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Patent # 1737

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**COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN THE FABRICATION OF
CIRCUIT COMPONENTS AND PRINTED WIRE BOARDS**

The priority of US provisional application 60/091,490 is claimed under
35 USC 119(e).

This invention relates to organic materials useful in the fabrication
and assembly of electronic circuit components and printed wire boards.

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The complementary components to active microelectronic conductive
circuits are resistors, capacitors, and inductors, known as passive
components. These components, both the active circuits and the passives,
are supported and interconnected on printed wire boards (PWB) in
microelectronic devices.

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While the integration of active circuit functions using silicon integrated
circuits has been a major success, the integration of passive components is
still in the developmental stage. Many of the passive components remain
discrete, individual components, and often exceed in number by an order of
magnitude the number of active integrated circuits on PWBs. This has
increased the complexity of the PWBs and decreased the available surface
area for other devices. The only alternative in the past has been to increase
the size of the printed wire boards.

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More recent advances in circuit board design provide for planar
components formed on layers of the printed wire board, or for components

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buried in recesses in the board, resulting in a higher packaging efficiency.

This integration of passive components reduces the number of electrical contacts or transitions between the active and passive components, which provides a consequent improvement in electrical performance and a reduction
5 in mechanical stress at these transition points.

The utilization of integral passive components would be particularly advantageous in thin-film packages, and there is a significant effort within the industry to develop organic materials that will function reliably as passive components in microelectronic devices, particularly for thin-film packages.

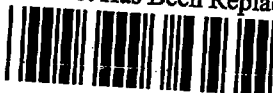
10 Moreover, as it is expensive to discard printed wire boards, it would be a manufacturing advantage to have an organic material that can be reworked.

In order to achieve the required mechanical performance and desired reworkability, relatively high molecular weight thermoplastics
15 would be the preferred compositions. These materials, however, have high viscosity or even a solid film form, which are drawbacks to the manufacturing process.

Today, one of the primary thrusts within the semiconductor industry is to develop suitable materials for passive components, and
20 particularly materials that would be reworkable.

This invention is a curable composition for fabricating electronic circuit components, defined herein to be both active and passive components, such as, conductors, resistors, capacitors, and inductors. The composition comprises one or more compounds containing one or more maleimide
25 functionality, or one or more compounds containing one or more vinyl functionality, or a combination of compounds containing maleimide or vinyl

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functionality, a free-radical initiator and/or a photoinitiator, and optionally one or more fillers.

A compound containing one maleimide functionality will be referred to hereinafter as a mono-functional maleimide compound. A compound
5 containing more than one maleimide functionality will be referred to hereinafter as a poly-functional maleimide compound. A compound containing one vinyl functionality will be referred to hereinafter as a mono-functional vinyl compound. A compound containing more than one vinyl
10 functionality will be referred to hereinafter as a poly-functional vinyl compound. The functionality is defined herein to be a carbon to carbon double bond.

The composition can be designed to be reworkable by choosing a major amount of mono-functional compounds for the composition.

In another embodiment, this invention is a cured composition that
15 results after the curing of the just described curable composition.

In another embodiment, this invention is a circuit component in or on a printed wire board prepared from a composition comprising one or more mono- or polyfunctional maleimide compounds, or one or more mono- or polyfunctional vinyl compounds other than maleimide compounds, or a
20 combination of maleimide and vinyl compounds, a free-radical initiator and/or a photoinitiator, and optionally one or more fillers. As used herein, the use of the word "in" or "on" in connection with printed wire board shall include the other.

In another embodiment, this invention is a method for making an
25 electronic circuit component on a printed wire board from a reworkable curable composition comprising the steps:

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(a) providing a curable composition comprising

(i) one or more mono-functional maleimide compounds, or one or more mono-functional vinyl compounds other than maleimide compounds, or a combination of maleimide and vinyl compounds, in a major amount effective to provide thermoplastic properties, and

(ii) optionally, one or more poly-functional maleimide compounds, or one or more poly-functional vinyl compounds other than maleimide compounds, or a combination of poly-functional maleimide and vinyl compounds, in a minor amount ineffective to diminish the thermoplastic properties of the cured composition,

(iii) a curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those;

(iv) optionally, one or more fillers; and

(v) optionally, one or more adhesion promoters;

(b) applying the curable composition to the printed wire board; and

(c) curing the composition *in situ*.

The ability to process these thermoplastic compositions to form electronic circuit components is achieved by using relatively low molecular weight reactive oligomers or pre-polymers and curing them *in situ* on the printed wire board substrate. The relatively low molecular weight translates to a lower viscosity and ease of application to the substrate.

The maleimide and vinyl compounds used in the compositions for the fabrication of circuit components are curable compounds, meaning that they are capable of polymerization, with or without crosslinking. As used in this specification, to cure will mean to polymerize, with or without crosslinking. Cross-linking, as is understood in the art, is the attachment of two polymer chains by bridges of an element, a molecular group, or a



compound, and in general will take place upon heating. As cross-linking density is increased, the properties of a material can be changed from thermoplastic to thermosetting, which consequently increases polymeric strength, heat-and electrical resistance, and resistance to solvents and other
5 chemicals.

It is possible to prepare polymers of a wide range of cross-link density, from tacky, elastomeric to tough glassy polymers, by the judicious choice and amount of mono- or polyfunctional compounds. The greater proportion of polyfunctional compounds reacted, the greater the cross-link
10 density. Consequently, to obtain thermoplastic properties, the compositions of this invention can be prepared from mono-functional compounds to limit the cross-link density. However, a minor amount of poly-functional compounds can be added to provide some cross-linking and strength to the composition, provided the amount of poly-functional compounds is limited to an amount
15 that does not diminish the desired thermoplastic properties. Within these parameters, the strength and elasticity of individual circuit component compositions can be tailored to a particular end-use application.

The cross-link density can also be controlled to give a wide range of glass transition temperatures in the cured circuit component composition to
20 withstand subsequent processing and operation temperatures. For some circuit component compositions, the T_g may be chosen so that the composition will reflow after cure, thus providing the ability to rework the circuit component on the substrate.

In the inventive compositions, the maleimide compounds and the
25 vinyl compounds may be used independently, or in combination. The maleimide or vinyl compounds, or both, will be present in the curable circuit

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component compositions in an amount from 2 to 98 weight percent based on the organic components present (excluding any fillers).

The compositions will further comprise at least one free-radical initiator, which is defined to be a chemical species that decomposes to a molecular fragment having one or more unpaired electrons, highly reactive and usually short-lived, which is capable of initiating a chemical reaction by means of a chain mechanism. The free-radical initiator will be present in an amount of 0.1-10 percent, preferably 0.1-3.0 percent, by weight of the maleimide or vinyl compound, or a combination of both maleimide and vinyl compounds (excluding any filler). The free radical curing mechanism gives a fast cure and provides the composition with a long shelf life before cure. Preferred free-radical initiators include peroxides, such as butyl peroctoates and dicumyl peroxide, and azo compounds, such as 2,2'-azobis(2-methylpropanenitrile) and 2,2'-azobis(2-methyl-butanenitrile).

Alternatively, the circuit component compositions may contain a photoinitiator, such as is sold by Ciba Specialty Chemicals under the trademark Irgacure, in lieu of the free-radical initiator, and the curing process may then be initiated by UV radiation. The photoinitiator will be present in an amount of 0.1 to 10 percent, preferably 0.1 to 3.0 percent, by weight of the maleimide or vinyl compound, or a combination of both maleimide and vinyl compounds (excluding any filler). In some cases, both photoinitiation and free-radical initiation may be desirable. For example, the curing process can be started by UV irradiation, and in a later processing step, curing can be completed by the application of heat to accomplish a free-radical cure.

In general, these compositions can be cured within a temperature range of 80° to 180°C, and curing will be effected within a length of time of about 5 minutes to 4 hours. As will be understood, the time and temperature

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curing profile for each composition will vary, and different compositions can be designed to provide the curing profile that will be suited to the particular industrial manufacturing process.

Ease of application, even when thermoplastic properties are desired for the circuit component, is achieved by using relatively low molecular weight reactive oligomers or pre-polymers and curing these *in situ* after application to the substrate on which the circuit component is to be formed. Applying the materials in an uncured state gives high processability, and the resultant cured composition provides high mechanical performance.

Circuit components can include resistors, conductors, inductors, dielectrics, capacitors, and combinations of these. It will be understood that all resistors necessarily exhibit some conductance, and all conductors exhibit some resistance, and that resistors and conductors form a continuum of resistance and conductance depending on the specific property of the individual component. This continuum is also the case for dielectrics and capacitors. A dielectric may function as a true dielectric or isolating component, or as a capacitor, depending on the specific dielectric constant for the component. By the judicious choice of filler, these compositions can be formulated to give a broad range of resistivity, conductivity, capacitance, or dielectric properties as needed for the specific circuit component.

Providing the precise type and amount of filler for obtaining the electrical properties desired for a specific end use application is within the expertise of one skilled in the art. Exemplary conductive fillers are silver, copper, gold, platinum, palladium. Exemplary resistive fillers are carbon black, carbon fiber, and graphite. Exemplary capacitance fillers are ceramic, barium titanate and titanium dioxide. The fillers will be present typically in an

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amount of 20 to 90 percent by weight of the total circuit component composition.

By way of example, acceptable commercial values of resistivity for conductive materials are in the range of 0.200 ohms per square or less, and
5 for resistive materials are in the range of 0.005 to 10M ohms per square, as tested by ASTM-D-257.

The components formed from the inventive materials on the printed wire boards will be formed using the techniques for making circuit components and printed wire boards known to those skilled in the art. As will
10 be understood, these components can be those that are designated in the art as planar or buried components, and are formed by using relatively low molecular weight reactive oligomers or pre-polymers and curing these *in situ* after application to the substrate on which the circuit component is to be formed.

15 In general, the circuit components are formed in combination with via holes, which are Z directional, present in the printed circuit boards for interconnecting surface devices or components with conductive layers on or in the printed circuit board. The circuit component is formed as a geometric configuration conductively
20 interconnected with the conductive layers in the printed circuit board. The curable circuit component composition is deposited in the configuration by conventional techniques and cured *in situ*.

As used throughout this specification: the notation C(O) refers to a carbonyl group; when lower case "n" is the integer 1, the compound will be a
25 mono-functional compound; and when lower case "n" is an integer 2 to 6, the compound will be a poly-functional compound.



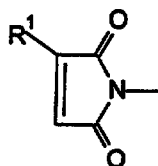
Maleimide Compounds

The maleimide compounds suitable for use in the circuit component compositions of this invention have a structure represented by the formula:

- 5 $[M-X]_n - Q$, or by the formula: $[M-Z]_n - K$. For these specific formulae, when lower case "n" is the integer 1, the compound will be a mono-functional compound; and when lower case "n" is an integer 2 to 6, the compound will be a poly-functional compound.

Formula $[M-X]_n - Q$ represents those compounds in which:

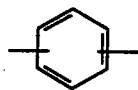
- 10 M is a maleimide moiety having the structure



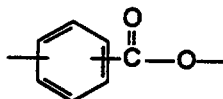
in which R¹ is H or C₁ to C₈ alkyl;

each X independently is an aromatic group selected from the aromatic groups having the structures (I) through (V):

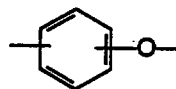
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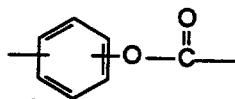


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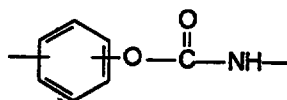


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, and

- 20 Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species having up to about 100 atoms in the chain, which may

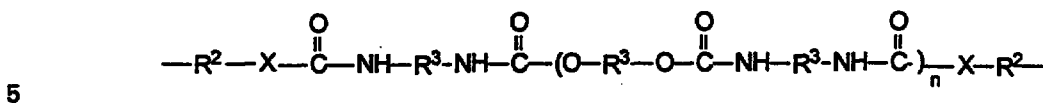
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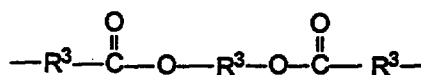
contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteroatom present may or may not be directly attached to X;

or Q is a urethane having the structure:



in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and n is 0 to 50;

or Q is an ester having the structure:



in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;

15 or Q is a siloxane having the structure:



in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e and g are independently 1

20 to 10 and f is 1 to 50; and

m is 0 or 1, and n is 1 to 6.

Preferably, X is structure (II), (III), (IV) or (V), and more preferably is structure (II).

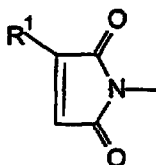
Preferably, Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene, or 25 alkyleneoxy species having up to about 100 atoms in the chain, as described



with pendant saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents, or a siloxane as described, and more preferably is a linear or branched chain alkyl species or siloxane, as described.

Formula $[M-Z]_n-K$ represents those compounds in which

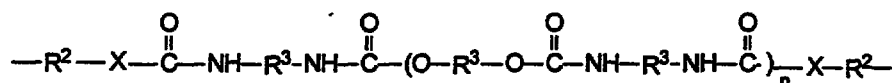
5 M is a maleimide moiety having the structure



in which R^1 is H or C_1 to C_5 alkyl;

Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species having up to about 100 atoms in the chain, which may
10 contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteroatom present may or may not be directly attached to K;

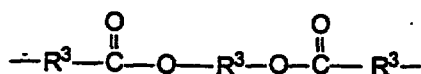
or Z is a urethane having the structure:



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in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and n is 0 to 50;

20 or Z is an ester having the structure:



in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;



or Z is a siloxane having the structure:



independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon

atoms and the R⁴ substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group

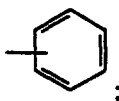
5 having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e and g are independently 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50;

K is an aromatic group selected from the aromatic groups having the structures (VI) through (XIII) (although only one bond may be shown to

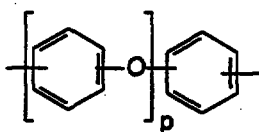
represent connection to the aromatic group K, this will be deemed to

10 represent any number of additional bonds as described and defined by n):

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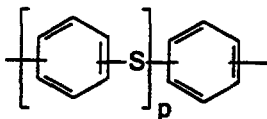


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in which p is 1 to 100;

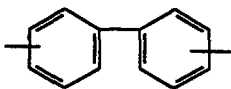
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in which p is 1 to 100;

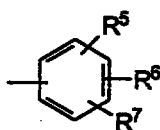
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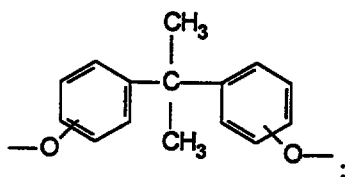
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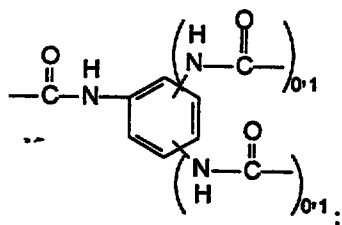


- in which R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species having up to about 100 atoms in the chain, which may contain saturated or unsaturated
- 5 cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteroatom present may or may not be directly attached to the aromatic ring; or R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CH_3)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R^4
- 10 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e is 1 to 10 and f is 0 to 50;

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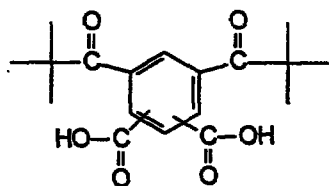
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and m is 0 or 1, and n is 1 to 6.

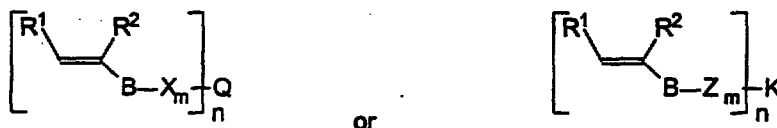
- Preferably, Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene,
 5 or alkyleneoxy species having up to about 100 atoms in the chain, as described with pendant saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents, or a siloxane as described, and more preferably is a linear or branched chain alkyl species or siloxane, as described.

- Preferably, K is structure (VIII), (X) or (XI), more preferably is
 10 structure (X) or (XI), and most preferably is structure (X).

The more preferred maleimide compounds, particularly for use as reworkable materials, are N-butylphenyl maleimide and N-ethylphenyl maleimide.

Vinyl Compounds

- 15 The vinyl compounds (other than the maleimides) herein will have the structure:



- For these specific structures, when lower case "n" is the integer
 1, the compound will be a mono-functional compound; and when lower
 20 case "n" is an integer 2 to 6, the compound will be a poly-functional compound.



In these structures, R¹ and R² are H or an alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or together form a 5 to 9 membered ring with the carbons forming the vinyl group; B is C, S, N, O, C(O), O-C(O), C(O)-O, C(O)NH or C(O)N(R⁸), in which R⁸ is C₁ to C₅ alkyl; m is 0 or 1; n is 1-6; and X, O, Z, and K are as described above.

Preferably, B is O, C(O), O-C(O), C(O)-O, C(O)NH or C(O)N(R⁸); more preferably B is O, C(O), O-C(O), C(O)-O, or C(O)N(R⁸).

Other Composition Components

Depending on the nature of the substrate to which the circuit component composition is to be bonded, the encapsulant may also contain a coupling agent. A coupling agent as used herein is a chemical species containing a polymerizable functional group for reaction with the maleimide and other vinyl compound, and a functional group capable of condensing with metal hydroxides present on the surface of the substrate. Such coupling agents and the preferred amounts for use in compositions for particular substrates are known in the art. Suitable coupling agents are silanes, silicate esters, metal acrylates or methacrylates, titanates, and compounds containing a chelating ligand, such as phosphine, mercaptan, and acetoacetate. When present, coupling agents typically will be in amounts up to 10 percent by weight, and preferably in amounts of 0.1-3.0 percent by weight, of the maleimide and other monofunctional vinyl compound.

In addition, the compositions may contain compounds that lend additional flexibility and toughness to the resultant cured encapsulant. Such compounds may be any thermoset or thermoplastic material having a T_g of 50°C or less, and typically will be a polymeric material characterized by free rotation about the chemical bonds, such as can be obtained by the presence

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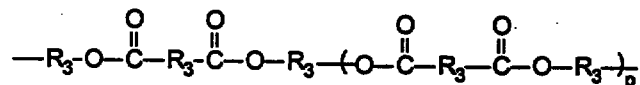
of carbon-carbon double bonds adjacent to carbon-carbon single bonds, the presence of ester and ether groups, and the absence of ring structures.

Suitable such modifiers include polyacrylates, poly(butadiene), polyTHF (polymerized tetrahydrofuran), CTBN (carboxy-terminated butyronitrile) rubber, and polypropylene glycol. When present, toughening compounds may be in an amount up to about 15 percent by weight of the maleimide and other monofunctional vinyl compound.

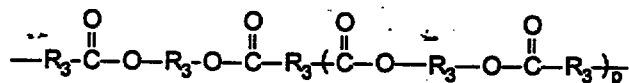
If siloxane moieties are not part of the maleimide or vinyl compound structure, siloxanes can be added to the circuit component formulations to impart elastomeric properties. Suitable siloxanes are the methacryloxypropyl-terminated polydimethyl siloxanes, and the aminopropyl-terminated polydimethylsiloxanes, available from United Chemical Technologies.

Other additives known and used in the art may also be used for specific purposes, such as, adhesion promoters. The selection of the types and amounts suitable is within the expertise of one skilled in the art.

Another embodiment of this invention includes the maleimides having the formulae $[M-X]_n - Q$ and $[M-Z]_n - K$ as described herein in which Q and Z can be an ester having the structure



or the structure



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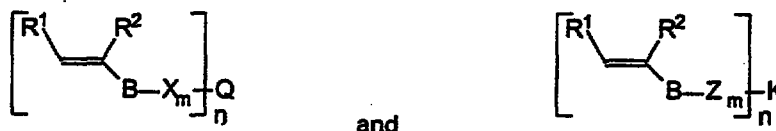
each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents, or

a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$

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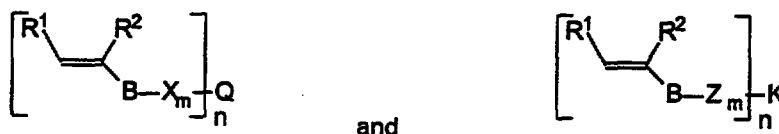
in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50.

10 Another embodiment of this invention includes the vinyl compounds having the structures

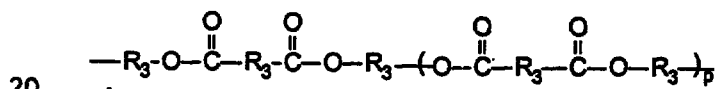


as described herein in which B is C, S, N, O, C(O), C(O)NH or C(O)N(R^8), in which R^8 is C_1 to C_5 alkyl.

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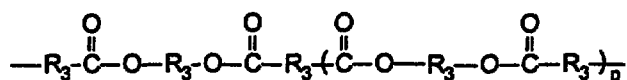


as described herein in which Q and Z can be an ester having the structure



or the structure





in which p is 1 to 100,

each R³ can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents,

5 or a siloxane having the structure



in which the R¹ substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R⁴ substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are

10 independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

Another embodiment of this invention includes the curable adhesive composition as described herein containing an anionic or cationic curing initiator. The types and useful amounts of such initiators are well known in the art.

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EXAMPLES

Various maleimide and vinyl compounds were prepared and formulated into circuit component compositions. The compositions were investigated for viscosity and thixotropic index for the uncured composition, and for curing profile, glass transition temperature, coefficient of thermal expansion, thermal mechanical analysis, and reworkability for the cured composition.

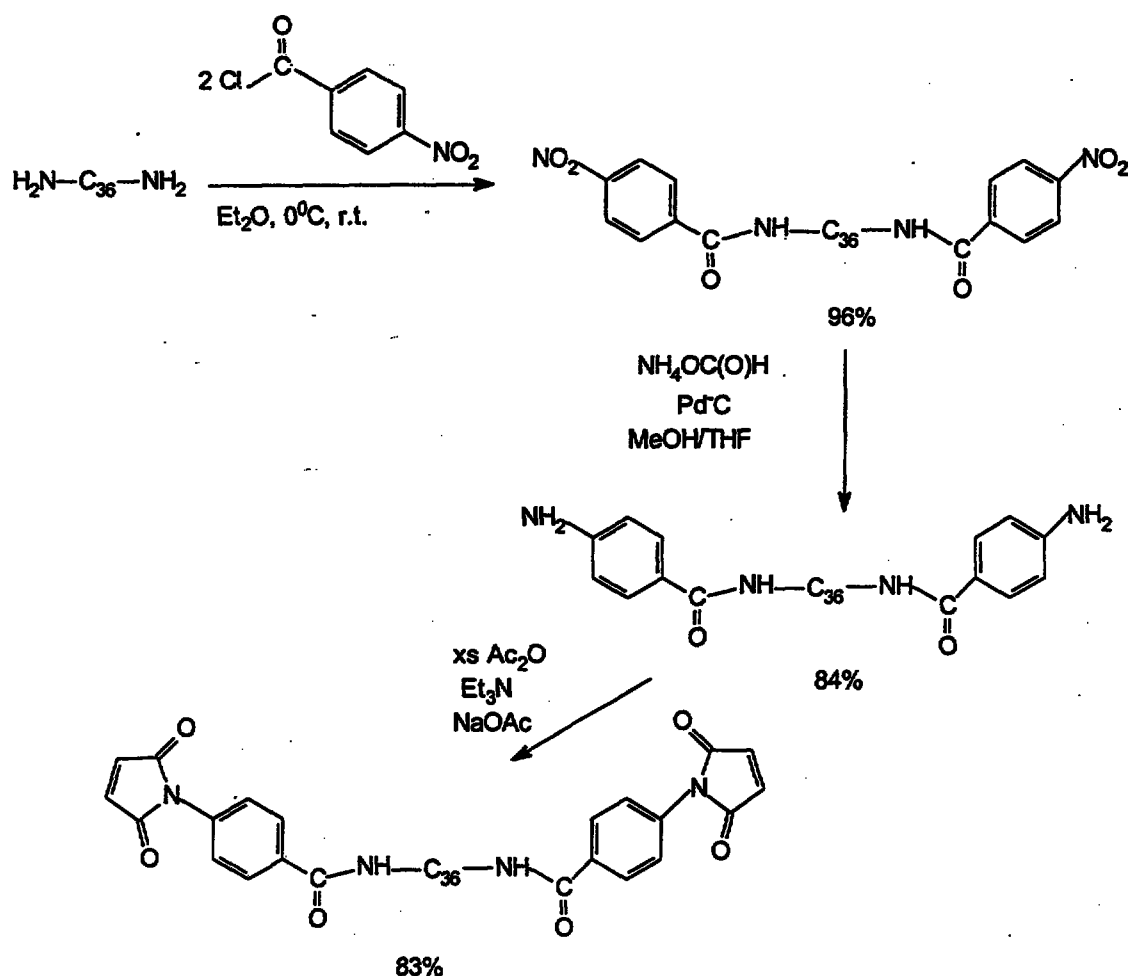
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EXAMPLE 1.

Preparation of Benzamido-endcapped
Dimer Diamine Bismaleimide

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- Dimer diamine (sold as Versamine 552 by Henkel, 20.0 g, 37 mmol)
- 5 was solvated in diethyl ether (Et_2O) (200 mL) in a 500 mL three-necked flask equipped with an addition funnel, magnetic stirring, internal temperature probe and nitrogen inlet/outlet. NaOH_{aq} (11.7 mL of 6.25 M solution diluted with 100 mL H_2O , 73 mmol) was added with vigorous stirring. This solution was
- 10 placed under a steady flow of nitrogen and cooled to 3°C on an ice bath with stirring. The addition funnel was charged with *p*-nitrobenzoyl chloride (13.6 g, 73 mmol) in Et_2O (50 mL), and this solution was added to the reaction vessel over the course of 60 minutes, maintaining an internal $T < 10^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction



was stirred at -3°C for an additional 60 minutes after this addition was complete, then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 4 hours. The solution was transferred to a separatory funnel and the isolated organic layer washed with distilled H_2O (300 mL), 5% HCl_{aq} (300 mL), NaCl_{aq} (250 mL) and distilled H_2O (2x250 mL). The organics were isolated, dried
5 over MgSO_4 anhyd., filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the dinitro compound as a viscous yellow oil which exhibited acceptable ^1H NMR and IR spectra (30.0 g, 96 %).

The dinitro compound described above (5.0 g, 5.9 mmol) was
10 dissolved in methanol (MeOH) (25 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) (5 mL) in a 250 mL three-necked flask equipped with magnetic stirring, reflux condensor and nitrogen inlet/outlet. The solution was placed under nitrogen, and 5% Pd-C (0.96 g) were added with stirring. Ammonium formate (3.4 g, 55 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Carbon
15 dioxide evolution was immediately observed. The reaction solution was filtered, and bulk filtrate solvent was removed *via* rotary evaporator. The resulting viscous oil was dissolved in Et_2O (150 mL), washed with distilled H_2O (150 mL), isolated and dried over MgSO_4 anhyd. Solvent was removed *in vacuo* to yield the diamine as a sticky tan oil, which exhibited acceptable ^1H
20 NMR and IR spectra (3.9 g, 84%).

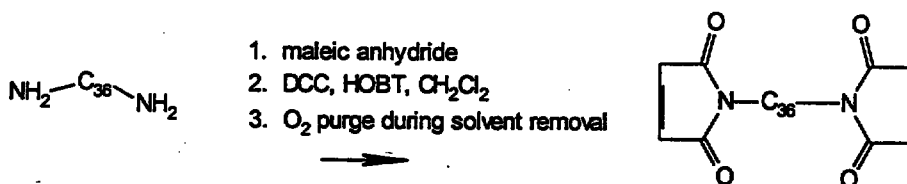
Maleic anhydride (0.5 g, 5.1 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (10 mL) in a 250 mL three-necked flask equipped with magnetic stirring, addition funnel and nitrogen inlet/outlet. The solution was cooled on an ice bath and placed under nitrogen. The addition funnel was charged with an acetone
25 (10mL) solution of the diamine described above (2.0 g, 2.60 mmol), which was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction was stirred for an additional 30 minutes on the ice bath, then allowed to warm to room



temperature, and stirred for another 4 hours. To the resulting slurry was added (acetic anhydride) (Ac_2O) (1.54 mL, 160 mmol), triethyl amine (Et_3N) (0.23 mL, 1.63 mmol) and sodium acetate (NaOAc) (0.16 g, 1.9 mmol). The resulting slurry was heated to mild reflux for 5 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and solvent removed via rotary evaporator to yield a brown oil. This material was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (250 mL) and washed with distilled H_2O (200mL), satd. NaHCO_3 (200 mL) and distilled H_2O (200 mL). Emulsions were broken by adding NaCl when necessary. The organic layer was isolated, dried over MgSO_4 anhyd. and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the bismaleimide, a brown solid (2.0 g, 83%). The resin exhibited satisfactory ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and IR spectra, which indicated slight contamination with acetic acid.

EXAMPLE 2

Preparation of 20-Bismaleimido-10,11-dioctyl-eicosame (and isomers)



In a 5 L multi-neck flask equipped with a drying tube, thermometer, slow addition funnel, mechanical stirrer and nitrogen purge maleic anhydride (98.06 g, 1.02 equivalents on $-\text{NH}_2$) was dissolved in 500 ml tetrahydrofuran (THF). Stirring was begun and the solution was chilled with a dry ice/water bath. Slow addition of dimer diamine (Versamine 552, Henkel, 245.03 g, 0.4477 mol) in 250 ml THF was begun. Addition was carried out over 1 hour.

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After addition was complete the ice bath was removed and 375 ml of THF was rinsed through the slow addition funnel to incorporate solidified diamine. After one hour the ice bath was replaced around the flask. 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole (96.79 g, 0.80 equivalents on $-NH_2$) was added rinsing
5 into the flask with 50ml THF. When the temperature had reached 5°C slow addition of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) (188.43 g, 1.02 equivalents on $-NH_2$) in 200ml THF was begun. The temperature during addition was kept below ten degrees. After DCC addition was complete the slow addition funnel was rinsed with 80 ml of THF. The ice bath was removed. The reaction was
10 monitored by IR. When it appeared that the isoimide has been converted to maleimide (approximately 4 hours after the completion of DCC addition) the mixture was filtered, rinsing the solids with THF. The orange solution was placed in the freezer overnight.

The solution was removed from the freezer and allowed to warm to
15 room temperature. Hydroquinone (0.0513 g) was added to the solution. A partial strip of the THF was carried out on a rotary evaporator with the temperature maintained below 28°C. The solution was concentrated to approximately 800 ml. Much particulate matter was visible. The solution was placed in freezer overnight.

20 The mixture was removed from the freezer and allowed to warm. The solids were filtered, rinsing with THF. The filtrate was transferred to a 2 L multi-neck flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, vacuum line connected to a trap, and a glass tube attached by tubing to a drying tube. The remaining THF was stripped at room temperature by pulling a vacuum and bubbling air
25 through the material while stirring. The resultant thick, creamy-tan colored semi-solid was placed in the freezer overnight.



The semi-solid was removed from the freezer and allowed to warm. The semi-solid was dissolved in 450 ml each of methanol and hexane, and washed with 50% methanol/water (4 x 250 ml) to remove 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt). It was attempted to extract the product with
5 hexane. After addition of 300 ml of hexane separation was not observed. The mixture was washed with additional water (3 x 250 ml). The organic phase was placed in the freezer overnight.

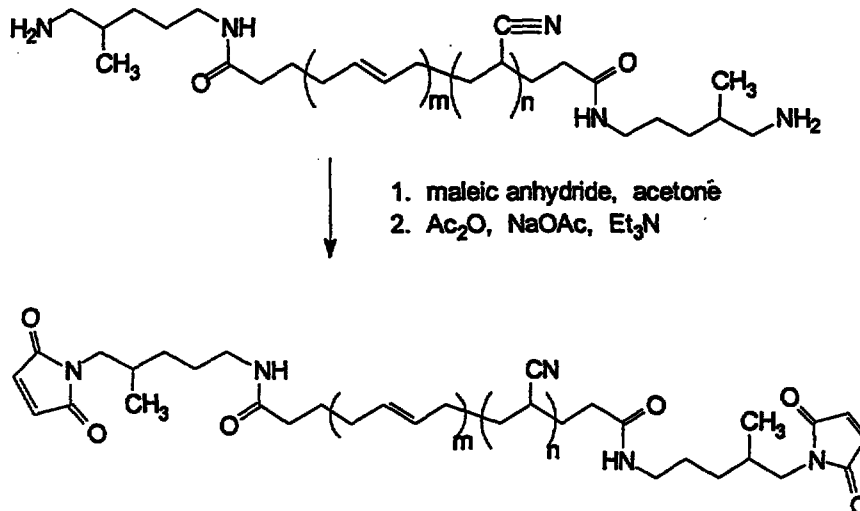
The material was removed from the freezer. Two layers were apparent. The upper layer was clear and yellow in color. The bottom layer
10 was a orange and cloudy. The material was poured cold into a separatory funnel. The top layer was hexane and the desired product. The bottom layer was extracted with hexane (6 x 200 ml), separation occurred easily. The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered, rinsing the solids with hexane. The solvent was stripped to an approximate
15 volume of 750 ml on a rotary evaporator with the temperature not exceeding 24°C. The remaining solvent was stripped off using a vacuum/air bubbling set-up at room temperature to give the desired product in 67% yield.

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EXAMPLE 3

Preparation of Butadiene-Acrylonitrile Bismaleimide



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Amino-terminated butadiene-acrylonitrile (sold as Hycar resin 1300 X42 ATBN by BF Goodrich, in which the *m* and *n* depicted in the structure are integers to provide a number average molecular weight of 3600) (450 g, 500 mmol based on amine equivalent weight AEW = 450g) was dissolved in CHCl₃ (1000 mL) in a 3 L four-necked flask equipped with addition funnel, mechanical stirrer, internal temperature probe and nitrogen inlet/outlet. The stirred solution was placed under nitrogen and cooled on an ice bath. The addition funnel was charged with maleic anhydride (98.1 g, 1 mol) in CHCl₃ (50 mL) and this solution was added to the reaction over 30 minutes, maintaining the internal reaction temperature below 10°C. This mixture was stirred for 30 minutes on ice, then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 4 hours. To the resulting slurry was added acetic anhydride (Ac₂O) (653.4 g, 6 mol), triethylamine (Et₃N) (64.8 g, 0.64 mol) and NaOAc (62.3 g, 0.76 mol). The reaction was heated to mild reflux for 5

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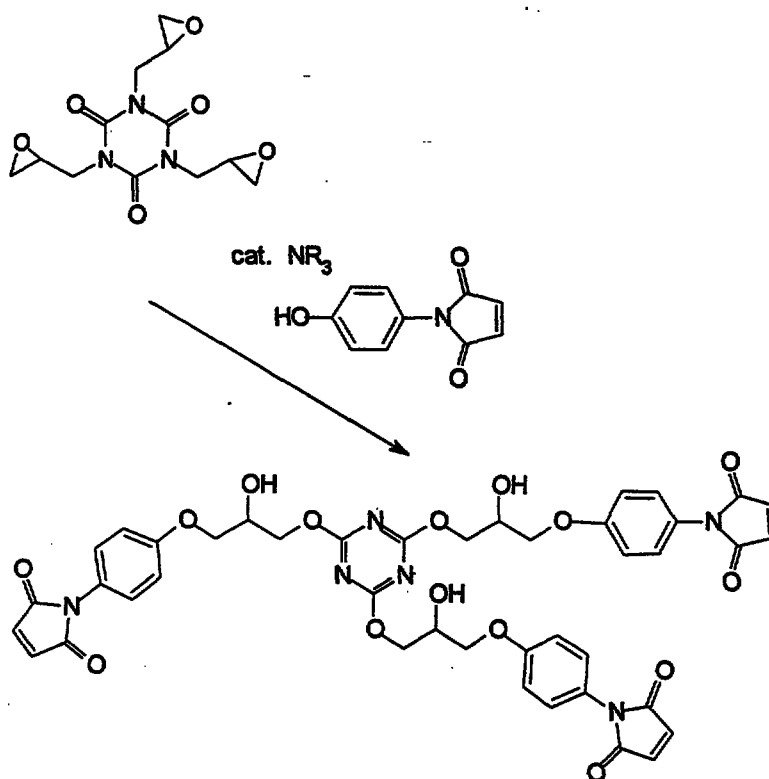


hours, allowed to cool to room temperature, and subsequently extracted with H₂O (1 L), satd. NaHCO₃ (1 L) and H₂O (2x1 L). Solvent was removed *in vacuo* to yield the maleimide terminated butadiene acrylonitrile.

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EXAMPLE 4

Preparation of Tris(maleimide) Derived From Tris(epoxypropyl)isocyanurate



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Tris(epoxypropyl)isocyanurate (99.0 g, 0.33 mol) is dissolved in THF (500mL) in a 2 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, internal temperature probe and nitrogen inlet/outlet. To this solution is added hydroxyphenylmaleimide (189.2 g, 1 mol) and benzyldimethylamine (1.4 g, 0.05 wt. %). The solution is heated to 80°C for 7 hours. The reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature, is filtered, and the filtrant washed with 5

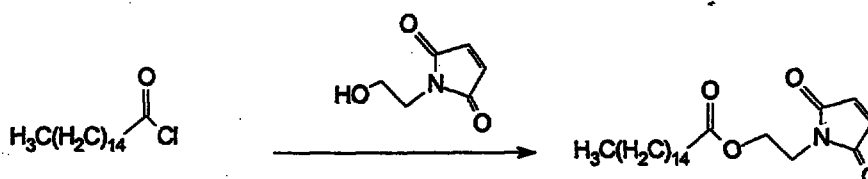
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% HCl_{aq} (500mL) and distilled H₂O (1 L). The resulting solid, triazinetris(maleimide), is vacuum dried at room temperature.

EXAMPLE 5

5 Preparation of Maleimidoethylpalmitate



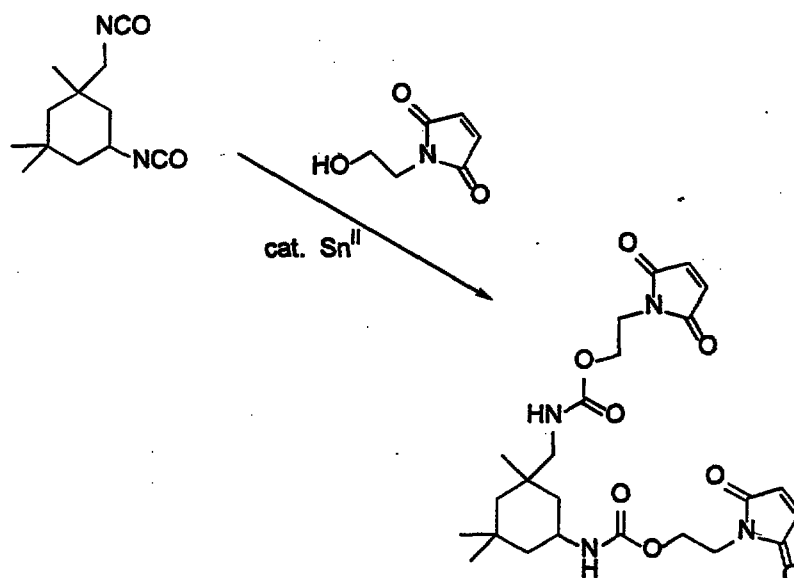
- Palmitoyl chloride (274.9 g, 1 mol) is dissolved in Et₂O (500 mL) in a
- 10 2 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, internal temperature probe, addition funnel and nitrogen inlet/outlet. NaHCO₃ (84.0 g, 1 mol) in distilled H₂O (500 mL) is added with vigorous stirring and the solution cooled on an ice bath under nitrogen. The addition funnel is charged with hydroxyethylmaleimide (141 g, 1 mol) in Et₂O (100 mL) and this solution
- 15 added to the reaction over a period of 30 minutes, maintaining an internal T<10°C during the addition. The reaction is stirred for another 30 minutes on ice, then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours. The reaction is transferred to a separatory funnel and the isolated organic layer washed with distilled H₂O (500 mL), 5% HCl_{aq} (500 mL) and distilled H₂O
- 20 (2x500 mL). The organics are isolated, dried over MgSO₄ anhyd., filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the aliphatic maleimide.

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EXAMPLE 6

Preparation of Bismaleimide Derived from 5-Isocyanato-1-(isocyanatomethyl)- 1, 3, 3-trimethylcyclohexane



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5-Isocyanato-1-(isocyanatomethyl)-1, 3, 3-trimethylcyclohexane

(111.15 g, 0.5 mol) is solvated in THF (500 mL) in a 1 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, addition funnel and nitrogen inlet/outlet.

The reaction is placed under nitrogen, and dibutyltin dilaurate (cat. Sn'') (6.31

10 g, 10 mmol) and hydroxyethylmaleimide (141 g, 1 mol) are added with stirring, and the resulting mixture heated for 4 hours at 70°C. The

addition funnel is charged with hydroxyethylmaleimide (141 g, 1 mol) dissolved in THF (100 mL). This solution is added to the isocyanate solution over 30 minutes, and the resulting mixture heated for an additional 4 hours at

15 70°C. The reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature and solvent removed *in vacuo*. The remaining oil is dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 L) and washed with 10% HCl_{aq} (1 L) and distilled H₂O (2x1 L). The isolated organics are

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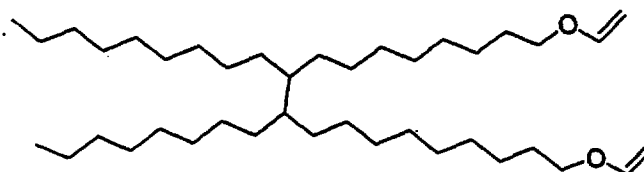
dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the maleimide.

EXAMPLE 7

Preparation of Dimer Divinyl Ether

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Derived from Dimer Diol (Pripol 2033)



"Dimer Divinyl Ether" (and cyclic isomers)

Bis(1, 10-phenanthroline) $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.21 g, 0.54 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of butyl vinyl ether (8.18 g, 81.7 mmols),
10 heptane (100 mL) and "dimer diol" (sold as Pripol 2033 by Unichema, 15.4 g, 27.2 mmol) in 2 L three-necked flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer under nitrogen. This solution was heated to light reflux for 6 h. The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and subsequently poured onto activated carbon (20 g) and stirred for 1
15 hour. The resulting slurry was filtered, and excess butyl vinyl ether and heptane were removed *in vacuo* to yield the divinyl ether as a yellow oil. The product exhibited acceptable ^1H NMR, FT-IR and ^{13}C NMR spectral characteristics. Typical viscosity ~ 100 cPs.

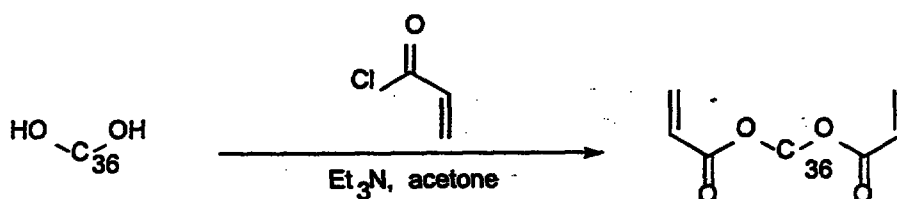
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EXAMPLE 8

Preparation of Dimer Diacrylate Derived From Dimer Diol (Pripol 2033)

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- Dimer diol (sold as Pripol 2033 by Unichema, 284.4 g, 500 mmol) is dissolved in dry acetone (500 mL) in a 1 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, addition funnel and internal temperature probe under nitrogen. Triethylamine (101.2 g, 1 mol) is added to this solution and the solution cooled to 4°C on an ice bath. Acryloyl chloride (90.5 g, 1 mol) solvated in dry acetone (100 mL) is charged into the addition funnel and added to the stirred reaction solution over the course of 60 minutes, maintaining an internal temperature <10°C. This solution is stirred on ice for an additional 2 hours, then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours. Bulk solvent is removed via a rotary evaporator, and the remaining residue solvated in CH₂Cl₂ (1 L). This solution is washed with 5% HCl_{aq} (800 mL), and H₂O (2x800mL). The isolated organics are dried over MgSO₄ anhyd. and filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the diacrylate as an oil.

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EXAMPLE 9

Preparation of N-ethylphenyl Maleimide

4-Ethyl aniline (12.12g) was dissolved in 50 ml of anhydrous ethyl ether and slowly added to a stirred solution of 9.81 g of maleic anhydride in 100 ml of anhydrous ethyl ether chilled in an ice bath. After completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The light yellow crystals were filtered and dried. Acetic anhydride (200 ml) was used to dissolve the maleamic acid and 20 g of sodium acetate. The reaction mixture was heated in an oil bath at 160°C. After 3 hours of reflux, the solution was cooled to room temperature, placed in a 1L beaker in ice water and stirred vigorously for 1 hour. The product was suction-filtered and recrystallized in hexane. The collected crystalline material was dried at 50°C in a vacuum oven overnight. FTIR and NMR analysis showed the characteristics of ethyl maleimide.

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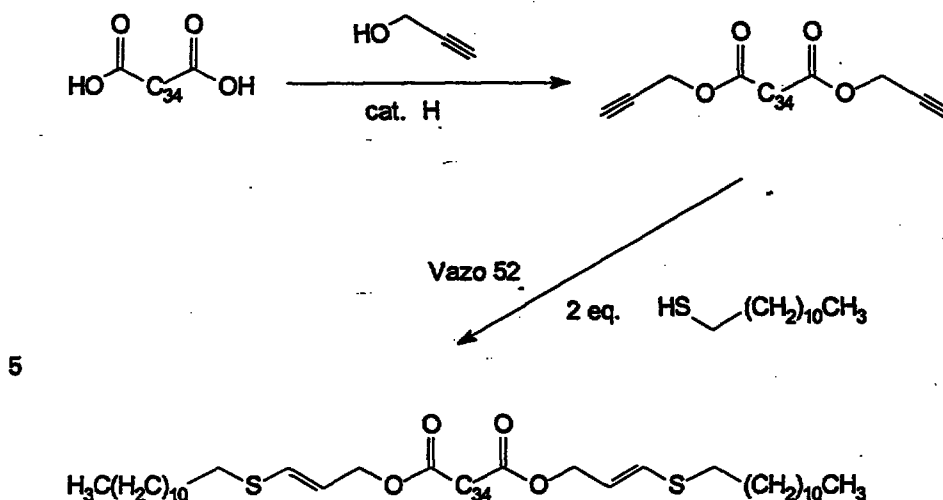


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EXAMPLE 10

Preparation of Bis(alkenylsulfide)

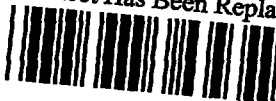


Dimer acid (sold under the trademark Empol 1024 by Unichema)

(574.6 g, 1 mol) and propargyl alcohol (112.1 g, 2 mol) are solvated in toluene (1 L) in a 3 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirring and a Dean-Stark distillation apparatus. Concentrated H_2SO_4 (6 mL) is added and the solution refluxed for 6 hours until 36 mL of H_2O is azeotropically distilled. The solution is allowed to cool to room temperature, washed with H_2O (2X1L), dried over MgSO_4 anhyd. and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the propargyl ester intermediate as an oil.

This ester intermediate (650.7 g, 1 mol) is solvated in THF (200 mL) in a 1L three-necked flask equipped with reflux condensor, mechanical stirrer and internal temperature probe under nitrogen. Lauryl mercaptan (404.8 g, 2 mol) and 2,2'-azobis(2,4-dimethylpentanenitrile) (sold under the trademark Vazo 52 by DuPont, 11 g) are added and the resulting mixture heated to 70°C on an oil bath with stirring for 7 hours. The reaction is allowed to cool to room

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temperature and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield the alkenyl sulfide as an oil.

EXAMPLE 11

UV Curable Compositions

5 Composition 11-A

A composition was prepared by combining the following ingredients with vigorous manual mixing until a homogenous paste was obtained:

10	Bismaleimide (prepared from polytetramethylene oxide- di- <i>p</i> -aminobenzoate, sold as Versalink P-650 by Henkel)	1.01 g
15	Cyclohexanedimethanol divinylether (International Specialty Products):	0.19 g
	α,α -Dimethoxy- α -phenylacetophenone (sold as Irgacure 651 by Ciba Specialty Chemicals)	0.06 g
20	Hydrophilic Fused Silica (sold by Denka, ~5 micron)	3.78 g

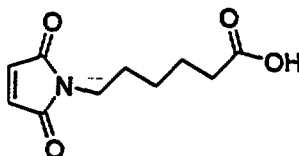
This composition was tested for UV cure by using the composition to bond a 250 mil x 250 mil silicon die on FR-4 laminate. The composition was irradiated for 30 seconds using a pulsed xenon UV source (RC-500B Pulsed UV Curing System, Xenon Corporation). The
25 cured composition exhibited a hard, fully cured surface and held the die firmly to the laminate material when force was applied. The sample assembly was subsequently placed in a 175°C oven for 20 minutes. The die was allowed to cool to room temperature and then forcibly removed from the laminate. No regions of uncured composition were detected
30 around the die edge, the laminate/adhesive interface or the adhesive/air surface interface.

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EXAMPLE A.

Preparation of 6-maleimidocaproic acid



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6-maleimidocaproic acid

The acid functional maleimide, 6-maleimidocaproic acid, was synthesized using known methodology.¹ Aminocaproic acid (100 g, 7.6×10^{-1} mols) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) in a 500 mL
10 four-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirring, an internal temperature probe and an addition funnel. The addition funnel was charged with a solution of maleic anhydride (74.8 g, 7.6×10^{-1} mols) dissolved in acetonitrile (75 mL). This solution was added to the aminocaproic acid at room temperature dropwise over 1 hour,
15 maintaining an internal reaction temperature less than 35°C. The reaction was stirred for three hours after the addition was complete. The reaction slurry was filtered, and the isolated filtrate was dried in a vacuum oven (P ~ 25 T) overnight at 70°C to yield 166 g of off white solid (95%). The product amic acid exhibited FT-IR and ¹H NMR spectral
20 characteristics consistent with literature data.

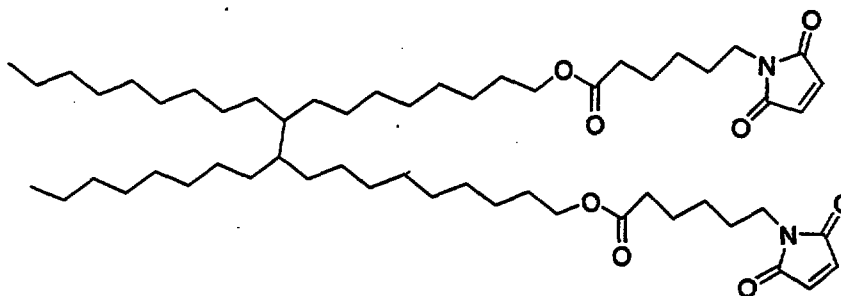
The amic acid described above (166 g, 7.2×10^{-1} mols) was solvated in a solution of toluene (200 mL), benzene (200 mL) and triethylamine (211 mL, 1.51 mol) in a 1 L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirring and a Dean-Stark trap under nitrogen. This



solution was heated to reflux for 4 h and the water produced collected in the Dean-Stark trap. Distilled water (400 mL) was added to the reaction flask to dissolve the triethylammonium salt of the product which largely separated from the bulk solution during the reaction. This aqueous layer
5 was isolated, acidified to pH ~ 1 with 50% HCl, and extracted with ethyl acetate (600 mL). This organic layer was washed with distilled water (400 mL). The isolated organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , followed by solvent removal *in vacuo* to yield an off white solid (76.2 g, 50%). The product 6-maleimidocaproic acid was spectrographically identical to
10 literature material by FT-IR and ^1H NMR.

EXAMPLE B.

Preparation of "Dimer Diester Bismaleimide"



"Dimer Diester Bismaleimide" (and cyclic isomers)

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Pripol 2033 ("dimer diol", Uniqema, 92.4 g, 1.69×10^{-1} mols), 6-maleimidocaproic acid (75.0 g, 3.55×10^{-1} mols) and H_2SO_4 (0.50 mL, $\sim 8.5 \times 10^{-3}$ mols) were slurried in toluene (300 mL) in a 1 L four-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, a Dean-Stark trap and an internal
20 temperature probe under nitrogen. The reaction was heated to light reflux for two hours and the water evolved collected in the Dean-Stark

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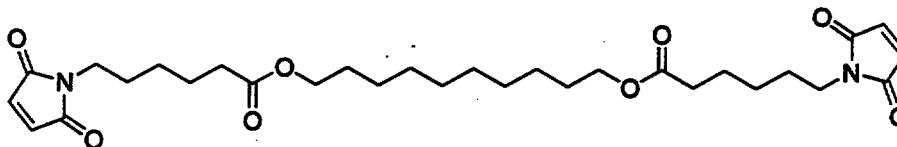


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trap. The trap was drained and ~50 mL of toluene solvent was distilled off of the reaction to remove trace moisture and drive the esterification equilibrium to completion. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, additional toluene (100 mL) was added (on the laboratory scale it is preferable to add diethyl ether in place of toluene at this point), and the solution was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 aq. (300 mL) and distilled water (300 mL). The organic layer was isolated and dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield an orange oil (107.2 g, 68%). The material can be further purified by eluting a toluene solution of the resin through a short plug of silica or alumina. This liquid bismaleimide resin exhibited acceptable FT-IR, ^1H NMR, and ^{13}C NMR data. Typical $\eta \sim 2500$ cPs.

EXAMPLE C.

15 Preparation of "Decane Diol Diester Bismaleimide"



"Decane Diol Diester Bismaleimide"

The general procedure described in Example B. was applied substituting decane diol (29.5 g, 1.69×10^{-1} mols) for Pripol 2033. This process yielded a solid, moderately soluble bismaleimide (54.9 g, 58%). The product exhibited satisfactory FT-IR and ^1H NMR data.

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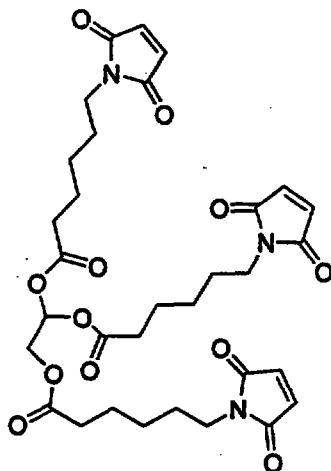
Preparation of "Glycerol Triester Tris(maleimide)"

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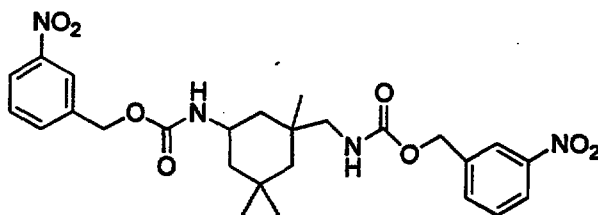


The protocol outlined in example B. was utilized substituting glycerol (10.4 g, 1.13×10^{-1} mol) for Priol 2033. The product was a viscous liquid which exhibited acceptable FT-IR and ^1H NMR data.

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EXAMPLE E.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-nitrobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"



"Bis(*m*-nitrobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"

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Isophorone diisocyanate ("IPDI", 100.0 g, 4.5×10^{-1} mols), *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol (137.8 g, 9.0×10^{-1} mols) and dibutyl tin dilaurate (2.8 g, 4.5×10^{-3} mols) were solvated in dry toluene (1500 mL) in a 2L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, reflux condensor and
 15 internal temperature probe under nitrogen. The resulting solution was heated to 90°C for 4 h. No isocyanate band was observed in the IR of

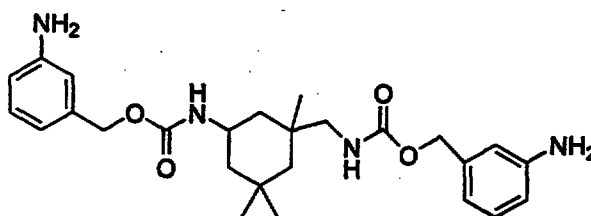


the solids portion of the sample. The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and washed with distilled H₂O (100 mL). The organic layer was isolated and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellow liquid which exhibited acceptable FT-IR and ¹H NMR characteristics.

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EXAMPLE F.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-aminobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"



"Bis(*m*-aminobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"

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The dinitro compound from Example E. (8.28 g, 1.57x10⁻² mols) was dissolved in ethanol (100 mL) in a 500 mL three-necked round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirring under nitrogen.

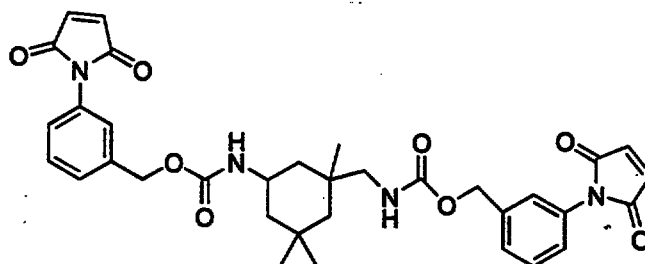
Cyclohexene (28.6 mL, 2.82x10⁻¹ mols) was added, followed by 5%

- 15 Pd/C (4.14 g). The resulting slurry was refluxed lightly for 6.5 h. The FT-IR of a filtered aliquot of this solution exhibited no nitro stretching bands at 1529 cm⁻¹ and 1352 cm⁻¹. The bulk solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and filtered. Solvent was removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellow semisolid (6.6 g, 90%) which exhibited acceptable FT-IR
- 20 and ¹H NMR spectral characteristics.



EXAMPLE G.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-maleimidobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"



"Bis(*m*-maleimidobenzyl carbamate) of IPDI"

5 The diamine from Example F (6.6 g, 1.41×10^{-2} mols) was solvated in acetone (60 mL) in a 250 mL four-necked flask equipped with magnetic stirrer and addition funnel under nitrogen and cooled to 4°C. Maleic anhydride (2.76 g, 2.82×10^{-2} mols) dissolved in acetone (20 mL) was added over the course of 30 minutes. The resulting solution was
10 stirred at 4°C for 1 h, and subsequently was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. FT-IR analysis indicated no maleic anhydride remained as judged by the absence of the anhydride stretching band at $\sim 1810 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

 To the above amic acid solution was added acetic anhydride (8.5
15 mL, 9.0×10^{-2} mols), triethylamine (1.26 mL, 9.0×10^{-3} mols) and sodium acetate (0.88 g, 1.1×10^{-2} mols). The resulting solution was refluxed lightly for 4 h under nitrogen. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and bulk solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting
20 viscous liquid was resolvated in methylene chloride (200 mL) and extracted with distilled water (3x200 mL). The organics were then dried

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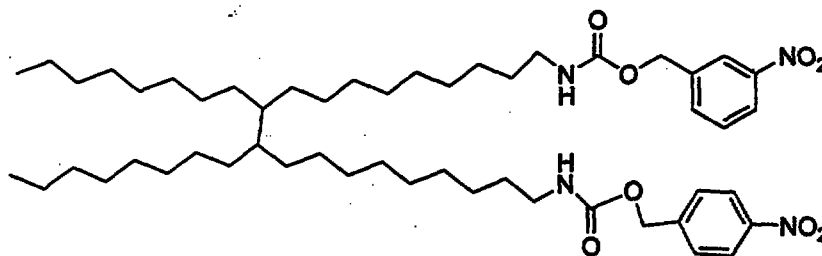


over MgSO_4 anhyd., filtered and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield a light brown solid (6.75 g, 76%). This material exhibited acceptable FT-IR and ^1H NMR spectral features.

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EXAMPLE H.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-nitrobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410"



"Bis(*m*-nitrobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410" (and cyclic isomers)

DDI 1410 (Henkel, "Dimer Diisocyanate", 99.77 g, 1.65×10^{-1} mols based on 13.96 % NCO), *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol (50.8 g, 3.32×10^{-1} mols) and dibutyltin dilaurate (0.5 mL, 8.3×10^{-4} mols) were solvated in toluene (150 mL) in a 1 L four-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, reflux condensor and internal temperature probe under nitrogen. The reaction was heated to 85°C for 2.5 h. FT-IR analysis of an aliquot of the reaction indicated complete consumption of isocyanate functionality as judged by the lack of a band at 2272 cm^{-1} . Solvent was removed from the reaction *in vacuo* to yield a yellow oil which solidified upon standing at room temperature (152.4 g, 102% (trace toluene)). This solid exhibited satisfactory FT-IR and ^1H NMR spectral features.

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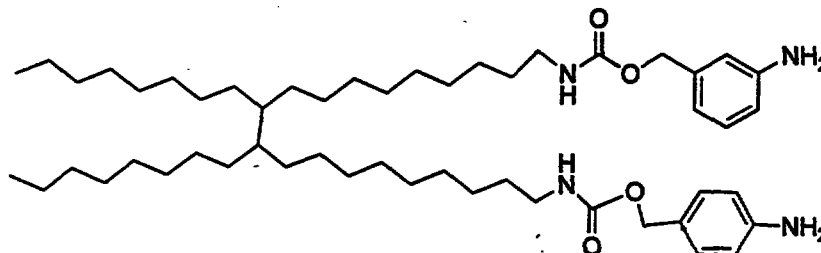


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EXAMPLE I.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-aminobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410"



"Bis(*m*-aminobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410" (and cyclic isomers)

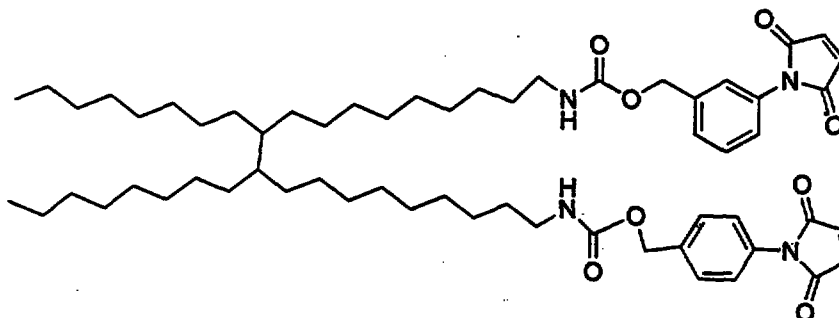
- 5 The diamine product of Example H (39.6 g, 4.32×10^{-2} mols) and stannous chloride dihydrate (97.55 g, 4.32×10^{-1} mols) were slurried in ethyl acetate (300 mL) in a 1L three-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer and a reflux condensor under nitrogen. The reaction was heated to light reflux and stirred vigorously for 3 h. The solution
- 10 was allowed to cool to room temperature and brought to pH 7-8 with a solution of saturated sodium bicarbonate. The mixture was pushed through a 25 micron filter to yield a mixture which separated into a cloudy aqueous layer and a moderately clear organic layer. The aqueous layer was isolated and washed with ethyl acetate (100 mL). The organic
- 15 layers were combined, washed with distilled water (300 mL) and dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 . The slurry was filtered and solvent removed from the filtrate *in vacuo* to yield yellow, sticky solid (33.8 g, 92%).

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EXAMPLE J.

Preparation of "Bis(*m*-maleimidobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410"



"Bis(*m*-maleimidobenzyl carbamate) of DDI 1410" (and cyclic isomers)

- 5 Maleic anhydride (15.4 g, 1.57×10^{-2} mols) was dissolved in acetone (300 mL) in a 2 L four-necked flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, internal temperature probe and addition funnel under nitrogen. This solution was cooled to $\sim 4^{\circ}\text{C}$ on an ice bath. A solution of the diamine prepared in Example I (63.4 g, 7.48×10^{-2} mols) in acetone (70
- 10 mL) was charged to the addition funnel and added to the maleic anhydride solution over a period of 30 minutes maintaining an internal temperature of $< 10^{\circ}\text{C}$. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h and subsequently allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 2 h.
- To this solution of amic acid was added acetic anhydride (24.7
- 15 mL, 2.62×10^{-1} mols), triethylamine (6.25 mL, 4.48×10^{-2} mols) and manganese acetate tetrahydrate (0.37 g, 1.50×10^{-3} mols). This solution was heated to light reflux for 6.5 h, then allowed to cool to room temperature. Bulk solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the resulting dark liquid was dissolved in diethyl ether (500 mL). This solution was washed
- 20 with dist. H_2O (500 mL). The isolated organic layer was then washed

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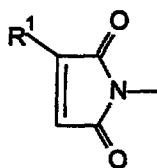


with saturated NaHCO_3 aq. (500 mL) and again with dist. H_2O (500 mL). The organics were isolated, dried over anhyd. MgSO_4 , and solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield a viscous orange oil. This material exhibited FT-IR, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectral features consistent with the expected bismaleimide product.

Other embodiments of this invention are those included in the following numbered paragraphs:

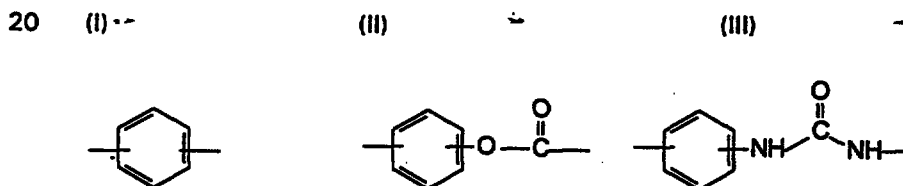
1. A curable composition for preparing a circuit component on a printed circuit board, the composition comprising a maleimide compound and a curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the maleimide compound having the formula $[\text{M}-\text{X}_m]_n - \text{Q}$ in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1 to 6, and

- (a) M is a maleimide moiety having the structure:



in which R^1 is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

- (b) X is an aromatic group selected from the group of aromatic groups having the structures:

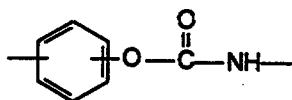


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- (c) Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to X.

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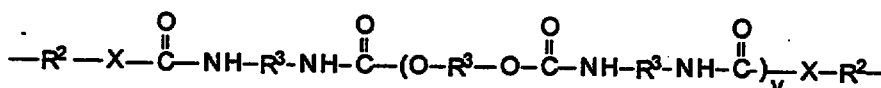
2. The composition according to paragraph 1 in which Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene, or alkyleneoxy species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

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3. The composition according to paragraph 2 in which Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

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4. The composition according to paragraph 1 in which Q is a urethane having the structure:



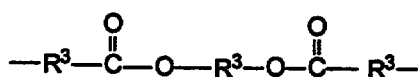
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in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50.

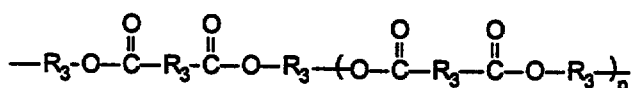
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5. The composition according to paragraph 1 in which Q is an ester having the structure:



10 in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents.

6. The composition according to paragraph 1 in which Q is an ester having the structure:



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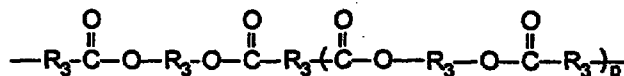
p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

20 each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are 25 independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.



7. The composition according to paragraph 1 in which Q is an ester having the structure:



5 in which

p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;

or

10 each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --

$(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent

independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5

carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an

alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are

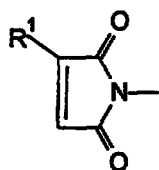
15 independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

8. A composition comprising a maleimide compound and a curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the maleimide
20 compound having the formula $[M-Z]_n-K$ in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1-6, and

(a) M is a maleimide moiety having the structure

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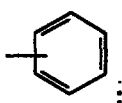




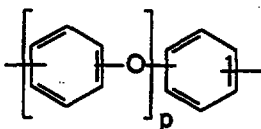
in which R¹ is H or an alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

(b) K is an aromatic group selected from group of aromatic groups having the structures:

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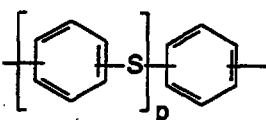
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in which p is 1 to 100;

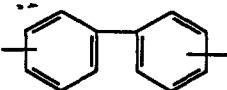
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in which p is 1 to 100;

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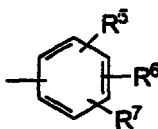
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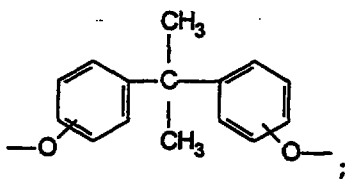


in which R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to the aromatic ring;

or R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a siloxane having the structure

$-(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CH_3)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e is 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50;

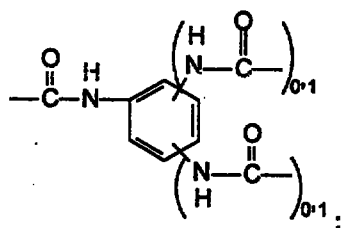
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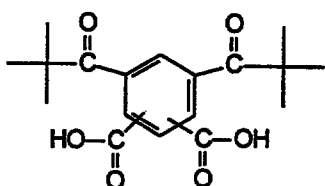
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(c) Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to K.

9. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene, or alkyleneoxy species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

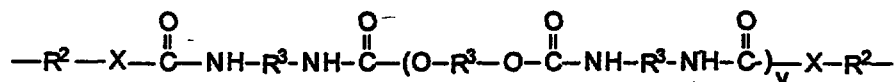
10. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl species, which may contain saturated or

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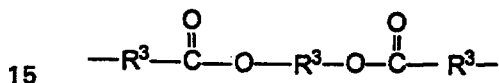
unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

11. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is a urethane having the structure:



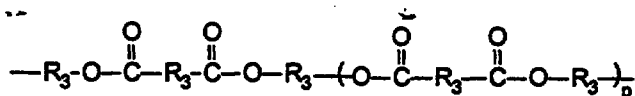
- in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50.

12. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is an ester having the structure:



- in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents.

13. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is an ester having the structure:



in which

p is 1 to 100, and

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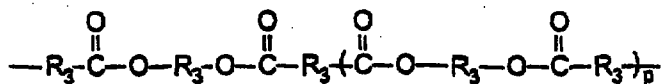


each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;
or

each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
5 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

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14. The composition according to paragraph 8 in which Z is an ester having the structure:



in which

15 p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;
or

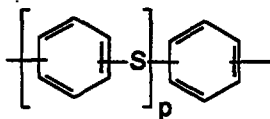
each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
20 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

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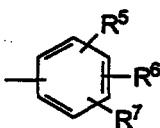


15. The composition according to any one of paragraphs 8 to 14 in which K is



in which p is 1 to 100.

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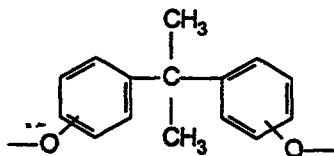
in which R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are a linear or branched

chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy,

alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species,

10 which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteroatom present may or may not be directly attached to the aromatic ring.

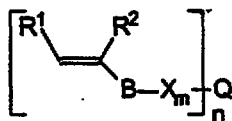
15 17. The composition according to any one of paragraphs 8 to 14 in which K is



18. A composition comprising a vinyl compound and a curing
20 initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical initiator, a



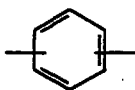
photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the vinyl compound having the formula



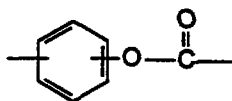
in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1-6; and

- 5 (a) R^1 and R^2 are H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or together form a 5 to 9 membered ring with the carbons forming the vinyl group;
- (b) B is C, S, N, O, C(O), C(O)NH or C(O)N(R^3), in which R^3 is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;
- 10 (c) X is an aromatic group selected from the group of aromatic groups having the structures:

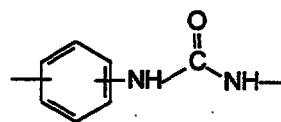
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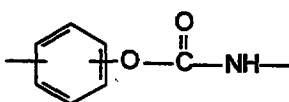


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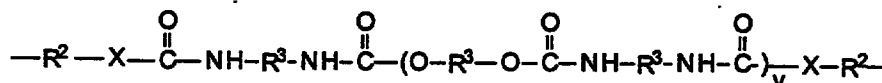
- (d) Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain
- 20 saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to X.



19. The composition according to paragraph 18 in which Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene, or alkyleneoxy species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

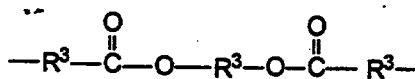
20. The composition according to paragraph 19 in which Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

21. The composition according to paragraph 18 in which Q is a urethane having the structure:



15 in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50.

20 22. The composition according to paragraph 18 in which Q is an ester having the structure:

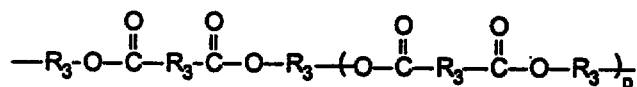


in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents.

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23. The composition according to paragraph 18 in which Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

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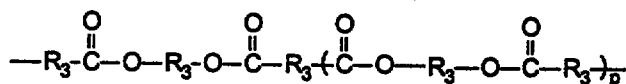
each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --

10 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

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24. The composition according to paragraph 18 in which Q is an ester having the structure:



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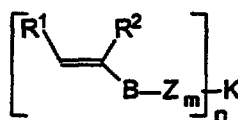
20 p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or



each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent
independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5
carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an
5 alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are
independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

25. A composition comprising a vinyl compound and a curing
initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical initiator, a
10 photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the vinyl compound having
the formula



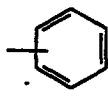
in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1-6; and

(a) R^1 and R^2 are H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon
15 atoms, or together form a 5 to 9 membered ring with the carbons
forming the vinyl group;

(b) B is C, S, N, O, C(O), C(O)NH or C(O)N(R^8), in which R^8 is an
alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

(c) K is an aromatic group selected from the group of aromatic
20 groups having the structures:

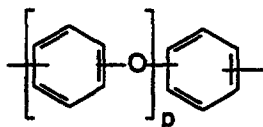
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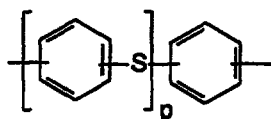


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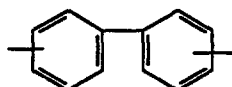
in which p is 1 to 100;

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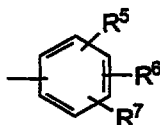


in which p is 1 to 100;

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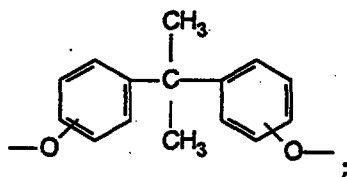
in which R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to the aromatic ring; or

R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_n-[SiR^4_2-O]_m-SiR^4_2-(CH_3)_q-$ in which the R^1 substituent is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R^4 substituent



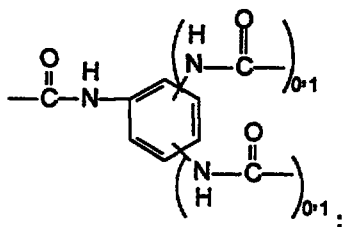
independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e is 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50;

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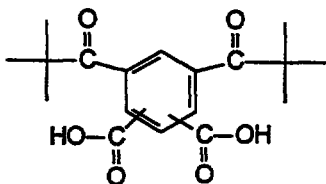


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- (d) Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to X.

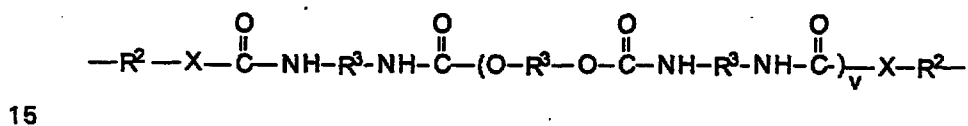
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26. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is
a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylene, or alkyleneoxy
species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or
5 heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain.

27. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is
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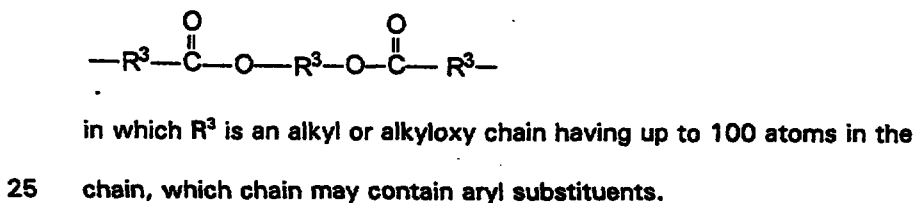
28. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is
a urethane having the structure:



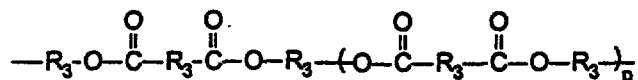
in which each R² independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having
1 to 18 carbon atoms; R³ is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100
atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S,
N, or P; and v is 0 to 50.

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29. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is
an ester having the structure:



30. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is an ester having the structure:



5 in which

p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

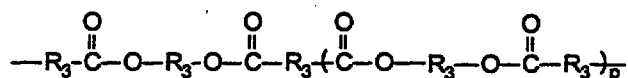
10 each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --

$(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent

independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are

15 independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

31. The composition according to paragraph 25 in which Z is an ester having the structure:



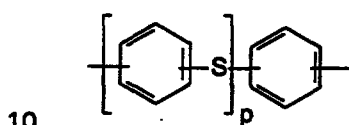
20 in which p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or



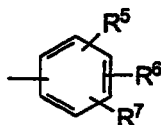
each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
 $(CR^1)_e-[SiR^4-O]_f-SiR^4-(CR^1)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent
independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5
carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an
5 alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are
independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

32. The composition according to any one of paragraphs 25
to 31 in which K is



when p is 1 to 100.

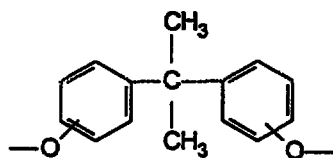
33. The composition according to any one of paragraphs 25
to 31 in which K is



in which R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a linear or branched
15 chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy,
alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species,
which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic
substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which
any heteroatom present may or may not be directly attached to the
20 aromatic ring.

34. The composition according to any one of paragraphs 25
to 31 in which K is





35. A composition comprising a maleimide compound as described in any one of paragraphs 1 to 17 and a vinyl compound as described in any one of paragraphs 18 to 34, and a curing initiator.

36. A composition comprising a maleimide compound as described in any one of paragraphs 1 to 17, or a vinyl compound as described in any one of paragraphs 18 to 34, or a combination of a maleimide compound as described in any one of paragraphs 1 to 17 and a vinyl compound as described in any one of paragraphs 18 to 34, and an anionic or cationic curing initiator.

37. A printed circuit board containing a circuit component prepared from a composition according to any one of the preceding paragraphs.

38. A method for preparing a circuit component on a printed circuit board, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a curable composition according to any one of paragraphs 1 to 36;
- (b) applying the composition to the printed wire board; and
- (c) curing the composition *in situ* to form the circuit component.

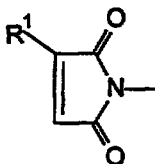




What is claimed is:

1. A curable composition for preparing a circuit component
5 on a printed circuit board, the composition comprising a maleimide
compound and a curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a
free-radical initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the
maleimide compound having the formula $[M-X]_n-Q$ in which m is 0
or 1 and n is 1 to 6, and

- 10 (a) M is a maleimide moiety having the structure:

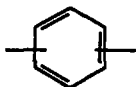


in which R¹ is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon
atoms;

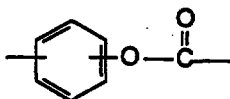
- (b) X is an aromatic group selected from the group of
aromatic groups having the structures:

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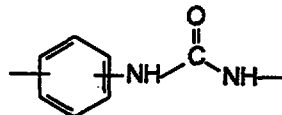
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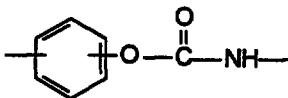


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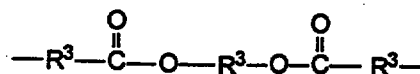
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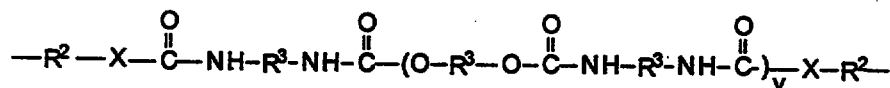
(c) Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to X; or

(d) Q is an ester having the structure:



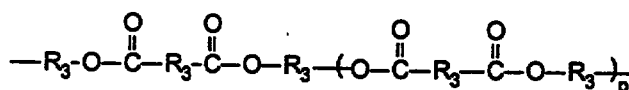
in which R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

(e) Q is a urethane having the structure:



in which each R^2 independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50.

(f) Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

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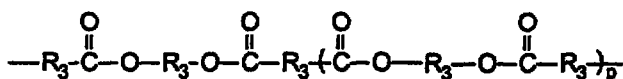
each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or





each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-$
 $[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for
each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4
substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to
5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and
f is 1 to 50; or

(g) Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

10 p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having
up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;
or

each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-$
15 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent
independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5
carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an
alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are
independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

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2. A composition comprising a maleimide compound and a
curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical
initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the maleimide
compound having the formula $[M-Z_m]_n-K$ in which m is 0 or 1 and n is

25 1-6, and

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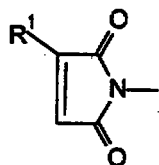
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(a) M is a maleimide moiety having the structure

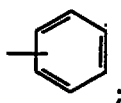


in which R¹ is H or an alkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

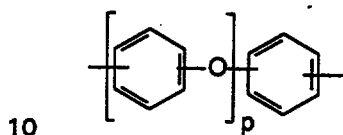
(b) K is an aromatic group selected from group of aromatic

5 groups having the structures:

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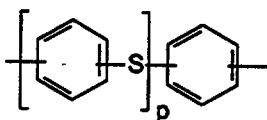
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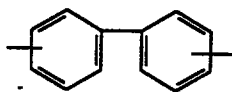
in which p is 1 to 100;

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in which p is 1 to 100;

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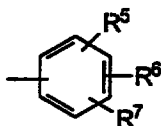


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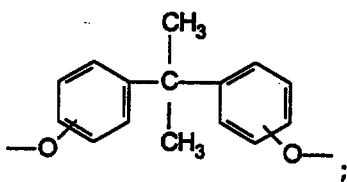


in which R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to the aromatic ring;

or R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are a siloxane having the structure

$-(\text{CR}^1_2)_e - [\text{SiR}^4_2 - \text{O}]_f - \text{SiR}^4_2 - (\text{CH}_3)_g -$ in which the R¹ substituent is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R⁴ substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, and e is 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50;

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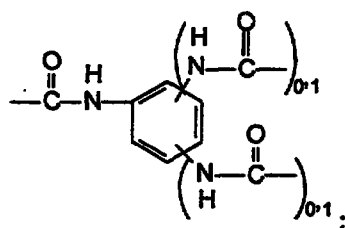


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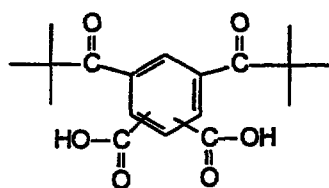




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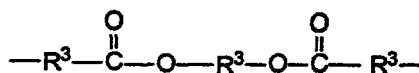
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and

(c) Z is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to K; or

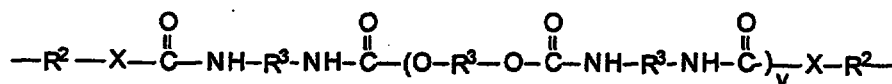
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(d) Z is an ester having the structure:



15 in which R³ is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

(e) Z is a urethane having the structure:



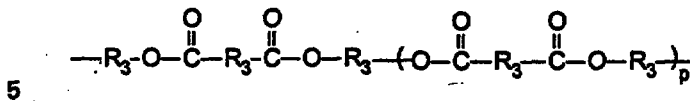
in which each R² independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having





1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50; or.

(f) Z is an ester having the structure:



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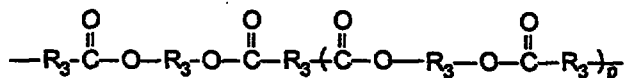
p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;

10 or

each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $\text{---}(\text{CR}^1_2)_e\text{---}[\text{SiR}^4_2\text{---}O]_f\text{---SiR}^4_2\text{---}(\text{CR}^1_2)_g\text{---}$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and
15 f is 1 to 50; or

(g) Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

20 p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;
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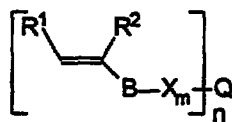
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each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
 $(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g$ in which the R^1 substituent
independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5
carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an
5 alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are
independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

3. A adhesive composition comprising a vinyl compound and
a curing initiator selected from the group consisting of a free-radical
10 initiator, a photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the vinyl
compound having the formula



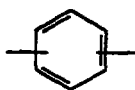
in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1-6; and

(a) R^1 and R^2 are H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon
15 atoms, or together form a 5 to 9 membered ring with the carbons
forming the vinyl group;

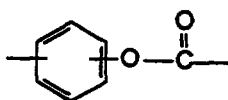
(b) B is C, S, N, O, C(O), C(O)NH or C(O)N(R^8), in which R^8 is an
alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

(c) X is an aromatic group selected from the group of aromatic
20 groups having the structures:

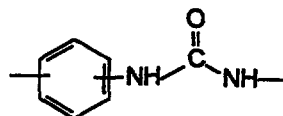
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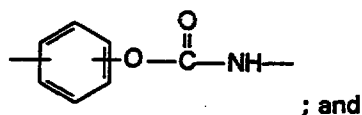


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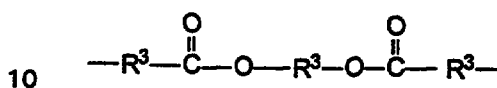


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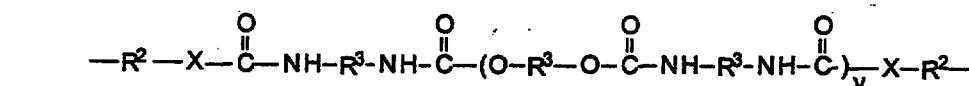
- (d) Q is a linear or branched chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly attached to X ; or

(e) Q is an ester having the structure:



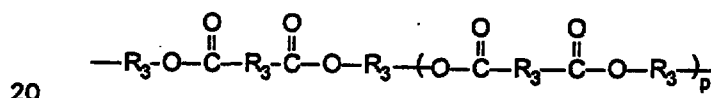
in which R³ is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

(f) Q is a urethane having the structure:



in which each R² independently is an alkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R³ is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50; or

(g) Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

p is 1 to 100, and

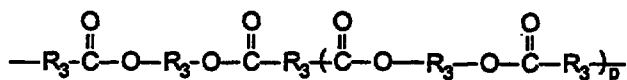




each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

- 5 each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $--(CR^1_2)_e--[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g--$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50; or

- 10 (h) Q is an ester having the structure:



in which

p is 1 to 100, and

- 15 each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or

- 20 each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $--(CR^1_2)_e--[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g--$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

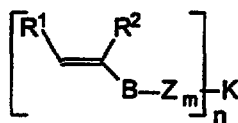
4. A composition comprising a vinyl compound and a curing
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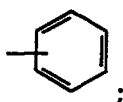
photoinitiator, and a combination of those, the vinyl compound having the formula



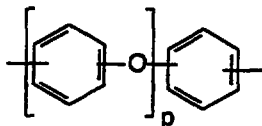
in which m is 0 or 1 and n is 1-6; and

- 5 (a) R^1 and R^2 are H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or together form a 5 to 9 membered ring with the carbons forming the vinyl group;
- (b) B is C, S, N, O, C(O), C(O)NH or C(O)N(R^6), in which R^6 is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;
- 10 (c) K is an aromatic group selected from the group of aromatic groups having the structures:

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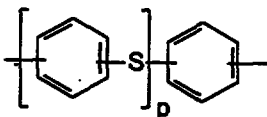


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in which p is 1 to 100;

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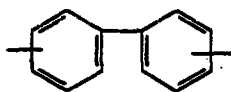


in which p is 1 to 100;

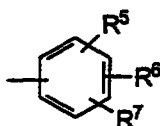




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in which R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a linear or branched

- 5 chain alkyl, alkyloxy, alkyl amine, alkyl sulfide, alkylene, alkyleneoxy, alkylene amine, alkylene sulfide, aryl, aryloxy, or aryl sulfide species, which may contain saturated or unsaturated cyclic or heterocyclic substituents pendant from the chain or as part of the backbone in the chain, and in which any heteratom present may or may not be directly
- 10 attached to the aromatic ring; or

R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are a siloxane having the structure

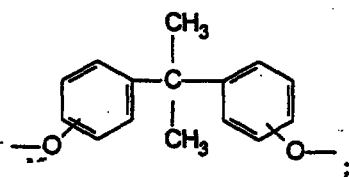
$-(CR^1_2)_e-[SiR^4_2-O]_f-SiR^4_2-(CH_3)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent is H or

an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms and the R^4 substituent

independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon

- 15 atoms or an aryl group, and e is 1 to 10 and f is 1 to 50;

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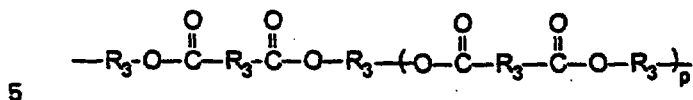


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1 to 18 carbon atoms; R^3 is an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; X is O, S, N, or P; and v is 0 to 50; or

(g) Z is an ester having the structure:



in which

p is 1 to 100, and

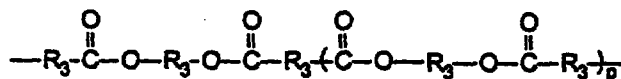
each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents;

10 or

each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure $-(CR^1_2)_e-SiR^4_2-O)_f-SiR^4_2-(CR^1_2)_g-$ in which the R^1 substituent independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50; or

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(h) Z is an ester having the structure:



in which

20 p is 1 to 100, and

each R^3 can independently be an alkyl or alkyloxy chain having up to 100 atoms in the chain, which chain may contain aryl substituents; or





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each R^3 can independently be a siloxane having the structure --
(CR^1_2)_e-(SiR^4_2-O)_f- SiR^4_2 -(CR^1_2)_g- in which the R^1 substituent
independently for each position is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5
carbon atoms, the R^4 substituent independently for each position is an
5 alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or an aryl group, e and g are
independently 1 to 10, and f is 1 to 50.

5. A composition comprising a maleimide compound as
described in claim 1 or 2 and a vinyl compound as described in claim 3
10 or 4, and a curing initiator.

6. A composition comprising a maleimide compound as
described in claim 1 or 2, or a vinyl compound as described in claim 3 or
4, or a combination of a maleimide compound as described in claim 1 or
15 2 and a vinyl compound as described in claim 3 or 4, and an anionic or
cationic curing initiator.

7. A printed circuit board containing a circuit component
prepared from a composition according to any one of the preceding
20 claims.

8. A method for preparing a circuit component on a printed
circuit board, the method comprising the steps of:
(a) providing a curable composition according to any one of
25 claims 1 to 6;
(b) applying the composition to the printed wire board; and





(c) curing the composition *in situ* to form the circuit component.

9. An electronic assembly comprising an electronic component
5 encapsulated with a cured adhesive composition prepared from a
composition according to any one of the preceding claims.

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