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(54) **Process for producing alicyclic aldehydes**

(57) In the production of an alicyclic aldehyde, a starting aromatic aldehyde is converted into an aromatic acetal for protecting the formyl group. The aromatic ring of the aromatic acetal is then hydrogenated to convert

the aromatic acetal into an alicyclic acetal, which is then hydrolyzed to cleave the acetal protecting group to obtain the aimed alicyclic aldehyde.

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