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The investigations of the reactions of lower phosphorus sulfides with organic substances can result in novel non-traditional methods of the synthesis of organophosphorus compounds. Tetraphosphorus trisulfide was proved to react with thioacetals, to give addition products of the α -alkyl-thioalkyl thionphosphonate structure and tetrathiophosphates.

The reaction with aminals of formaldehyde proceeds under milder conditions and results in α -aminoalkyl thionphosphonates.

$$P_4S_3 + (R_2N)_2CH_2 \rightarrow (R_2N)_2P(S)CH_2NR_2$$

The interaction of tetraphosphorus trisulfide with disulfides and sulfenamides proves a convenient method for the preparation of tetrathiophosphates and non-symmetrical mixed amidothiophosphates.

$$P_4S_3 + 6RS-SR \rightarrow (RS)_3P + 3(RS)_3P=S$$

$$P_4S_3 + RS-NR_2 \rightarrow (RS)_2P(S)NR_2^{\dagger} + RSP(S)(NR_2^{\dagger})_2$$

Reactions with aminals, disulfides and sulfenamides are catalyzed by amines.