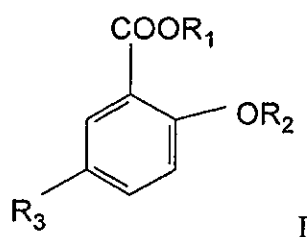


HYDROCARBON FLUIDS WITH IMPROVED POUR POINT

Abstract



The addition of alkyl salicylic acids and esters represented by Formula I (I) where R_1 = H or C_{12} to C_{22} linear alkyl group; R_2 = H or linear C_{12} to C_{22} carbonyl group; and R_3 = linear C_{12} to C_{22} alkyl group reduces the pour point of a hydrocarbon base oil. Thus, both a method for reducing the pour point of hydrocarbon oils and lubricating composition containing pour point reducing salicylates are provided. The hydrocarbon base oil in such method and composition preferably is a Group III base oil.