

Low Streak Degreasing Composition

Field of Invention

The present invention relates to an aqueous composition comprising three components.

The first component is a primary detergent, non-ionic surfactant with certain critical

5 packing parameters (CPP). The primary function of the first component is to provide good cleaning performance. The second component is a inorganic particle whose surface has been modified to improve stability. The third necessary component is a secondary surfactant with a certain CPP that can function to improve the overall cleaning performance, the streaking performance and provide overall formulation stability.

10 Methods for manufacturing such compositions and the use of such compositions for cleaning of hard surfaces are provided.

Background of the Invention

Surfactant compositions are currently being used in many cleaning applications,

including cleaning of hard surfaces and soft surfaces, e.g. textile, and many other

15 applications in household and industrial use. As used herein, the term "hard surface" refers in particular to hard surfaces encountered in the home, such as surfaces of stone, ceramics, wood, plastics, metals, glass and any lacquered or painted such hard surface.

In hard surface cleaning, there is a desire to provide a surfactant composition which

20 exhibits good degreasing performance and at the same time leaves the surface visually clean of spots, streaks and residue. A typical window cleaner usually leaves the surface free of visual imperfections; however the cleaning performance of most windows cleaners is very poor on heavy soils and greases. On the other hand, many formulations are available for effectively cleaning greases and heavy soils from surfaces.

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The use of nano-particles in cleaning formulations is well known. The addition of the nano particle to the formulation has been claimed to provide surface modification

benefits like hydrophilization, soil repelling and anti resoiling properties. However, the use of nanosilicas in combination with two additional surfactants to provide excellent

30 degreasing and as well as low streaking is new and cannot be anticipated from the prior art.

Streaking is a visible residue left after the cleaning process. It is believed that streaking may be attributed to formation of an ordered structure that is big enough to be seen by the naked eye. In theory the residue could come from residual dirt not completely removed during the cleaning process. It is often caused by an improperly formulated
5 cleaning composition such that as the cleaning composition dries it forms a visible "residue" of the components.

Without wishing to be bound by theory it is believed that the mechanism of cleaning is critical to the formation of a visible residue. There are two main types of cleaning
10 mechanisms. One is solvency, where the dirt is dissolved from the surface by a formulation that contains high levels of solvents. For example, according to US 7,314,852 column 1, line 29, "the commercially available glass cleaning products sold under the Glass Plus® trademark have a organic solvent system comprising a mixture of ethylene glycol monobutylether (EGBE) and isopropyl alcohol". In this type of
15 formulation is it impossible to obtain a surface that is totally clean. When cleaning with solvents, especially high soil loading conditions, it is difficult to get a streak free surface. These types of formulations work best when the surface is already clean or has very low soil content.

20 The other mechanism for cleaning surfaces is emulsification of the soil with surfactants. By this mechanism the dirt is removed from the soil by a roll up method. Compared to cleaning with solvents where the soil is dissolved, the soil is emulsified into the surfactant phase and essentially prevented from depositing back down on the surface. Cleaning by roll up results in a much cleaner surface with less residue, some people refer to this as
25 being "squeaky clean".

Surface analysis of a hard surface that has been cleaned using a traditional type cleaning formulation was performed. In this case there was considerable amount of filming and streaking that is visible to the eye. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it
30 appears that formulations that form structured systems, such as a lamellar phase on drying are more susceptible to leaving a visible residue compared to systems that form less structured systems on drying. Figure 1 shows a surface that has a visible streak. The streak is indicated as a lane with "dots" on it.

Figure 2 shows the same area but under higher magnification. As evident on examination of Figure 2, the streak is composed of multiple bumps, blisters and imperfections that happen as a result of the cleaning solution as it dries. So the ability to produce a cleaning solution that after drying does not have any visible residue is critical to controlling the perception of streaking.

Accordingly, it is evident that there is still a need in the art for surfactant compositions that both have high detergency and exhibit a low streaking and low filming behaviour.

An object of the present is to at least partly overcome the drawbacks of the prior art and to provide a surfactant composition which, when used in hard surface cleaning, exhibits good degreasing performance and a low streaking behaviour. The present inventors have surprisingly found that this object is met by an aqueous composition according to the appended claims.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to an aqueous composition comprising three essential components. The first component being a primary detergent, non-ionic surfactant with a critical packing parameter of ≥ 0.95 . The second component being an inorganic particle whose surface has been modified to improve stability. The third component is a secondary surfactant with a critical packing parameter of ≤ 0.85 .

In a second aspect, the present invention relates to a method for cleaning hard surfaces utilizing the aforementioned composition.

Description of the Figures

Figure 1 is a high magnification view of a surface with streaks.

Figure 2, is a hard surface treated with a typical hard surface cleaner demonstrating visible "blisters", bumps or imperfections associated with streaking.

Figure 3 is a surface treated with the composition of the present invention; the imperfections observed in the photograph of Figure 3 are attributed to the surface itself and not the formulated cleaning solution.

Figure 4 shows the same area as Figure 3 but at higher magnification.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The present invention relates to an aqueous composition comprising three components. The first component is a primary detergent, non-ionic surfactant with a critical packing parameters (CPP) of ≥ 0.95 . The second component is a inorganic particle whose surface has been modified to improve stability. The third necessary component is a secondary surfactant with a CPP of ≤ 0.85 . The secondary surfactant can function to improve the overall cleaning performance, the streaking performance and provide overall formulation stability.

The composition of the invention can be formulated into an excellent cleaning composition that leaves no streaks on the surface. Without wishing to be bound by theory it is believed that the dried composition does not result in visible "blisters", bumps or imperfections as observed in Figure 2, which is treated with a typical hard surface cleaner. A picture of a surface treated with the composition of the present invention is given in Figure 3. The imperfections observed in the photograph of Figure 3 are attributed to the surface itself and not the formulated cleaning solution. Figure 4 shows the same area as Figure 3 but at higher magnification. The advantage of the invention can be clearly seen by comparing Figure 4 (low streak) to Figure 2 (typical hard surface cleaner). Figure 2 and Figure 4 are presented at similar magnification but for Figure 2 it is slightly less. Evident on comparison of these two images is the lack of larger "blisters" on the surface treated with the low streak cleaning formulation.

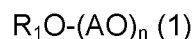
Primary Detergent Nonionic surfactant

The primary detergent non-ionic surfactant is selected from the group of alkoxyates, propoxyates, butoxyates and mixed ethoxyates and propoxyates and butoxyates prepared from hydrophobic alcohols. The hydrophobic alcohols can be linear or branched and have between 8 and 18 carbon atoms. The hydrophobic alcohols may contain unsaturated portions and can be derived from natural, mineral and synthetic sources.

The primary detergent non-ionic surfactants contemplated for use in the present application are those having a critical packing parameter (CPP) of ≥ 0.95 .

Alcohol alkoxyates

The nonionic surfactant is preferably an alkoxyate surfactant having the formula



where R_1 is linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, in one embodiment an alkyl group, containing from 8 to 18, in another embodiment 8 to 14, and in still another embodiment 8-12, and in yet another embodiment 9 to 12 carbon atoms.

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AO is an alkyleneoxy group, in one embodiment an ethyleneoxy, propyleneoxy or butyleneoxy group, or a mixture of two or more thereof in any order, and n is a real number from 1 to 25, in another embodiment from 1 to 20, in still another embodiment from 2 to 12, and in yet another embodiment from 2 to 10.

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Thus, the alkoxylate surfactant may, in addition to the 1-20 ethyleneoxy units, also contain up to 5 propyleneoxy units. The number of propyleneoxy units, when present, may be as small as 0.1 mole PO per mole alcohol. The ethyleneoxy units and the propyleneoxy units could be added randomly or in blocks. The blocks could be added to the alcohol in any order. The alkoxylates may also contain an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms in the end position. In one embodiment, the alkoxylates contains 2-8 ethyleneoxy units and 0-2 propyleneoxy units.

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Linear nonionic surfactants contemplated for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, C_9 - C_{11} alcohol + 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO, C_{8-10} alcohol + 4, 5, or 6 moles of EO, C_{11} alcohol + 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 moles of EO and tridecyl alcohol + 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 moles of EO. Branched nonionic surfactants contemplated for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, 2-ethylhexanol + 3, 4 or 5 moles of EO, 2-ethylhexanol + 2 moles of PO + 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO, 2-propylheptanol + 3, 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO and 2-propylheptanol + 1 mole of PO + 4 moles of EO. Another example is 2-butyloctanol + 5, 6 or 7 moles of EO. Wherever the degree of alkoxylation, such as ethoxylation and/or propoxylation is discussed, the numbers referred to are molar average numbers.

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In one embodiment, the final formulation containing builders and optional ingredients is clear.

30 Inorganic based nanoparticles

As used herein, the term "inorganic based "nanoparticle" refers to a particle that in no dimension has a size exceeding about 500 nm, and that is formed from an optionally surface modified inorganic material, the optional surface modification possibly comprising an organic material.

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The inorganic based nanoparticles suitable for use in the present invention preferably are those able to form a stable dispersion in a composition of the present invention. By the term "stable", particularly in the context of a "stable dispersion" is meant a stable compound, mixture or dispersion that does not substantially gel or precipitate within a period of preferably at least about 2 months, more preferably at least about 4 months, and most preferably at least about 5 months at normal storage in room temperature, i.e. at a temperature from about 15 to about 35°C.

In one embodiment, the inorganic based nano particles are colloidal silica particles.

Colloidal silica particles, also referred to as silica sols herein, may be derived from e.g. precipitated silica, micro silica (silica fume), pyrogenic silica (fumed silica) or silica gels with sufficient purity, and mixtures thereof.

Colloidal silica particles and silica sols according to the invention may be modified and can contain other elements such as amines, aluminium and/or boron, which can be present in the particles and/or the continuous phase. Boron-modified silica sols are described in e.g. U.S. Patent No. 2,630,410. The aluminium modified silica particles suitably have an Al_2O_3 content of from about 0.05 to about 3 wt%, in another embodiment from about 0.1 to about 2 wt%. The procedure of preparing an aluminium modified silica sol is further described in e.g. "The Chemistry of Silica", by Iler, K. Ralph, pages 407-409, John Wiley & Sons (1979) and in US 5 368 833.

The colloidal silica particles suitably have an average particle diameter ranging from about 2 to about 150 nm, in another embodiment from about 3 to about 50 nm, and in still another embodiment from about 5 to about 40 nm. Suitably, the colloidal silica particles have a specific surface area from about 20 to about 1500, in another embodiment from about 50 to about 900, and in still another embodiment from about 70 to about 600 m^2/g .

The colloidal silica particles preferably have a narrow particle size distribution, i.e. a low relative standard deviation of the particle size. The relative standard deviation of the particle size distribution is the ratio of the standard deviation of the particle size distribution to the mean particle size by numbers. The relative standard deviation of the particle size distribution preferably is lower than about 60 % by numbers, more preferably lower than about 30 % by numbers, and most preferably lower than about 15 % by numbers.

The colloidal silica particles are suitably dispersed in an aqueous solvent, suitably in the presence of stabilizing cations such as K^+ , Na^+ , Li^+ , NH_4^+ , organic cations, primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary amines, or mixtures thereof so as to form an aqueous silica sol. However, also dispersions comprising organic solvents, e.g. lower alcohols, acetone or mixtures thereof may be used, suitably in an amount of from about 1 to about 20, in another embodiment from about 1 to about 10, and in yet another embodiment from about 1 to about 5 volume percent of the total solvent volume. However, aqueous silica sols without any further solvents are advantageously used, as are colloidal silica particles that are negatively charged.

Suitably, the silica content in the sol is from about 20 to about 80, in another embodiment from about 25 to about 70, and in still another embodiment from about 30 to about 60 wt%. The higher the silica content, the more concentrated the resulting silanized colloidal silica dispersion. The pH of the silica sol suitably is from about 1 to about 13, in another embodiment from about 6 to about 12, and in still another embodiment from about 7.5 to about 11. However, for aluminium-modified silica sols, the pH suitably is from about 1 to about 12, in another embodiment from about 3.5 to about 11.

On one embodiment of the invention, the silica sol has an S-value from about 20 to about 100, in another embodiment from about 30 to about 90, and in yet another embodiment from about 60 to about 90. It has been found that dispersions with an S-value within these ranges can improve the stability of the resulting dispersion. The S-value characterises the extent of aggregation of colloidal silica particles, i.e. the degree of aggregate or microgel formation. The S-value has been measured and calculated according to the formulas given in J. Phys. Chem. 60(1956), 955-957 by Iler, R.K. & Dalton, R.L.

The S-value depends on the silica content, the viscosity, and the density of the colloidal silica particles. A high S-value indicates a low microgel content. The S-value represents the amount of SiO_2 in percent by weight present in the dispersed phase of e.g. a silica sol. The degree of microgel can be controlled during the production process as further described in e.g. U.S. Patent No. 5368833.

In one embodiment, at least part of the inorganic nanoparticles are silanized colloidal silica particles. In such an embodiment, the composition may contain besides silanized colloidal silica particles also, at least to some extent, non-silanized colloidal silica

particles depending on the size of the silica particles, weight ratio of silane to silica, type of silane compound, reaction conditions etc. Suitably, at least about 40 wt% of the colloidal silica particles are silanized (silane-modified), in another embodiment at least about 65, in still another embodiment at least about 90, and in yet another embodiment at least about 99 wt%. The composition may comprise besides silane in the form of silane groups or silane derivatives bound or linked to the surface of the silica particles also at least to some extent freely dispersed unbound silane compounds. Suitably, at least about 40, in another embodiment, at least about 60, in still another embodiment at least about 75, in yet another embodiment at least about 90, and in another embodiment at least about 95 wt% of the silane compounds are bound or linked to the surface of the silica particles.

Suitably, at least about 1 % by number of the silanol surface groups on the colloidal silica particles are capable of binding or linking to silane groups on the silane compounds, in another embodiment at least about 5 %, in a second embodiment at least about 10 %, in a third embodiment at least about 30 %, and in a fourth embodiment at least about 50 % bind or link to a silane group.

The weight ratio of the total silane content to the total silica content in the composition is from about 0.01 to about 1.5, in a second embodiment from about 0.05 to about 1, and in a third embodiment from about 0.1 to about 0.5. The total content of silica comprises silica in modified silanized silica particles and non-modified silica particles which also may be present. The total content of silane is based on all freely dispersed silane and all linked or bound silane groups or derivatives.

Colloidal silanized silica particles available as Bindzil CC30 and CC301 are available from Eka Chemicals, Sweden.

Silanization of colloidal silica particles is described in detail in WO 2005/097961 A1, incorporated herein by reference. According to one embodiment, the silanized colloidal silica particles have no silicone coat. Suitable silane compounds for silanization of colloidal silica particles include tris-(trimethoxy)silane, octyl triethoxysilane, methyl triethoxysilane, methyl trimethoxysilane; isocyanate silane such as tris-[3-(trimethoxysilyl)propyl]isocyanurate; gamma-mercaptopropyl trimethoxysilane, bis-(3-[triethoxysilyl]propyl)polysulfide, beta-(3,4-epoxycyclohexyl)-ethyl trimethoxysilane; silanes containing an epoxy group (epoxy silane), glycidoxy and/or a glycidoxypropyl group such as gamma-glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane, gamma-glycidoxypropyl

methyldiethoxysilane, (3-glycidoxypentyl)trimethoxy silane, (3-glycidoxypentyl) hexyltrimethoxy silane, beta-(3,4-epoxycyclohexyl)-ethyltriethoxysilane; silanes containing a vinyl group such as vinyl triethoxysilane, vinyl trimethoxysilane, vinyl tris-(2-methoxyethoxy)silane, vinyl methyldimethoxysilane, vinyl triisopropoxysilane; gamma-methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane, gamma-methacryloxypropyl triisopropoxysilane, gamma-methacryloxypropyl triethoxysilane, octyltrimethoxy silane, ethyltrimethoxy silane, propyltriethoxy silane, phenyltrimethoxy silane, 3-mercaptopropyltriethoxy silane, cyclohexyltrimethoxy silane, cyclohexyltriethoxy silane, dimethyldimethoxy silane, 3-chloropropyltriethoxy silane, 3-methacryoxypropyltrimethoxy silane, i-butyltriethoxy silane, trimethylethoxy silane, phenyldimethylethoxy silane, hexamethyldisiloxane, trimethylsilyl chloride, vinyltriethoxy silane, hexamethyldisilazane, and mixtures thereof. U.S. Patent No. 4,927,749 discloses further suitable silanes which may be used in the present invention.

In one embodiment the silanes are epoxy silanes and silane compounds containing a glycidoxy or glycidoxypropyl group, particularly gamma-glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane and/or gamma glycidoxypropylmethyldiethoxysilane.

Silica nanoparticles advantageously utilized in the invention are sold under the tradenames Bindzil® CC30 and Bindzil® CC301.

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Table 1: Listing the properties of the silica sols included in the study						
silica sol	particle size (nm)	surface area (m ² /g)	pH	modification	solid content (%)	stability CaCl ₂ (30%)
Bindzil Cat80	42	85	-	cationic		Fail
Bindzil 159/500	6.1	525	-	anionic		Fail
Bindzil 15/500	6.1	525	-	Unmodified	15	Fail
Bindzil 30/360	9	356	10.4	Unmodified	30	Fail
Bindzil 30/220	14.5	220	10.0	Unmodified	30	Fail
Bindzil 820DI	8	400	2.6	Unmodified	20	Fail
Bindzil 2034DI	16	200	-	Unmodified	34	Fail
Bindzil CC30	7.2	445	7.9	glycidoxypropyl	30	Stable
Bindzil CC301	7.2	445	7.9	glycidoxypropyl	29	Stable

The influence of silica in cleaning formulations was briefly investigated. Solution stability is believed to be important in reducing the streaks. Low streaking requires the silica sol to be moderately to highly stable in the formulation in order to prevent the sol actually contributing to the formation of streaks. Without wishing to be bound by theory it is believed that tolerance to salt levels leads to lower the streak intensity in the final formulation. Bindzil® CC30 and Bindzil® CC301 are the best in resisting salinity at high pH. Since most useful cleaners are formulated under alkaline pH conditions, a variety of commercially sold silica sols were tested for salt tolerance at $\text{pH} = 10.5 \pm 0.5$. A solution containing 2% of the silica sol was adjusted to $\text{pH} = 10.5$ using 10% NaOH solution. A 30% solution of CaCl_2 was added. Only two of the silica sols tested under these conditions resulted in a stable formulation. These are the Bindzil® CC30 and Bindzil® CC301. The other silica sols were destabilized with relatively small amounts of the calcium chloride solution. In contrast the silica sols advantageously utilized in the invention were stable at all levels of salt up to 30%.

Secondary Surfactant

The secondary surfactant may be a non-ionic, cationic, amphoteric, zwitterionic or anionic surfactant or a mixture of two or more thereof, preferably a non-ionic, cationic or amphoteric surfactant. The critical aspect for the choice of the secondary surfactant is the CPP. Surfactants and combinations of surfactants that have a $\text{CPP} \leq 0.85$ are preferred.

In one embodiment, the secondary surfactant is an alkyl (poly)glucoside having the formula



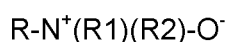
where,

R^2 is a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, in one embodiment an alkyl group containing from 6 to 12, in a second embodiment containing 6 to 10, carbon atoms, and in a third embodiment 6 carbon atoms.

G is a monosaccharide residue, in one embodiment a glucoside;

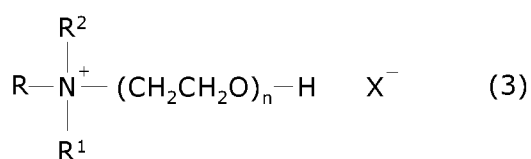
p is a real number from 1 to 5, in a second embodiment from 1 to 3, in a third embodiment from 1 to 2, and in a fourth embodiment 1.5. A nonionic surfactant advantageously employed is sold under the tradename AG® 6206 by AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry, Chicago, Illinois.

The secondary surfactant can also be an amine oxide of the structure



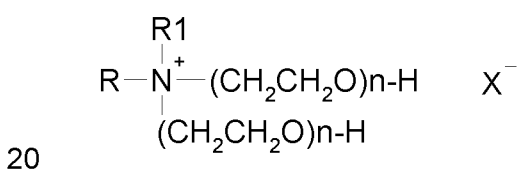
R is a alkyl group containing 10-18 carbons and optionally can be R-L-R, where L is an amide or ester linkage. R¹ and R¹ can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of, methyl, ethyl, hydroxyl ethyl, 2-hydroxy propyl. In one embodiment, the amine oxide secondary surfactant is where R = C₁₂-C₁₄, and R¹ and R² are the same and methyl. In another embodiment R = C₁₂-C₁₄ and R¹ and R² are the same and hydroxyl ethyl. An amine oxide advantageously employed is sold under the trade name Aromox[®] C/12 by AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry, Chicago, Illinois.

Secondary surfactants can also be cationic surfactants. One class of cationic surfactants is of the formula



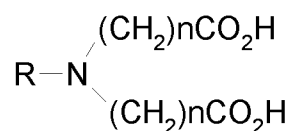
where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl, in a second embodiment C₆ - C₂₂ alkyl or alkenyl, in a third embodiment C₈ - C₂₀ alkyl or alkenyl and in a fourth embodiment C₁₀ - C₁₄ alkyl or alkenyl; R¹ and R² are independently C₁ - C₄ alkyl, in one embodiment methyl or ethyl, in a second embodiment both R¹ and R² are methyl; n is at least 12, and at most 25, in another embodiment at most 20 and in another embodiment at most 17; and X⁻ is an anion, e.g. halide or methylsulfate.

Additional secondary surfactants can have the formula



where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl, in another embodiment C₆ - C₂₂ alkyl or alkenyl, in yet another embodiment C₈ - C₂₀ alkyl or alkenyl and in still another embodiment C₁₀ - C₁₄ alkyl or alkenyl; R¹ is independently C₁ - C₄ alkyl, e.g. methyl or ethyl, and in another embodiment methyl; n is at least 12, and at most 25, in another embodiment at most 20 and in still another embodiment at most 17; and X⁻ is an anion, e.g. halide or methylsulfate. In one aspect, R = C₁₂-C₁₄, R¹ = methyl, n=15 and X⁻ is an acceptable anion such as chloride.

In another embodiment, the secondary surfactant is an amphoteric secondary surfactant. One class of such surfactants is of the formula



where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl, preferably C₆ - C₂₂ alkyl or alkenyl linear or branched, more preferably C₈ - C₂₀ alkyl or alkenyl linear or branched and in another embodiment C₈ or C₉ branched; n is an integer from 1 to 4, in another embodiment 2 to 3, and in
 5 another embodiment 2. Amphoteric surfactants advantageously employed are sold under the trade name Ampholak® YJH-40.

In another embodiment, the secondary surfactant is a nonionic C₁₀₋₁₄ alcohol with 0-2 PO and 6-10 EO.

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In another embodiment the composition of the invention can comprise two or more secondary surfactants selected from the secondary surfactants described above.

In still another embodiment, the composition of the invention contains at least two
 15 secondary surfactants, wherein the first secondary surfactant is an alkyl (poly)glucoside having the formula



where,

R² and G are as defined above, and the second secondary surfactant is a nonionic C₁₀₋₁₄
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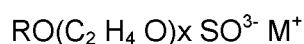
Additional Surfactants

When the secondary surfactant is cationic, the composition advantageously comprises an anionic surfactant. Useful anionic surfactants include the water-soluble salts,
 25 particularly the alkali metal, ammonium and alkylammonium (e.g., monoethanolammonium or triethanolammonium) salts, of organic sulfuric reaction products having in their molecular structure an alkyl group containing from about 10 to about 20 carbon atoms and a sulfonic acid or sulfuric acid ester group. (Included in the term "alkyl" is the alkyl portion of aryl groups.) Examples of this group of synthetic
 30 surfactants are the alkyl sulfates, especially those obtained by sulfating the higher alcohols (C₈ - C₁₈ carbon atoms) such as those produced by reducing the glycerides of tallow or coconut oil.

Another class of useful anionic surfactants are water-soluble salts of: paraffin sulfonates containing from about 8 to about 24, in another embodiment, 12 to 18 carbon atoms; alkyl glyceryl ether sulfonates, including but not limited to ethers of C8-18 alcohols (for example, those derived from tallow and coconut oil); alkyl phenol ethylene oxide ether sulfates containing from about 1 to about 4 units of ethylene oxide per molecule and from about 8 to about 12 carbon atoms in the alkyl group; and alkyl ethylene oxide ether sulfates containing about 1 to about 4 units of ethylene oxide per molecule and from about 10 to about 20 carbon atoms in the alkyl group.

Still another class of useful anionic surfactants include the water-soluble salts of esters of α -sulfonated fatty acids containing from about 6 to 20 carbon atoms in the fatty acid group and from about 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the ester group; water-soluble salts of 2-acyloxy-alkane-1-sulfonic acids containing from about 2 to 9 carbon atoms in the acyl group and from about 9 to about 23 carbon atoms in the alkane moiety; water-soluble salts of olefin sulfonates containing from about 12 to 24 carbon atoms; and β -alkyloxy alkane sulfonates containing from about 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl group and from about 8 to 20 carbon atoms in the alkane moiety.

A class of anionic surfactants advantageously employed are the alkyl sulfates and alkyl ether sulfates of the formula



wherein R is an alkyl chain having from about 10 to about 22 carbon atoms, saturated or unsaturated, and the longest linear portion of the alkyl chain is 15 carbon atoms or less on the average, M is a cation capable of making the compound water-soluble, especially an alkali metal, ammonium or substituted ammonium cation, and x is from 0 to about 15. The anionic surfactant component of the present compositions comprises from about 5% to about 40%, in another embodiment from about 7% to about 36%, in still another embodiment from about 10% to about 25%, by weight of the detergent composition, of alkyl sulfates and/or alkyl ether sulfates as described above.

Other preferred anionic surfactants include, but are not limited to, non-ethoxylated C12-15 primary and secondary alkyl sulfates. Under cold water washing conditions, i.e., less than about 65°F, a mixture of such ethoxylated and non-ethoxylated alkyl sulfates is

especially useful. Mixtures of the alkyl sulfates with the above-described paraffin sulfonates, alkyl glyceryl ether sulfonates and esters of α -sulfonated fatty acids, are also useful.

- 5 Another useful class of anionic surfactants are those known as alkyl benzene sulfonates. These include alkyl benzene sulfonates in which the alkyl group contains from about 9 to about 15 carbon atoms, in straight or branched chain configuration, e.g., those of the type described in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,220,099 and 2,477,383, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Anionic surfactants advantageously employed in the invention are sold under the trade name Witconate[®] AOS by AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry LLC, Chicago, Illinois.

The invention is not limited by choice of anionic surfactants and other known classes of anionic surfactants can also be usefully employed in the context of the invention.

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Additional components

As will be realized by those skilled in the art, an aqueous composition according to the present invention, suitable for surface, especially hard surface cleaning, may further comprise additional components, such as builders, co-builders, complexing agents,

- 20 fillers, enzymes, pH regulators, hydrophilizing agents, perfumes, rheology modifiers and other ingredients typically used in cleaning formulations.

Builders/complexing agents

The builder can be an alkali carbonate or an alkali hydrogen carbonate, such as sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate or potassium hydrogen carbonate, an alkali salt of a silicate, such as sodium silicate or sodium metasilicate, or alkali salts of phosphates, such as sodium orthophosphate. Alkaline builders which act through complexation are e.g. sodium pyrophosphate and sodium tripolyphosphate and the corresponding potassium salts. Examples of organic builders/complexing agents are

- 30 aminocarboxylates, such as sodium nitrilotriacetate (Na_3NTA), sodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate (EDTA), sodium diethylenetriaminepentaacetate, sodium 1,3-propylenediaminetetraacetate and sodium hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetate; aminopolyphosphonates, such as nitrilotrimethylenephosphonate; organic phosphates; polycarboxylates, such as citrates; and alkali salts of gluconic acid, such as sodium or
35 potassium gluconates.

Hydrophilizing agents

The hydrophilizing agents are preferably selected from ethanol, n- or i- propanol, butanols, ethylene glycol methyl ether, ethylene glycol ethyl ether, ethylene glycol propyl ether, ethylene glycol mono-n-butyl ether, diethylene glycol methyl ether, diethylene glycol ethyl ether, propylene glycol methyl, ethyl or propyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl or monoethyl ether, diisopropylene glycol monomethyl or monoethyl ether, methoxy, ethoxy or butoxytriglycol, 1-butoxyethoxy-2- propanol, 3-methyl-3-methoxybutanol, propylene glycol t-butyl ether, alcohols, more particularly C₁₋₄ alkanols, glycols, polyethylene glycols, preferably with a molecular weight of 100 to 100, 000 and more particularly in the range from 200 to 10,000 and polyols, such as sorbitol and mannitol, and polyethylene glycol liquid at room temperature, carboxylic acid esters, polyvinyl alcohols, ethylene oxide/propylene oxide block copolymers and mixtures of the above.

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pH regulators

The pH regulators are preferably sodium carbonate, citric acid, sodium citrate, bicarbonate and/or alkali hydroxides, such a sodium and/or potassium hydroxide and chelates such as EDTA or GLDA sodium salts.

20 The preferred pH of the composition is alkaline. The preferred pH range is 10-12.

Additional solvents

The composition of the present invention may comprise organic solvents, such as e.g. a lower (C₁-C₆) alcohol, such as ethanol or iso-propanol, or a glycol ether solvent such as glycol monobutyl ether. In one embodiment, the composition comprises at most 5, in another embodiment at most 2, and in still another embodiment at most 1 wt% of organic solvents. The composition of the present may also be free from, or essentially free from, i.e. containing no more than trace amounts of organic solvents.

Concentration in Composition

30 The composition of the invention may be provided in a ready-to-use formulation or may be provided as a concentrate to be diluted, typically in water, to the ready-to-use formulation. Further, the concentration in the ready-to-use formulation may be tailored to fit the purpose.

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In a ready-to-use composition, the concentration of the primary non-ionic surfactant is generally in any amount from 0.05 wt % up to about 10 wt%, in a second embodiment

0.1 wt% up to 10 wt%, in another embodiment from 0.2 to 8 wt%, in a fourth embodiment from 0.3 to 5 wt%, in a fifth embodiment from 0.4, to 5 wt %, in a sixth embodiment 0.5 to 3, in a seventh embodiment 0.5 to 1.5, and in a eighth embodiment to 0.5 to 1 wt% based on the weight of the total composition.

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The concentration of secondary surfactant in the ready-to-use composition is generally in any amount from 0.05 wt % up to about 10 wt%, in another embodiment 0.1 wt% up to 10 wt%, in another embodiment from 0.2 to 8 wt%, in a another embodiment from 0.3 to 5 wt%, in yet another embodiment from 0.4, to 5 wt %, in still another embodiment 0.5 to 3, in a seventh embodiment 0.5 to 1.5, and in an eighth embodiment to 0.5 to 1 wt% based on the weight of the total composition.

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In the composition of the invention, the weight ratio of the primary non-ionic surfactant to secondary surfactant is in the range of from about 80:20 to about 20:80, in another embodiment from about 70:30 to about 30:70, and in a third embodiment from about 60:40 to about 40:60. In representative compositions, the weight ratio is about 50:50 on an as-is basis (for AG6206, an ideal ratio on an actives basis is~60:40). For other secondary surfactants the optimum ratio may be different but 50:50 is a good starting point for formulation evaluation. There has to be enough of the secondary surfactant to make a clear solution, and this will depend on the specific combination used. On the other hand there must be enough of the primary surfactant to give the cleaning performance (if the ratio is skewed too much in favor of the secondary surfactant, the formulation will be low streaking but will not clean).

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The concentration of inorganic based nanoparticles in the ready to use composition is generally in the range of from about 0.5 wt% up to 5 wt%, in another embodiment 0.5 wt% up to 4 wt%, in still another embodiment 0.5 wt% up to 3, and in yet another embodiment from 0.5 wt% up to 2 wt%.

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The weight ratio of total surfactants to inorganic based nanoparticles is typically in the range of from about 80:20 to about 20:80, in another embodiment from about 70:30 to about 30:70 and in still another embodiment from about 60:40 to about 40:60. In representative compositions, the weight ratio is about 50:50.

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The compositions of the present invention may be used as cleaning compositions for the cleaning of hard surfaces. Especially, and due to the low streak performance, the composition of the invention is suitable for cleaning of surfaces which, after cleaning,

should have a shiny appearance, such as windows, mirrors, glossy wood, glossy tiles, granite, ceramic and others.

The invention will now be illustrated by the following nonlimiting examples.

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Degreaser Evaluation procedure

Soil for cleaning testing is prepared according to the following procedure. Residue is scraped out of a diesel locomotive engine. After the pistons are removed for
 10 refurbishing, there is a black, oily residue that remains in the engine block. This residue, for lack of better name, designated as train dirt, is removed and placed in a suitable container. Approximately 9 parts of train dirt are mixed with 1 part non detergent motor oil. This material is stored in a suitable container and used as the soil for cleaning testing.

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Equipment:

1. 100 ml and 25 ml Pyrex beakers
2. Spectrophotometer or reflectometer (any instrument capable of accurately measuring changes in substrates reflectance, such as Minolta CM-508D spectrophotometer) .
- 20 3. 1 inch paint brush
4. Sink with a water spray nozzle
5. 1 x 140 x 220 mm steel plates, which were primed, painted (white) plus two coats of lacquer, not unlike a car surface.

Procedure:

- 25 1. The panels are washed with detergent, then cleaned with IPA and allowed to dry before use.
2. The spectrophotometer is placed on the marked sections and a base reading is taken (marked as ΔL_B , Δa_B or Δb_B – the base reading).
3. The cleaning test soil is applied on to the test panel with a brush, then the soil is
 30 smoothed over the surface to obtain as even a coating as possible using a Kimwipe. The plates are then allowed to stand for at least 4 hours before testing.
4. The spectrophotometer is placed on the marked sections of the soiled panels and the soiled reading is taken (marked as ΔL_s , Δa_s or Δb_s – the soiled reading).
5. 100 mls of the test solutions are prepared and the solution is “diluted as
 35 required”.
6. Twenty ml of each diluted test cleaner is poured onto the soiled plate (three solutions

per plate). The control solution (Formulation D diluted 1:10, see below for composition), is applied in the fourth position on the plate.

7. The test solutions are left for twenty seconds. The plates are then cleaned using a low-pressure water spray. The plates are cleaned from the bottom up to remove the emulsified dirt.
8. The panels are allowed to air dry. The spectrophotometer is placed on the marked sections and the final reading is taken (marked as ΔL_c , Δa_c or Δb_c – the cleaned reading).
9. The Delta values are used to calculate the amount of soil removed from the panel using the C.I.E. Lab or L*a*b Color Space standard.

$$\Delta E_1 = \sqrt{(\Delta L_S - \Delta L_B)^2 + (\Delta a_S - \Delta a_B)^2 + (\Delta b_S - \Delta b_B)^2}$$

$$\Delta E_2 = \sqrt{(\Delta L_C - \Delta L_B)^2 + (\Delta a_C - \Delta a_B)^2 + (\Delta b_C - \Delta b_B)^2}$$

ΔE_1 is the color difference between the base reading and soiled reading. ΔE_2 is the color difference between the base reading and the cleaned reading.

10. Percentage of soil removal is calculated as the difference between ΔE_2 and ΔE_1 as shown below:

$$\text{Soil Removal}(\%) = \left(\frac{(\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_2)}{\Delta E_1} \right) \times 100$$

11. Each test formulation is repeated three times and the standard deviation calculated. However, if the standard deviation of a single test is greater than 15%, the formulation is re-tested and any outlying points eliminated. In some cases the repeated studies show no outlying points and both data sets are combined. The control solution should give $95 \pm 7\%$ soil removal.

In some cases, subjective ratings were given to the cleaning performance rather than quantify with a spectrophotometer. The procedure as outlined above was followed up to and including step 7. At this point the panels were visually inspected and a rating given to estimate the cleaning performance. An explanation of the ratings is given below. In all cases the cleaning performance is approximated.

None = no visible zero soil removal

Poor = ~0-25% soil removal

Fair = ~25-50% soil removal

Good = ~50-75% soil removal

Excellent = ~75% 100% soil removal

Streaking performance

1. Prepare a clean 15 cm" x 15 cm glass mirror tile (thoroughly washed with hand dish wash detergent solution, followed by deionized water, followed by wiping with ethanol and allowing to dry) and lay it flat on the bench.
2. Fold a sheet of Bounty® paper towel in half four times and attach a binder clip to the top edge to use as a handle.
3. Using a micropipette, apply 200µl of the test solution in a thin line just inside the top edge of the tile in the center (the aim is eventually to cover the center third of the tile with a stripe of the solution).
4. With the paper towel, wipe the solution over the tile for three cycles (one time towards and one time away from the operator is one cycle).
5. Pick up the tile and watch how the strip of solution dries (fast, slow, evenly, from the edges in, etc.). When it is fully dry, assess how streaky it is on a scale of 0-4, where 0 is essentially no streaks (e.g. Windex Original) and Formulation D* diluted 1:10 gives a 4 (very bad streaking).

*9% Berol® 226 SA , 9% Ethylene Diamine tetraacetic acid EDTA (40%), 4% TKPP (tetrapotassium pyrophosphate) made up to 100% with water, which is diluted 1 part solution to 9 parts water (i.e. 1:10) before testing. This is our lab standard high efficiency degreaser.

Compositions tested for cleaning and streaking performance are reported in Tables 2 and 3. The percentages reported in the table are for the product as is and are not corrected for the presence of solvents and or diluents.

In table 1 all of the reported comparative examples are formulations containing 1% Dissolvine® 100-S as the "builders". All of the formulations reported in Table 2 contain only two additional ingredients beside the builders. It is apparent on looking at the results that out of these numerous examples tested there was not a combination that produced low streaking and excellent cleaning. In this case the lower the streaking the better, so a score of 0 would be the most preferred. In fact in most cases the relationship of cleaning to streaking is inverted. Thus excellent cleaning tended to be accompanied by streaking scores of higher than 2 and in most cases a 3 or 4 in streaking was observed. Also evident is that those formulations with the best streaking tended to clean poorly. Those formulations that scored a 0 or 1 on streaking, cleaned poorly or in one case, example AB, showed fair cleaning.

This table illustrates the difficulty in preparing a low streaking excellent cleaning formulation without using the subject of this invention. Despite not meeting the cleaning and streaking targets information derived from this table was important in understanding the problem of streaking.

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Compare the results for examples A to F. In this case we are looking at the performance of surfactant 4 having a $\text{CPP} \leq 0.85$. It is evident that the cleaning performance of this product is excellent but the streaking is very poor. Compare this to the results for examples G to P. These examples show the effect of increasing the concentration of Bindzil® CC30 in a formulation. It is apparent that Bindzil® CC30 is inherently low in streaking by nature. Concentrations up to 4% were very low in streaking. At higher concentration levels however, streaking becomes more apparent. It is also clear that in this test the Bindzil® CC30 performed very poorly as a cleaner. Comparative examples Q to Y show the performance of surfactant 6 having a $\text{CPP} \leq 0.85$. It is evident that the over all streaking performance is much better than compared to surfactant 4 (examples A to F). It is also evident that secondary surfactants can show very poor detergency even at high concentrations.

Addition of Bindzil® CC30 to surfactants improves the streaking. Compare example B to AC. A formulation containing 0.5% of surfactant 4 had a poor streaking score of 4. In example AC, 0.5% Bindzil® CC30 added to surfactant 4 improved the streaking score from a 4 to a 2. Similar comparative examples can be made showing that at the same surfactant concentration, addition of Bindzil® CC30 improved the streaking score. It should be noted that although streaking can be improved by the addition of a nanoparticle, it cannot be brought to the ideal score of 0 or even less preferred a streaking score of 1.

Examples BE to BI show the results for compositions containing two surfactants and no nanoparticles. It is evident from these results that both the performance attributes of low streaking and excellent cleaning cannot be met by the combination of two ingredients.

Table 3 contains comparative examples on more complex formulations that demonstrate the elements of the present invention. It is clear on examining the results in Table 2 that a low streaking and excellent cleaning formulations requires a minimum of three ingredients.

Comparative example CA contains no primary surfactant so the cleaning performance is poor. Addition of a small amount of deterative surfactant to example CA resulted in a formulation CB that shows both low streaking and excellent cleaning. Formulation CC also had good cleaning and low streaking. It is clear from example CD that the balance of the three components is critical to obtain the desired performance. Compare example CD to CC. The difference is a small amount of deterative surfactant yet the impact on streaking performance is critical. Numerous examples exist in the attached table showing that the presence of the three components is important as is the ratio of the three components.

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Table 2. Comparative Examples Containing Two Components.

1% Dissolve 100-S					
	Surfactant 4 CPP = 0.72	Nanoparticle	Surfactant 6 CPP = 0.63		
Ingredient	wt %	wt % Bindzil CC30	wt %	Streaking	Cleaning
Comparative Example					
A	0.25	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
B	0.50	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
C	1.00	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
D	2.00	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
E	3.00	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
F	4.00	0.00	0.00	4	Excellent
G	0.00	0.25	0.00	0	Poor
H	0.00	0.50	0.00	0	Poor
I	0.00	1.00	0.00	0	Poor
J	0.00	2.00	0.00	0	Poor
K	0.00	3.00	0.00	0	Poor
L	0.00	4.00	0.00	0	Poor
M	0.00	5.00	0.00	1	Poor
N	0.00	7.00	0.00	2	Poor
O	0.00	10.00	0.00	3	Poor
P	0.00	12.00	0.00	4	Poor
Q	0.00	0.00	1.00	0	Poor
R	0.00	0.00	2.00	0	Poor
S	0.00	0.00	3.00	1	Poor
T	0.00	0.00	4.00	1	Poor
U	0.00	0.00	5.00	2	Poor
V	0.00	0.00	7.00	2	Poor
W	0.00	0.00	10.00	2	Poor
Y	0.00	0.00	12.00	2	Poor
Z	0.13	0.13	0.00	2	Excellent
AA	0.25	0.25	0.00	3	Excellent
AB	0.25	2.75	0.00	0	Fair
AC	0.50	0.50	0.00	2	Excellent
AD	0.50	2.50	0.00	1	Excellent
AE	0.75	2.25	0.00	2	Excellent
AF	1.00	1.00	0.00	2	Excellent
AG	1.00	2.00	0.00	2	Excellent
AH	1.25	1.75	0.00	2	Excellent
AI	1.50	1.50	0.00	2	Excellent
AJ	1.75	1.25	0.00	3	Excellent
AK	2.00	1.00	0.00	3	Excellent
AL	2.00	2.00	0.00	1	Excellent
AM	2.25	0.75	0.00	4	Excellent
AN	2.50	2.50	0.00	1	Excellent
AO	2.50	0.50	0.00	4	Excellent
AP	2.75	0.25	0.00	4	Excellent
AQ	3.50	3.50	0.00	2	Excellent
AR	5.00	5.00	0.00	2	Excellent
AS	0.00	0.50	0.50	1	Poor
AT	0.00	0.50	2.50	0	Poor
AU	0.00	1.00	1.00	1	Poor
AV	0.00	1.00	2.00	0	Poor
AW	0.00	1.50	1.50	1	Poor
AX	0.00	2.00	1.00	0	Poor
AY	0.00	2.00	2.00	1	Poor
AZ	0.00	2.50	2.50	1	Poor
BA	0.00	2.50	0.50	0	Poor
BB	0.00	3.50	3.50	1	Poor
BC	0.00	5.00	5.00	1	Poor
BD	0.00	6.00	6.00	2	Poor
BE	1.00	0.00	1.00	3	Excellent
BF	1.50	0.00	1.50	3	Excellent
BG	2.00	0.00	2.00	3	Excellent
BH	2.50	0.00	2.50	4	Excellent
BI	3.00	0.00	3.00	4	Excellent

Table 3. Comparative Examples Containing Multiple Components.

1. 1% Dissolvine 100-S, balance water
2. 0.9% Dissolvine 100-S, 0.4% TKPP balance water

Ingredient Comparative Example	Detergent Surfactant			Nanoparticle			Secondary Surfactant				Other		Builders	Streaking	Cleaning
	Surfactant 1 CPP = 0.96	Surfactant 3 CPP = 1.16	Surfactant 2 CPP = 1.02	Bindzil CC301	Bindzil CC30	Surfactant 6 CPP = 0.63	Surfactant 10 CPP = 0.65	Surfactant 11 CPP = 0.54	Surfactant 12 CPP = 0.32	Surfactant 4 CPP = 0.72	SXS	Wiconate AOS			
CA	0.00			2.00		1.00							1	0	None
CB	0.33			2.00		0.66							1	0	Excellent
CC	0.50			2.00		0.50							1	0	Excellent
CD	0.66			2.00		0.33							1	2	Excellent
CE	1.00			2.00									1	4	Excellent
CF	0.50			2.00							0.50		1	3	Excellent
CG	0.33			2.00			0.66						1	<1	94.30%
CH	0.50			2.00			0.50						1	<1	96.30%
CI	0.66			2.00			0.33						1	2	93.70%
CJ				2.00				1.00					1	0	None
CK	0.33			2.00				0.66					1	0	Fair
CL	0.50			2.00				0.50					1	0	Excellent
CM	0.66			2.00				0.33		0.33			1	2	Excellent
CN				2.00				0.66					1	0	Fair
CO				2.00				0.50					1	0	Fair
CP				2.00				0.33		0.66			1	2	Fair
CQ						3.00							1	2	6.10%
CR						1.50				1.50			1	2	90.70%
CS										3.00			1	4	89.10%
CT				0.50		2.00				0.50			1	1	75.20%
CU				0.50		0.50				2.00			1	3	90.10%
CV				1.00		1.00				1.00			1	1	85%
CW				1.50		1.50							1	0	17.10%
CX				1.50						1.50			1	2	78.8
CY				2.00		0.50				0.50			1	0	76%
CZ				3.00									1	0	17.90%
DA		0.44							0.32				2	4	ND
DB		0.44		1.00					0.32				2	4	ND
DC		0.44		2.00					0.32				2	4	ND
DD		0.44		3.00					0.32				2	3	ND
DE		0.44		5.00					0.32				2	3	ND
DF		0.44							0.32			0.90	2	4	77.90%
DG		0.44		1.00					0.32			0.90	2	1	57.90%
DH		0.44		2.00					0.32			0.90	2	0	68.20%
DI		0.44		3.00					0.32			0.90	2	0	69.60%
DJ		0.44		2.00					0.32			0.30	2	1	ND
DK		0.44		2.00					0.32			0.30	2	2	ND
DL		0.44		2.00					0.32			0.10	2	3	ND
DM		0.44		2.00					0.32				1	4	ND
DN	0.50			2.00		0.50							1	0	Excellent
DO		0.24				0.50				0.16			2	3	Excellent
DP		0.24		2.00		0.50				0.16			2	0	Excellent
DQ		0.24		2.00		0.50				0.16		0.90	2	0	Fair
DR	0.30			2.00		0.50				0.20			1	0	Excellent

5 The data show the improved performance of the compositions of the invention compared to prior art compositions.

Critical Packing Parameter

The CPP is defined as follows:

$$cpp = \frac{v_{tail}}{l_{tail}a_0}$$

- 5 where v_{tail} is the volume of the hydrophobic tail, l_{tail} the length of the hydrophobic tail and a_0 is the area of the head group.

To determine the shape of a single surfactant, it was modelled using the molecular modelling module Discover[®] in Materials Studio (Materials Studio v4.3.0.0. Copyright
10 2008, Accelrys Software Inc.). The surfactant is modelled by defining the atoms and assuming a harmonic potential for the bonds using the pcff forcefield. This forcefield was developed based on CFF91. More details on this type of modelling can be found in the work by Allen and Tildesley (¹ M.P. Allen; D.J. Tildesley. *Computer Simulation of Liquids*, Oxford University Press (1987)).

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Discover[®] was used to find a (local) energy minimum of the surfactant molecular structure, the starting point for the minimization was an extended conformation of the tail. After minimisation, the three necessary parameters to calculate a CPP can be determined: v_{tail} (volume of the hydrophobic tail), l_{tail} (the length of the hydrophobic
20 tail) and a_0 (the area of the head group). For those materials that are not a pure chemical substance a CPP was calculated for each major homologue of the series and the CPP estimated based on the mole fraction of the component.

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Table 4. Summary of CPP calculations.

Surfactant 1	area	volume	length			
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr	wt%	Contribution
C9E5	41.6	554	13.6	0.98	9	8.81
C9E6	43.8	554	13.6	0.93	9	8.38
C10E5	41.2	599	14.7	0.99	21	20.77
C10E6	43.2	608	14.9	0.95	21	19.85
C11E5	41.9	634	16.0	0.94	19	17.95
C11E6	42.4	649	16.1	0.95	19	18.03
					cpp_avg:	0.96
Surfactant 2						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr	composition	corr
C9E4	39.6	551	13.7	1.01	18	18.26
C10E4	39.6	604	15.0	1.02	42	42.73
C11E4	39.6	660	16.2	1.03	38	39.06
					cpp_avg:	1.02
Surfactant 3						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
2-propyl heptanol E5	41.1	527	11.0	1.16		
Surfactant 4						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C10(PO)2(EO)8	55.7	599	14.9	0.72	85	61.36
C12(PO)2(EO)8	55.9	707	17.5	0.72	15	10.85
					cpp_avg:	0.72
Surfactant 5						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
2-propyl heptanol E8	44.9	585	11.2	1.16		
Surfactant 6						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C6Gluc	61.9	383	9.0	0.69	50	34.31
C6Gluc2	72.3	380	9.1	0.58	50	28.85
					cpp_avg:	0.63
Surfactant 7						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C10Gluc	61.9	600	13.9	0.70	25	17.44
C10Gluc2	72.5	597	14.1	0.58	25	14.60
2-ethylhexylGluc	42.0	323	8.9	0.86	25	21.60
2-ethylhexylGluc2	72.6	471	8.8	0.74	25	18.43
					cpp_avg:	0.72
Surfactant 8						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
2-ethylhexylGluc	42.0	323	8.9	0.86	50	43.20
2-ethylhexylGluc2	72.6	471	8.8	0.74	50	36.87
					cpp_avg:	0.80
Surfactant 9						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C12NC2O	63.3	702	17.7	0.63	20	12.53
C14NC2O	63.1	810	20.3	0.63	50	31.60
					cpp_avg:	0.63

Surfactant 10						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C12N(C2OH)2O	61.7	695	17.5	0.64	20	12.88
C14N(C2OH)2O	61.7	804	20.1	0.65	50	32.43
					cpp_avg:	0.65
Surfactant 11						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C8N(CH2CH2COOH)2	71.9	485	12.5	0.54		
Surfactant 12						
Surfactant	a_0	v_0	l_0,corr	cpp_corr		
C12N(C)(E5)(E10)	122.8	694	14.5	0.39	50	19.48
C12N(C)(E7)(E8)	206.7	760	14.3	0.26	50	12.85
					cpp_avg:	0.32

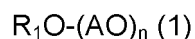
We claim:

1. A cleaning composition comprising:

- 5 a) a **primary detergent component** which comprises at least one non-ionic surfactant having a critical packing parameter of ≥ 0.95
- b) **inorganic based nanoparticles**, and
- c) a **secondary surfactant** having a critical packing parameter of ≤ 0.85 .

10 2. The composition of claim 1 wherein said **primary detergent component** is selected from the group of alkoxylates, propoxylates, butoxylates and mixed ethoxylates and propoxylates and butoxylates prepared from linear or branched hydrophobic having from 8 and 18 carbon atoms.

15 3. The composition of claim 2 wherein said **primary detergent component** is an alkoxylate surfactant having the formula



where R_1 is linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group containing from 8 to 18 carbon atoms, AO is an alkyleneoxy group, and n is a integer from 1 to 25.

20 4. The composition of claim 3 wherein $(AO)_n$ is $(PO)_a(EO)_b(PO)_c$, where PO is a propyleneoxy unit, EO is an ethyleneoxy unit, $a+b+c=n$ and $a=0-5$, $b=1-20$, and $c=0-5$.

25 5. The composition of claim 2 wherein said **primary detergent component** is selected from C_8-C_{10} alcohol + 4, 5, or 6 moles of EO, C_{10} alcohol plus 4, 5, or 6 moles of EO, C_9-C_{11} alcohol + 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO, C_{11} alcohol + 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 moles of EO, tridecyl alcohol + 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 moles of EO, and, 2-ethylhexanol + 3, 4 or 5 moles of EO, 2-ethylhexanol + 2 moles of PO + 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO, 2-propylheptanol + 3, 4, 5 or 6 moles of EO and 2-propylheptanol + 1 mole of PO + 4 moles of EO, 2-butyloctanol + 5, 6 or 7 moles of EO, and combinations or mixtures thereof.

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6. The composition of claim 1 wherein **inorganic based nanoparticles** are colloidal silica particles optionally modified amines, aluminium, boron, or mixtures of same.

7. The composition of claim 6 wherein the silica content in the sol is from about 20 to about 80 wt%, the pH of the silica sol from about 1 to about 13, and the silica sol has an S-value from about 20 to about 100.

5 8. The composition of claim 1 wherein said **inorganic nanoparticles** are silanized colloidal silica particles wherein at least about 40 wt% of the colloidal silica particles are silanized.

9. The composition of claim 1 wherein said **secondary surfactant** is selected from a
10 non-ionic, cationic, amphoteric, zwitterionic or anionic surfactant or a mixture of two or more thereof, wherein said surfactants or combinations of surfactants have a CPP ≤ 0.85 .

10. The composition of claim 9 wherein said **secondary surfactant** is selected from

I.) an alkyl (poly)glucoside having the formula

15 R^2OG_p

where,

R^2 is a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group,
containing from 6 to 12 carbon atoms,

G is a monosaccharide residue, in one embodiment a glucoside;

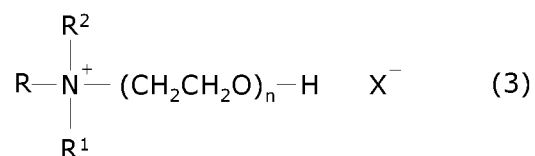
20 p is a real number from 1 to 5;

II.) an amine oxide of the structure

$R-N^+(R1)(R2)-O^-$

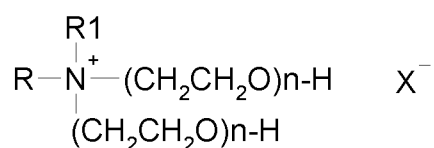
wherein R is a alkyl group containing 10-18 carbons optionally containing an amide or
25 ester linkage, R1 and R1 can be the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of, methyl, ethyl, hydroxyl ethyl, 2-hydroxy propyl;

III.) a cationic surfactants is of the formula



where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl, R¹ and R² are independently C₁ – C₄ alkyl, n is at least 12, and X⁻ is an anion, e.g. halide or methylsulfate;

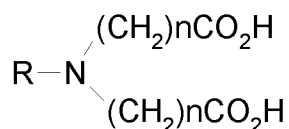
5 IV.) a surfactant of the formula



where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl, R¹ is independently C₁ – C₄ alkyl, n is an integer of from 12 to 17; and X⁻ is an anion;

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V.) an amphoteric secondary surfactant of the formula



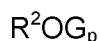
where R = C₆ - C₂₂ hydrocarbyl having 6 to 22 carbon atoms, n is an integer of from 1 to 4

15 VI.) a nonionic surfactant comprising a C₁₀₋₁₄ alcohol with 0-2 PO and 6-10 EO.

and combinations and mixtures thereof.

11. The composition of claim 10 wherein said **secondary surfactant** comprises

20 I.) an alkyl (poly)glucoside having the formula



where,

R² is a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, containing from 6 to 12 carbon atoms,

G is a monosaccharide residue, in one embodiment a glucoside;

p is a real number from 1 to 5, wherein said composition additionally comprises a C₁₀₋₁₄ alcohol with 0-2 PO and 6-10 EO.

5 12. A ready to use cleaning formulation comprising an effective amount of the composition of claim 1 wherein, the concentration of the primary non-ionic surfactant from about 0.05 to 1.5wt% based on the weight of the total composition, the concentration of the secondary surfactant from about 0.05 to 1.5 wt% based on the weight of the total composition and the weight ratio of the primary non-ionic surfactant to
10 secondary surfactant is in the range of from about 70:30 to about 30:70.

13. The formulation of claim 11 wherein the concentration of inorganic based nanoparticles in the ready to use composition is in the range of from about 0.5 wt% up to 3 wt%.

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14. A hard surface cleaning composition comprising:

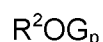
a) **a primary detergent component** which comprises at least one non-ionic alcohol alkoxylate surfactant having a critical packing parameter of ≥ 0.95 having the formula

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$$R_1O-(AO)_n \quad (1)$$

where R₁ is linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl group, containing from 8 to 12 carbon atoms, AO is an alkyleneoxy group, in one embodiment an ethyleneoxy, propyleneoxy or butyleneoxy group, or a mixture of two or more thereof in any order, and n is a real number from 2 to 10.

25 b) **inorganic based nanoparticles** comprising optionally silanized colloidal silica particles having a particle size of from about 5 to about 40 nm, and

c) **a secondary surfactant** having a critical packing parameter of ≤ 0.85 , wherein said secondary surfactant is an alkyl (poly)glucoside having the formula



30 where,

R² is a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl group containing from 6 to 10, carbon atoms,

G is glucoside; and

p is a real number from 1 to 3.

15. The hard surface cleaning composition of claim 14 additionally comprising a second secondary surfactant comprising a C₁₀₋₁₄ alcohol with 0-2 PO and 6-10 EO.

- 5 16. The hard surface cleaning composition of claim 15 wherein the weight ratio of said primary non-ionic surfactant to the total amount of secondary surfactant present is in the range of from about 70:30 to about 30:70

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