

^{63}Cu NQR and Structural Studies of Complexes Formed Between Cu(I) Halides and *tris*(*o*-methoxyphenyl)- or *tris*(*p*-tolyl)phosphine Ligands*

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The crystal structure of [tri(*o*-methoxyphenyl)phosphine]₂Cu₂Br₂ shows it to be a halogen-bridged dimer with three-coordinated Cu(I) sites. The ^{63}Cu NQR frequency of the corresponding chloride indicates that it has a similar structure. The ^{63}Cu NQR frequencies of the complexes of tri(*p*-tolyl)phosphine, L₃Cu₂X₂, with cuprous chloride and bromide are consistent with their having halogen-bridged structures with both three- and four-coordinated Cu(I) sites analogous to those formed by triphenylphosphine and tri(*m*-tolyl)phosphine. Cu(I) sites. [CuBr(P(C₇H₇O)₃)₂; Triclinic, P $\bar{1}$, Z=2, $a=8.969(1)$, $b=10.510(2)$, $c=11.428(2)$ Å, $\alpha=99.46(1)$, $\beta=97.95(1)$, $\gamma=104.17(1)^\circ$, $R=3.5\%$, $R_w=2.2\%$.

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