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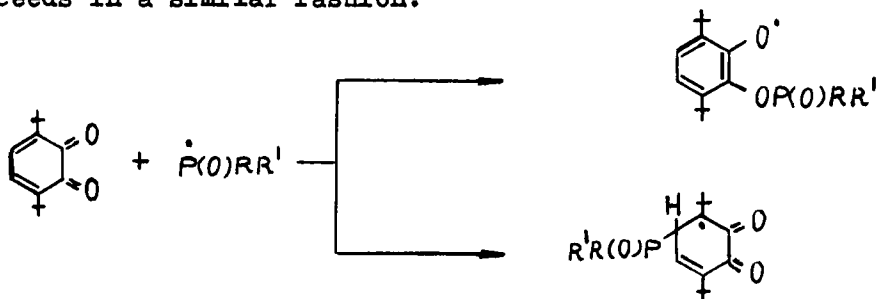
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The reaction between phosphonyl radicals and substituted o- and p-benzoquinone has been studied by ESR. The addition of phosphonyl radicals to benzoquinone occurs at two sites, either at carbonyl oxygen or at double bond of the cycle. The reaction of phosphonyl radicals with p-benzoquinone and methylenquinones proceeds in a similar fashion.



The ESR analysis of the 3,6-ditert.buthyl-2-oxyphenoxy radicals, containing the phosphoryl group, indicates the covalent character of O-P bond. In the case of 3,5-ditert.buthyl-o-benzoquinone two cyclohexadienyl radicals are formed due to the attack of the phosphonyl radical at the different positions of the quinone cycle. While phosphonyl radicals are added only to the double bond of 4,4-dialkyl-2,6-di-tert.buthylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one cycle, the reaction with tert.buthyl diphenoquinone occurs both at the double bond of the cycle (at the 1 (1')- and 2 (2')-positions) and at the oxygen atom.