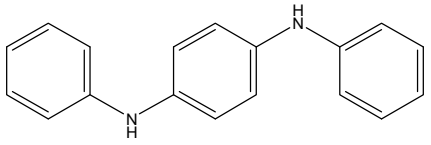
CLAIMS

1. An anti-degradant, consisting of

~~at least two compounds, each of the compounds being selected from~~ a compound of Formula I, a compound of Formula II, or a compound of Formula III-b:



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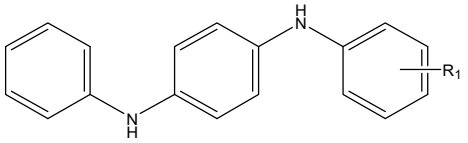

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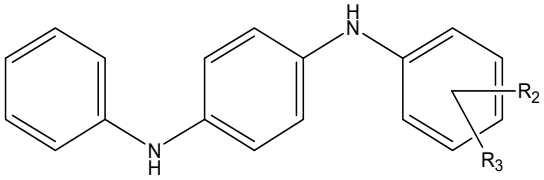

III-b

wherein ~~the at least two compounds are compounds of different formulae,~~

R_1 is a C1-C12 alkyl or C3-C8 cycloalkyl; and

R_2 and R_3 are identical or different, each is independently selected from the group consisting of C1-C12 alkyl and C3-C8 cycloalkyl;

~~with the proviso that the anti-degradant is not an anti-degradant consisting of a compound of Formula I and a compound of Formula II wherein R_1 is a methyl in an ortho-position~~wherein a mass percentage of the compound of Formula I is in a range of 5-20%, a mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 45-85%, and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 5-45%, based on a total mass of all compounds.

2. The anti-degradant of claim 1, wherein

R_1 is a C1-C12 alkyl in the ortho-position, a C1-C12 alkyl in a para-position or a C3-C8 cycloalkyl in a para-position; and/or

R_2 and R_3 each independently are C1-C6 alkyl.

3. The anti-degradant of claim 2, wherein R_2 is a C1-C4 alkyl in an ortho-position, and R_3 is a C1-C6 alkyl in a meta- or para-position.

4. The anti-degradant of claim 1, wherein

R_1 is a methyl in an ortho-position or a para-position, a butyl in an ortho-position, a cyclohexyl in a para-position or a 2,4,6-trimethyloctyl in a para-position; and/or

R_2 is a methyl in an ortho-position, and R_3 is an isobutyl in a para-position or 1,3-dimethylbutyl in a meta-position; or R_2 is an ethyl in an ortho-position, and R_3 is an ethyl in a para-position.

~~5. The anti-degradant of claim 1, wherein~~

~~the anti-degradant comprises the compound of Formula I and the compound of Formula II, and a mass ratio of the compound of Formula I to the compound of Formula II is in a range of 1:3 to 3:1; or~~

~~the anti-degradant comprises the compound of Formula II and the compound of Formula III-b, and a mass ratio of the compound of Formula II to the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 3:1 to 1:3; or~~

~~the anti-degradant comprises the compound of Formula I, the compound of Formula II, and the compound of Formulae III-b, and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula I is in a range of 5-20%, a mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 45-85%, and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 5-45%, based on a total mass of all compounds.~~

~~6~~5. The anti-degradant of claim ~~5~~1, wherein

~~the mass ratio of the compound of Formula I to the compound of Formula II is in a range of 1:2 to 2:1; or~~

~~the mass ratio of the compound of Formula II to the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 1:2 to 2:1; or~~

~~in the anti-degradant comprising the compound of Formula I, the compound of Formula II, and the compound of Formulae III-b,~~ the mass percentage of the compound of Formula I is in a range of 8-18%, the mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 48-82%, and the mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 8-42%, based on a total mass of all compounds.

~~7~~6. The anti-degradant of claim ~~5~~1, wherein ~~in the anti-degradant comprising the compound of Formula I, the compound of Formula II, and the compound of Formulae III-b,~~ the mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 50-80%, and the mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 10-40%, based on a total mass of all compounds.

~~8~~7. The anti-degradant of claim 1, wherein ~~the anti-degradant comprises the compound of Formula I, the compound of Formula II, and the compound of Formula III-b;~~

~~wherein~~ R_1 is methyl in an ortho-position; R_2 is methyl in an ortho-position and R_3 is isobutyl in a para-position; and a mass percentage of the compound of formula I is in a range of 8-12%, a mass percentage of the compound of formula II is in a range of 78-82%, and a mass percentage of the compound of formula III-b is in a range of 8-12%, based on a total mass of all compounds; or

~~wherein~~ R_1 is methyl in a para-position; R_2 is methyl in an ortho-position and R_3 is 1,3-dimethylbutyl in a meta-position; and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula I is in a range of 15-18%, a mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 64-68%, and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 15-18%, based on a total mass of all compounds; or

~~wherein~~ R_1 is butyl in an ortho-position; R_2 is ethyl in an ortho-position and R_3 is ethyl in a para-position; and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula I is in a range of 8-12%, a mass percentage of the compound of Formula II is in a range of 48-52%, and a mass percentage of the compound of Formula III-b is in a range of 38-42%.

~~9~~8. A rubber composition, comprising the anti-degradant of any of claims 1-~~8~~7.

~~10~~9. The rubber composition of claim ~~9~~8, wherein a content of the anti-degradant is in a range of 0.1-5 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of a diene elastomer contained in the rubber composition.

~~11~~10. The rubber composition of claim ~~10~~8, wherein the content of the anti-degradant is in a range of 0.1-2.0 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of a diene elastomer contained in the rubber composition.

~~12~~11. The rubber composition of claim ~~10~~8, wherein the content of the anti-degradant is in a range of 0.5-5.0 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of a diene elastomer contained in the rubber composition.

~~13~~12. A rubber article prepared using the rubber composition of any one of claims ~~9~~8 to ~~12~~11 as a rubber ingredient.

~~14~~13. The rubber article of claim ~~13~~12, wherein the rubber article is a tire, or a belt ply or sidewall of the tire.

~~15~~14. Use of the anti-degradant of any one of claims 1 to ~~8~~7 in promoting resistance of a rubber to thermo-oxidative aging and ozone aging.

~~16~~15. Use of the rubber composition of any one of claims ~~9~~8 to ~~12~~11 for manufacturing or retreading tires.