CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A lubricating composition comprising:

a majority of one or more base oils of lubricating viscosity;

an organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive or salt thereof made by a process comprising the steps of (a) reacting an organic hydroxy compound with phosphorus pentasulfide to form a reaction product; (b) distilling the reaction product and recovering a condensate; and (c) neutralizing the condensate with a basic or neutral metal compound including one or more of a metal oxide, a metal hydroxide, or a metal carbonate to form the organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive or salt thereof.

2. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the distillation occurs at one or more of a temperature of at least about 50°C, a pressure of at least about 0.1 torr, or combinations thereof; and/or wherein the condensate is recovered at a temperature of about 10°C or less.

3. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the distillation occurs in a falling-film evaporator, a wiped-film evaporator, a thin-film evaporator, a short-path evaporator, or combinations thereof.

4. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the condensate includes a dialkyl dithiophosphoric acid.

5. The lubricating composition of claim 4, wherein the dialkyl dithiophosphoric acid is dipropyl dithiophosphoric acid, diisopropyl dithiophosphoric acid, dibutyl dithiophosphoric acid, diisobutyl dithiophosphoric acid, or combinations thereof.

6. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is a metal oxide, a metal hydroxide, or a metal carbonate of aluminum, lead, tin, molybdenum, manganese, nickel, copper, titanium, zirconium, zinc, or combinations thereof.

7. The lubricating composition of claim 6, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is a molar excess of zinc oxide.

8. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is a C1 to C6 linear or branched alcohol, a hydroxyl aryl compound, or mixtures thereof.

9. The lubricating composition of claim 8, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, butyl alcohol, isobutyl alcohol, tert-butyl alcohol, sec-butyl alcohol, phenol, naphthol, an amyl alcohol, hexyl alcohol, iso-hexyl alcohol, octyl alcohol, decyl alcohol, dodecyl alcohol, octadecyl alcohol, 2-ethylhexyl alcohol, 4-methyl-2-pentyl alcohol, phenyl alcohol, butylphenyl alcohol, cyclohexyl alcohol, methylcyclopentyl alcohol, propenyl alcohol, butenyl alcohol, or combinations thereof.

10. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is ethylhexyl alcohol, the reaction product comprises di-ethylhexyl dithiophosphoric acid and one or more phosphorus polysulfides, the condensate includes the di-ethylhexyl dithiophosphoric acid and is substantially free of the one or more phosphorus polysulfides, and the condensate is further reacted with zinc oxide to form the organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive.

11. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricating composition includes about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of the organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive.

12. The lubricating composition of claim 1, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is provided in a molar ratio relative to the phosphorus pentasulfide of about 4:1 to about 10:1.

13. The lubricating composition of claim 12, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is provided in a molar ratio relative to the organic hydroxy compound of about 0.01:1 to about 0.5:1.

14. A method of preparing an organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive, the method comprising:

reacting an organic hydroxy compound with phosphorus pentasulfide to form a reaction product;

distilling the reaction product and recovering a condensate therefrom; and

neutralizing the condensate with a basic or neutral metal compound including one or more of a metal oxide, a metal hydroxide, or a metal carbonate to form the organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive or salt thereof.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the distillation occurs at a temperature of at least about 80°C and a pressure of at least about 0.4 torr.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the condensate is recovered at a temperature of about 10°C or less.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein the distillation occurs in a falling-film evaporator, a wiped-film evaporator, a thin-film evaporator, a short-path evaporator, or combinations thereof.

18. The method of claim 14, wherein the condensate includes a dialkyl dithiophosphorus acid.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the dialkyl dithiophosphoric acid is dipropyl dithiophosphoric acid, diisopropyl dithiophosphoric acid, dibutyl dithiophosphoric acid, diisobutyl dithiophosphoric acid, or combinations thereof.

20. The method of claim 14, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is a metal oxide, a metal hydroxide, or a metal carbonate of aluminum, lead, tin, molybdenum, manganese, nickel, copper, titanium, zirconium, zinc, or combinations thereof.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is a molar excess of zinc oxide.

22. The method of claim 14, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is a C1 to C6 linear or branched alcohol, a hydroxy aryl compound, or mixtures thereof.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, butyl alcohol, isobutyl alcohol, tert-butyl alcohol, sec-butyl alcohol, phenol, naphthol, an amyl alcohol, hexyl alcohol, iso-hexyl alcohol, octyl alcohol, decyl alcohol, dodecyl alcohol, octadecyl alcohol, 2-ethylhexyl alcohol, 4-methyl-2-pentyl alcohol, phenyl alcohol, butylphenyl alcohol, cyclohexyl alcohol, methylcyclopentyl alcohol, propenyl alcohol, butenyl alcohol, or combinations thereof.

24. The method of claim 14, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is isopropyl alcohol, the reaction product comprises diisopropyl dithiophosphoric acid and one or more phosphorus polysulfides, the condensate includes the diisopropyl dithiophosphoric acid and is substantially free of the one or more phosphorus polysulfides, and the condensate is neutralized with a molar excess of zinc oxide.

25. The method of claim 14, wherein the organic hydroxy compound is provided in a molar ratio relative to the phosphorus pentasulfide of about 4:1 to about 10:1.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the basic or neutral metal compound is provided in a molar ratio relative to the organic hydroxy compound of about 0.01:1 to about 0.5:1.

27. An organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive or salt thereof made by a process comprising the steps of (a) reacting an organic hydroxy compound with phosphorus pentasulfide to form a reaction product; (b) distilling the reaction product and recovering a condensate; and (c) neutralizing the condensate with a basic or neutral metal compound including one or more of a metal oxide, a metal hydroxide, or a metal carbonate to form the organometallic phosphorus-providing antiwear additive or salt thereof.