Chem 343 – Organic Reactions Chapter 10

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Sulfonate Ester Preparation

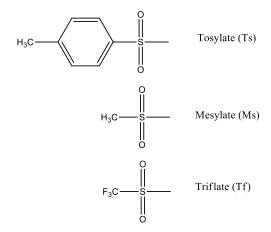
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pyridine

Mechanism

See note at the bottom of the page
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Other sulfonates



Sulfonates are very good leaving groups. Can be used to convert alcohols to other compounds or even to produce direct elimination. Pyridine (solvent) acts as a base.

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Note: This first step in the reaction does not represent a single step. It's the result of various steps one that may include an intermediate like the one shown below.