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2,6-Difluorobenzoic acid

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 100$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.049; wR factor = 0.143; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.9.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$, the dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the carboxylate group is 33.70 (14)°. In the crystal structure, inversion dimers linked by pairs of $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds occur, generating $R_2^2(8)$ loops. The dimers are linked into sheets lying parallel to (102) by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$ hydrogen bonds.

Related literature

For general background to 2,6-difluorobenzylchloride derivatives, see: Beavo (1995); Beavo & Reifsnnyder (1990); Nicholson *et al.* (1991). For the stability of the temperature controller used in the data collection, see: Cosier & Glazer (1986).



Experimental

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ $M_r = 158.10$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 3.6517$ (4) Å
 $b = 14.1214$ (15) Å
 $c = 12.2850$ (13) Å
 $\beta = 95.651$ (3)°
 $V = 630.42$ (12) Å³

$Z = 4$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.16$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 100$ K
 $0.73 \times 0.19 \times 0.09$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII DUO CCD
diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2009)
 $T_{\min} = 0.841$, $T_{\max} = 0.986$

6112 measured reflections
2190 independent reflections
1895 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.143$
 $S = 1.12$
2190 reflections

116 parameters
All H-atom parameters refined
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.47$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.31$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O}2-\text{H}1\text{O}2\cdots\text{O}3^i$	0.95 (4)	1.68 (4)	2.6318 (14)	174 (4)
$\text{C}3-\text{H}3\cdots\text{F}2^{ii}$	0.98 (2)	2.54 (2)	3.3428 (16)	138.7 (16)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$; (ii) $x - 1, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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Comment

The derivatives of 2,6-diflorobenzylchloride involved in the inhibition of phosphodiesterases (PDEs) are enzymes which catalyze PDEs. These derivatives are classified into seven families, five of which, PDE1–PDE5, have been characterized (Beavo, 1995). The hydrolysis of cyclic nucleotides was evaluated according to the methods in given the references (Beavo & Reifsnyder, 1990; Nicholson *et al.*, 1991).

The molecule of the title compound, (I), (Fig. 1) is not planar with the dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the carboxylate group being $33.70(14)^\circ$. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked into pairs of centrosymmetric dimers by intermolecular $O2\cdots H1O2\cdots O3$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1). These dimers are linked into two-dimensional plane by the intermolecular $C3\cdots H3A\cdots F2$ hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2, Table 1) parallel to (102).

Experimental

2,6-Difluorobenzylchloride (0.01 mol, 1.7 g) was added drop-wise with stirring into a round bottom flask containing 25 ml water and then refluxed for two and half hours. The gum compound precipitate formed was filtered and dissolved in alkaline water. Hydrochloric acid was then added drop-wise with stirring. The white precipitate formed was dissolved in methanol. Colourless needles of (I) were formed at room temperature overnight and filtrated and dried at 333 K.

Refinement

All hydrogen atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely.

Figures

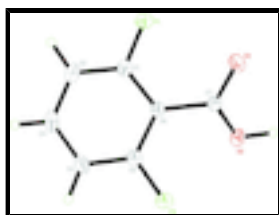


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of (I) with 50% probability ellipsoids for non-H atoms.

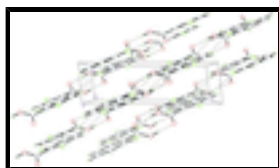


Fig. 2. The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the *b* axis, showing two 2-D planes.

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Crystal data

$C_7H_4F_2O_2$	$F(000) = 320$
$M_r = 158.10$	$D_x = 1.666 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
Hall symbol: -P 2ybc	Cell parameters from 3166 reflections
$a = 3.6517 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.3\text{--}32.1^\circ$
$b = 14.1214 (15) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 12.2850 (13) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 100 \text{ K}$
$\beta = 95.651 (3)^\circ$	Needle, colourless
$V = 630.42 (12) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.73 \times 0.19 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

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Bruker APEXII DUO CCD diffractometer	2190 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube graphite	1895 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
φ and ω scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2009)	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 32.1^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.2^\circ$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.841$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.986$	$h = -5 \rightarrow 5$
6112 measured reflections	$k = -20 \rightarrow 20$
	$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.143$	All H-atom parameters refined
$S = 1.12$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0668P)^2 + 0.3079P]$
2190 reflections	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
116 parameters	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.47 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Experimental. The crystal was placed in the cold stream of an Oxford Cryosystems Cobra open-flow nitrogen cryostat (Cosier & Glazer, 1986) operating at 100.0 (1) K.

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R -factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R -factors R are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R -factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F , and R -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
F1	0.0410 (3)	-0.01635 (6)	0.16839 (7)	0.0312 (2)
F2	0.2348 (3)	0.26707 (6)	0.36896 (7)	0.0285 (2)
O2	0.2287 (3)	0.09843 (7)	0.46658 (7)	0.0238 (2)
O3	0.4751 (3)	-0.00746 (7)	0.35958 (8)	0.0222 (2)
C1	0.0163 (4)	0.07830 (9)	0.17659 (9)	0.0194 (2)
C2	-0.1413 (4)	0.12763 (10)	0.08679 (10)	0.0228 (3)
C3	-0.1734 (4)	0.22519 (10)	0.09441 (10)	0.0234 (3)
C4	-0.0482 (4)	0.27250 (10)	0.19005 (11)	0.0230 (3)
C5	0.1044 (4)	0.22003 (9)	0.27793 (9)	0.0184 (2)
C6	0.1398 (3)	0.12160 (8)	0.27576 (9)	0.0160 (2)
C7	0.2939 (3)	0.06665 (8)	0.37288 (9)	0.0156 (2)
H2	-0.221 (7)	0.0927 (16)	0.0182 (18)	0.038 (6)*
H3	-0.285 (6)	0.2599 (15)	0.0302 (17)	0.035 (5)*
H4	-0.074 (6)	0.3406 (16)	0.1979 (18)	0.035 (5)*
H1O2	0.341 (11)	0.062 (3)	0.526 (3)	0.098 (12)*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
F1	0.0518 (6)	0.0183 (4)	0.0219 (4)	0.0019 (4)	-0.0044 (4)	-0.0039 (3)
F2	0.0459 (6)	0.0169 (4)	0.0210 (4)	-0.0010 (4)	-0.0048 (4)	-0.0018 (3)
O2	0.0340 (6)	0.0238 (5)	0.0135 (4)	0.0038 (4)	0.0014 (4)	0.0013 (3)
O3	0.0269 (5)	0.0179 (4)	0.0216 (4)	0.0056 (4)	0.0012 (4)	0.0030 (3)
C1	0.0238 (6)	0.0181 (5)	0.0162 (5)	0.0001 (4)	0.0014 (4)	0.0003 (4)
C2	0.0242 (6)	0.0289 (6)	0.0150 (5)	-0.0002 (5)	-0.0006 (4)	0.0019 (4)
C3	0.0224 (6)	0.0289 (6)	0.0184 (5)	0.0037 (5)	-0.0001 (4)	0.0078 (4)
C4	0.0272 (6)	0.0193 (6)	0.0225 (6)	0.0041 (5)	0.0016 (5)	0.0062 (4)
C5	0.0210 (5)	0.0174 (5)	0.0166 (5)	0.0004 (4)	0.0012 (4)	0.0011 (4)
C6	0.0182 (5)	0.0160 (5)	0.0137 (4)	0.0009 (4)	0.0014 (4)	0.0019 (3)
C7	0.0174 (5)	0.0148 (5)	0.0148 (4)	-0.0006 (4)	0.0020 (4)	0.0012 (3)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

F1—C1	1.3442 (15)	C2—H2	0.99 (2)
F2—C5	1.3467 (14)	C3—C4	1.3892 (19)

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O2—C7	1.2794 (14)	C3—H3	0.98 (2)
O2—H1O2	0.96 (4)	C4—C5	1.3807 (17)
O3—C7	1.2574 (15)	C4—H4	0.97 (2)
C1—C2	1.3815 (17)	C5—C6	1.3965 (17)
C1—C6	1.3976 (16)	C6—C7	1.4866 (15)
C2—C3	1.387 (2)		
C7—O2—H1O2	113 (2)	C5—C4—H4	119.3 (13)
F1—C1—C2	117.86 (11)	C3—C4—H4	122.2 (13)
F1—C1—C6	118.83 (11)	F2—C5—C4	117.84 (11)
C2—C1—C6	123.29 (12)	F2—C5—C6	118.74 (10)
C1—C2—C3	118.58 (12)	C4—C5—C6	123.38 (11)
C1—C2—H2	119.4 (13)	C5—C6—C1	115.44 (10)
C3—C2—H2	122.0 (13)	C5—C6—C7	122.18 (10)
C2—C3—C4	120.79 (11)	C1—C6—C7	122.37 (11)
C2—C3—H3	118.2 (13)	O3—C7—O2	123.76 (11)
C4—C3—H3	121.0 (13)	O3—C7—C6	119.51 (10)
C5—C4—C3	118.49 (12)	O2—C7—C6	116.72 (10)
F1—C1—C2—C3	179.13 (13)	C4—C5—C6—C7	-177.92 (12)
C6—C1—C2—C3	1.2 (2)	F1—C1—C6—C5	-179.87 (12)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.3 (2)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-1.92 (19)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.9 (2)	F1—C1—C6—C7	-0.65 (19)
C3—C4—C5—F2	178.01 (12)	C2—C1—C6—C7	177.31 (12)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.0 (2)	C5—C6—C7—O3	-147.25 (13)
F2—C5—C6—C1	-176.65 (11)	C1—C6—C7—O3	33.57 (18)
C4—C5—C6—C1	1.31 (19)	C5—C6—C7—O2	33.33 (17)
F2—C5—C6—C7	4.12 (18)	C1—C6—C7—O2	-145.84 (13)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O2—H1O2 \cdots O3 ⁱ	0.95 (4)	1.68 (4)	2.6318 (14)	174 (4)
C3—H3 \cdots F2 ⁱⁱ	0.98 (2)	2.54 (2)	3.3428 (16)	138.7 (16)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y, -z+1$; (ii) $x-1, -y+1/2, z-1/2$.

Fig. 1

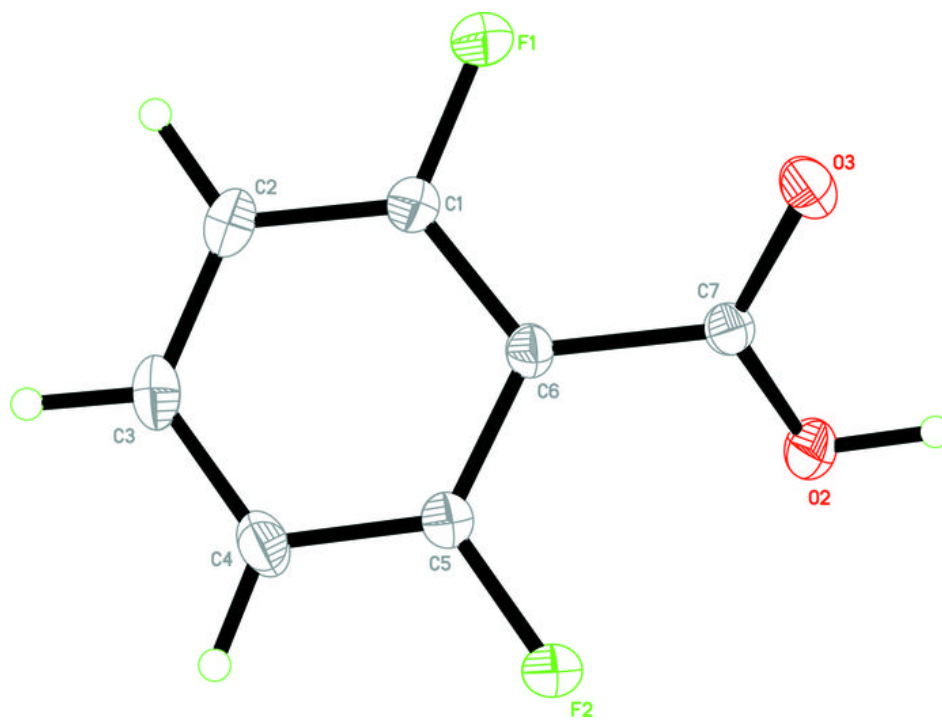


Fig. 2

