Preface

In this third volume of a series dealing with newer methods in preparative organic chemistry, the publishers continue to provide for the English-speaking chemist a useful survey of some of the more recent developments in this field. Like its predecessors, the volume consists of a number of selected reviews which originally appeared in Angewandte Chemie; these summarize a wide variety of topics in a comprehensive and authoritative manner. Detailed experimental directions are given, and the probable reaction mechanisms discussed; references to the original literature abound. This volume should, by its very nature, be of great value to all organic chemists, in both academic research institutions and industrial laboratories, who wish to keep abreast of modern techniques and developments in their field.

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