

phosphanes

The saturated hydrides of trivalent phosphorus having the general formula P_nH_{n+2} . Individual members having an unbranched phosphorus chain are named phosphane, diphosphane, triphosphane, etc. The name of a saturated hydride of phosphorus wherein one or more phosphorus atoms have a bonding number of 5 is formed by prefixing locants and λ^5 symbols to the name of the corresponding phosphane. Hydrocarbyl derivatives of PH_3 belong to the class phosphines.

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