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DIOL MONOETHERS AND THEIR MANUFACTURE

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Diol monoethers containing a neopentyl structure are prepared by the catalytic hydrogenation of certain cyclic diethers at elevated temperatures and pressures. Diol monoethers having a quaternary carbon atom are particularly useful, for example, as solvents, as high-temperature functional fluids or as intermediates for other useful chemical compounds such as plasticizers and wetting agents.