.64 (13)
O5—N3—C5—C6	117.13 (15)	C10-C9-C14-C13	-1.4 (2)
C2-C1-C6-C5	1.4 (2)	C8—C9—C14—C13	177.18 (14)
N1—C1—C6—C5	178.36 (12)	C10-C9-C14-N5	179.81 (13)
C2-C1-C6-C7	-170.56 (14)	C8—C9—C14—N5	-1.6 (2)
N1—C1—C6—C7	6.4 (2)	O9—N5—C14—C13	-21.49 (19)
C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.7 (2)	O10—N5—C14—C13	157.85 (15)
N3—C5—C6—C1	-179.73 (12)	O9—N5—C14—C9	157.42 (14)
C4—C5—C6—C7	171.45 (13)	O10—N5—C14—C9	-23.2 (2)

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

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C4—H4…O8 <sup>i</sup>	0.95	2.39	3.249 (2)	151
C10—H10…O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.58	3.508 (3)	167
С11—Н11…О9іі	0.95	2.40	3.353 (3)	176

Symmetry codes: (i) x+1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2; (ii) x-1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2.