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FREE RADICAL INDUCED REDUCTION OF C-Cl BOND IN CHLOROFLUOROETHERS BY ALCOHOLS AND ETHERS

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The reduction of C-Cl bonds in (2,2-dichloro-1,1,2-trifluoroethyl)trichloromethylether (I), dichloromethyl(2,2-dichloro-1,1,2-trifluoroethyl)ether (II) and (2-chloro-1,1,2trifluoroethyl)trichloromethylether (III) by means of alcohols (ethanol, 2-propanol, 2-butanol, 3-pentanol, cyclohexanol) as well as ethers (1,3-dioxolane, tetrahydrofurane, diethylether) under ultraviolet and γ^{-60} co irradiation were studied.

CFC1 ₂ CF ₂ -0-CC1 ₃	(I)	CFC1 ₂ CF ₂ -O-CHC1 ₂	(II)
HCFC1CF ₂ -0-CC1 ₃	(III)	HCFC1CF2-0-CHC12	(IV)

The optimum conditions of converting ethers I-III into (2-chloro-1,1,2-trifluoroethyl)dichloromethylether (IV) were found. The reduction efficiency of the solvents used for reduction of CCl₃ group decreases in order of tetrahydro-furane, 2-propanol, diethylether, 1,3-dioxolane, 2-butanol, cyclohexanol, ethanol and 3-pentanol, whereas in the case of CFCl₂ group in order of 2-propanol, 1,3-dioxolane, tetra-hydrofurane, 2-butanol, ethanol and cyclohexanol.