
Volume Editor's Preface

Heteroatom- and in particular halogen- and oxygen-substituted alkenes are of central importance in all fields of synthetic organic chemistry. One has just to think about enolates, enol ethers, vinyl trifluoromethanesulfonates, and vinyl halides and their enormous potential for undergoing carbon–carbon and carbon–heteroatom couplings to appreciate the value of this volume within the well-established series of **Science of Synthesis**. Additionally, a variety of less common but equally important heteroatom-substituted alkenes and allenes are covered in detail.

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