Fundamentals of Organometallic Catalysis

Description: Catalysis, the basic principle for overcoming the kinetic inhibition of chemical reactions, is fundamental in chemistry. In particular, organometallic catalysis plays an overwhelming role in both research and industry. It opens the way to entirely novel synthetic methods and finds widespread applications ranging from mass-production of everyday polymers to stereocontrolled synthesis of bioactive chemicals used as pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. The targeted development of improved and novel catalysts demands understanding of the relationships between their structures and catalytic properties. Accordingly, this textbook offers the reader a fundamental understanding of the course of organometallic-catalyzed reactions, starting at the molecular level. The initial chapters explain the principles of catalysis and the elementary steps in organometallic catalysis. The book then explores important organometallic-catalyzed reactions, with a focus on mechanism. Current developments are emphasized throughout. Asymmetric synthesis is covered in depth. Finally, the book examines the catalytic behavior of particular metalloenzymes. A look at nitrogen fixation offers a comparative examination of the three major areas of catalysis – homogeneous, heterogeneous, and enzymatic.

In addition to problems, the textbook offers solutions, making the book an invaluable learning tool. It is a must-have for advanced students in chemistry and biochemistry, as well as for inorganic and organic chemists, for those working with organometallics, and for those specializing in catalysis.

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