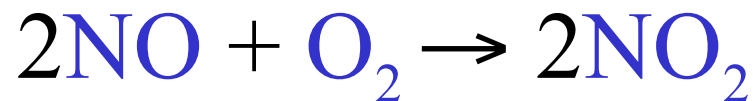
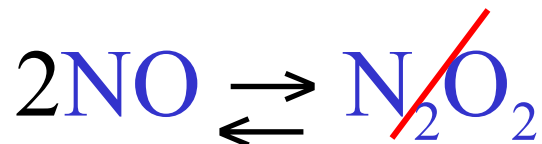


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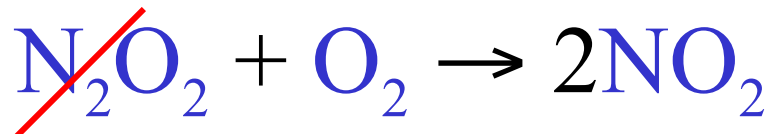


$$\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}]^2$$

step 1



step 2



intermediates: N_2O_2

relative rates of *steps 1* and *2*