What is claimed is:

1. A wet friction clutch - lubricant system wherein a wet friction clutch having a cellulose - based friction lining, or a device including such a clutch, is lubricated with a lubricant composition comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant comprising at least one of a hydrocarbyl succinimide, a hydrocarbyl succinimide treated with a borating agent, a hydrocarbyl succinamide, a mixed ester/amide of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a hydroxyester of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a Mannich condensation product of hydrocarbyl-substituted phenols, formaldehyde and polyamines, a condensation product of polyamines and hydrocarbyl-substituted phenyl acids, or mixtures of these dispersants; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid.

2. A system, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said clutch is included in a device, and said device is a vehicular automatic transmission.

3. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said automatic transmission is of a type selected from the group consisting of stepped automatic transmissions, automated manual transmissions, continuously variable transmissions and dual clutch transmissions.

4. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said one or more sodium salt of an organic acid is, or includes a sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

5. A system, as claimed in claim 4, wherein said sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is or includes an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

6. A system, as claimed in claim 2, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl; tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof); phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; amine phosphates; and combinations thereof.

7. A system, as claimed in claim 6, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate; low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated with H_3PO_3; H_3BO_3; and zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate); and combinations thereof.

8. A system, as claimed in claim 6, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

9. A system, as claimed in claim 2, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

10. A system, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites; fatty acid amides; fatty epoxides; borated fatty epoxides; fatty amines; glycerol esters; borated glycerol esters; alkoxylated fatty amines; borated alkoxylated fatty amines; metal salts of fatty acids; sulfurized olefins; fatty imidazolines; condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines; metal salts of alkyl salicylates; amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids; and combinations thereof.

11. A method of lubricating a wet friction clutch having a cellulose - based friction lining, or a device including such a clutch, comprising the steps of lubricating the clutch or device with a lubricant composition comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and a minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant comprising at least one of a hydrocarbyl succinimide, a hydrocarbyl succinimide treated with a borating agent, a hydrocarbyl succinamide, a mixed ester/amide of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a hydroxyester of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a Mannich condensation product of hydrocarbyl-substituted phenols, formaldehyde and polyamines, a condensation product of polyamines and hydrocarbyl-substituted phenyl acids, or mixtures of these dispersants; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid.

12. A method, as claimed in claim 11, wherein said clutch is included in a device, and said device is a vehicular automatic transmission.

13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said automatic transmission is of a type selected from the group consisting of stepped automatic transmissions, automated manual transmissions, continuously variable transmissions and dual clutch transmissions.

14. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said sodium salt of an organic acid is, or includes, one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

15. A method, as claimed in claim 14, wherein said sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is, or includes, an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

16. A method, as claimed in claim 12, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl, tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof; phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; amine phosphates; and combinations thereof.

17. A method, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate; low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated with H_3PO_3 and H_3BO_3; zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate); and combinations thereof.

18. A method, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

19. A method, as claimed in claim 12, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

20. A method, as claimed in claim 19, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites; fatty acid amides; fatty epoxides; borated fatty epoxides; fatty amines; glycerol esters, borated glycerol esters; alkoxylated fatty amines; borated alkoxylated fatty amines; metal salts of fatty acids; sulfurized olefins; fatty imidazolines; condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines; metal salts of alkyl salicylates; amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids and combinations thereof.

21 A power transmission fluid comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant comprising at least one of a hydrocarbyl succinimide, a hydrocarbyl succinimide treated with a borating agent, a hydrocarbyl succinamide, a mixed ester/amide of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a hydroxyester of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid, a Mannich condensation product of hydrocarbyl-substituted phenols, formaldehyde and polyamines, a condensation product of polyamines and hydrocarbyl-substituted phenyl acids, or mixtures of these dispersants; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid, wherein said fluid has a TBN of less than 5.0 mg KOH/g (as measured in accordance with ASTM D-2896), a boron content of less than 200 ppm, and a phosphorus content of less than 500 ppm.

22. A fluid as claimed in claim 21, wherein said one or more sodium salt of an organic acid is, or includes one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

23. A fluid, as claimed in claim 22, wherein said one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is or includes an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

24. A fluid, as claimed in claim 21, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl, tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof; phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; and amine phosphates.

25. A fluid, as claimed in claim 24, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate, low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated with H_3PO_3 and H_3BO_3; and zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate).

26. A fluid, as claimed in claim 24, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

27. A fluid, as claimed in claim 21, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

28. A fluid, as claimed in claim 27, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites, fatty acid amides, fatty epoxides, borated fatty epoxides, fatty amines, glycerol esters, borated glycerol esters, alkoxylated fatty amines, borated alkoxylated fatty amines, metal salts of fatty acids, sulfurized olefins, fatty imidazolines, condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines, metal salts of alkyl salicylates, amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A wet friction clutch - lubricant system wherein a wet friction clutch having a cellulose - based friction lining, or a device including such a clutch, is lubricated with a lubricant composition comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid.

2. A system, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said clutch is included in a device, and said device is a vehicular automatic transmission.

3. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said automatic transmission is of a type selected from the group consisting of stepped automatic transmissions, automated manual transmissions, continuously variable transmissions and dual clutch transmissions.

4. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said one or more sodium salt of an organic acid is, or includes a sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

5. A system, as claimed in claim 4, wherein said sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is or includes an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

6. A system, as claimed in claim 2, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl; tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof); phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; amine phosphates; and combinations thereof.

7. A system, as claimed in claim 6, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate; low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated

with H3PO 3; H3BO3; and zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate); and combinations thereof.

8. A system, as claimed in claim 6, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

9. A system, as claimed in claim 2, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

10. A system, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites; fatty acid amides; fatty epoxides; borated fatty epoxides; fatty amines; glycerol esters; borated glycerol esters; alkoxylated fatty amines; borated alkoxylated fatty amines; metal salts of fatty acids; sulfurized olefins; fatty imidazolines; condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines; metal salts of alkyl salicylates; amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids; and combinations thereof.

11. A method of lubricating a wet friction clutch having a cellulose - based friction lining, or a device including such a clutch, comprising the steps of lubricating the clutch or device with a lubricant composition comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and a minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid.

12. A method, as claimed in claim 11, wherein said clutch is included in a device, and said device is a vehicular automatic transmission.

13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said automatic transmission is of a type selected from the group consisting of stepped automatic transmissions, automated manual transmissions, continuously variable transmissions and dual clutch transmissions.

14. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said sodium salt of an organic acid is, or includes, one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

15. A method, as claimed in claim 14, wherein said sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is, or includes, an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

16. A method, as claimed in claim 12, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl, tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof; phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; amine phosphates; and combinations thereof.

17. A method, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate; low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated with **H3PO3** and **H3BO3**; zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate); and combinations thereof

18. A method, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

19. A method, as claimed in claim 12, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

20. A method, as claimed in claim 19, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites; fatty acid amides; fatty epoxides; borated fatty epoxides; fatty amines; glycerol esters, borated glycerol esters; alkoxylated fatty amines; borated alkoxylated fatty amines; metal salts of fatty acids; sulfurized olefins; fatty imidazolines; condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines; metal salts of alkyl salicylates; amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids and combinations thereof.

21 A power transmission fluid comprising a major amount of oil of lubricating viscosity and minor effective amounts of (a) ashless dispersant; (b) organic phosphorus compound and (c) sodium salt of an organic acid, wherein said fluid has a TBN of less than 5.0 mg KOH/g (as measured in accordance with ASTM D-2896), a boron content of less than 200 ppm, and a phosphorus content of less than 500 ppm.

22. A fluid as claimed in claim 21, wherein said one or more sodium salt of an organic acid is or includes one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

23. A fluid, as claimed in claim 22, wherein said one or more sodium salt of a sulfonic acid is or includes an overbased sodium salt of a sulfonic acid.

24. A fluid, as claimed in claim 21, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of phosphites and thiophosphites (mono-alkyl, di-alkyl, tri-alkyl and partially hydrolyzed analogs thereof; phosphates and thiophosphates; amines treated with inorganic phosphorus; zinc dithiodiphosphates; and amine phosphates.

25. A fluid, as claimed in claim 24, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of mono-n-butyl-hydrogen-acid-phosphite; di-n-butyl-hydrogen phosphite; triphenyl phosphite; triphenyl thiophosphite; tri-n-butylphosphate; trilauryltrithiophosphite; dimethyl octadecenyl phosphonate, low molecular weight polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride polyamine dispersant post treated with H3PO3 and H3BO3; and zinc (di-2-ethylhexyldithiophosphate).

26. A fluid, as claimed in claim 24, wherein said one or more organic phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of phosphoric and phosphorous acid.

27. A fluid, as claimed in claim 21, wherein said lubricant composition further comprises a minor effective amount of an auxiliary friction modifier.

28. A fluid, as claimed in claim 27, wherein said auxiliary friction modifier is selected from the group consisting of fatty phosphites, fatty acid amides, fatty epoxides, borated fatty epoxides, fatty amines, glycerol esters, borated glycerol esters, alkoxylated fatty amines, borated alkoxylated fatty amines, metal salts of fatty acids, sulfurized olefins, fatty imidazolines, condensation products of carboxylic acids and/or anhydrides and polyalkylene-polyamines, metal salts of alkyl salicylates, amine salts of alkylphosphoric acids and mixtures thereof.