CLAIMS

1. A paraffin wax suitable for a hard wax application, the paraffin wax having a congealing point according to ASTM D938 of at least 108°C, a kinematic viscosity of at least 15 mm^2/s at 120°C, and a Saybolt colour according to ASTM D156 of at least 25.

2. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, having a congealing point according to ASTM D938 of at least 110°C.

3. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, having a Saybolt colour according to ASTM D156 of at least 30.

4. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.5 wt.%.

5. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, wherein the paraffin wax is a Fischer-Tropsch derived paraffin wax.

6. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.3 wt.%.

7. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.25 wt.%.

8. A paraffin wax according to claim 1, wherein the paraffin wax is used in hard wax applications including at least one of a hot melt adhesive, a polyvinylchloride extrusion lubricant, an ink, a paint, a coating, a tire, a cosmetic, and a pharmaceutical.

9. A paraffin wax suitable for a hard wax application, the paraffin wax having a congealing point according to ASTM D938 in the range of from 100 to 120°C, a kinematic viscosity of at least 15 mm^2/s at 120°C, and a Saybolt colour according to ASTM D156 of at least 30.

10. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, having a congealing point according to ASTM D938 of at least 108°C.

11. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, having a congealing point according to ASTM D938 of at least 110°C.

12. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.5 wt.%.

13. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, wherein the paraffin wax is a Fischer-Tropsch derived paraffin wax.

14. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.3 wt.%.

15. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, having an oil content according to ASTM D721 of less than 0.25 wt.%.

16. A paraffin wax according to claim 9, wherein the paraffin wax is used in hard wax applications including at least one of a hot melt adhesive, a polyvinylchloride extrusion lubricant, an ink, a paint, a coating, a tire, a cosmetic, and a pharmaceutical.