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The following phosphinites as derivatives of the unknown diphenyl-phosphinous acid with phosphorus(III) of the type $({\rm C_6H_5})_2{\rm POX}$ (X = H, NH₄, S(0)R, P(C₆H₅)₂) are normally unstable in the free state. However, they can be stabilized in the protecting coordination sphere of transition metal complexes by building them up by direct or indirect methods. The simple starting molecule is, in principle, diphenylphosphane, $({\rm C_6H_5})_2{\rm PH}$, which can be functionalized by oxidation or coordination and subsequent substitution and reduction reactions as it is shown in the following scheme: