WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition comprising:

(a) a major amount of a basestock selected from the group consisting of at least one Group III basestock, at least one Group IV basestock and mixtures thereof;

(b) at least one detergent additive; and

(c) at least one dispersant additive;

wherein the concentration of the at least one dispersant additive in the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition is at least ~~about~~ 0.1 wt. % on an actives basis, based on the total weight of the lubricating oil composition;

wherein the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition has a total base number of at least ~~about~~ 12;

wherein the at least one detergent additive comprises at least one salt of an alkyl-substituted hydroxybenzoic acid; and

wherein the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition has a soap content of less than ~~about~~ 250 ~~mm/kg~~mmol/kg.

2. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the basestock is at least one Group III basestock.

3. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the basestock is at least one Group III basestock having a paraffinic carbon content of at least ~~about~~ 70 % as determined by test method ASTM D 3238-95 (2005).

4. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 2, wherein the at least one Group III basestock comprises at least one Fischer-Tropsch derived basestock.

5. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the basestock comprises at least one Group IV basestock.

6. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein in the at least one salt of an alkyl-substituted hydroxybenzoic acid, at least 75 mole % of the alkyl groups are C_{20} or greater.

7. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein in the at least one salt of an alkyl-substituted hydroxybenzoic acid, at least 50 mole % of the alkyl groups are C_{14} to C_{18}.

8. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the at least one dispersant additive comprises a polyalkylene succinimide.

9. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the at least one dispersant additive in the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition is at least ~~about~~ 1 wt. % on an actives basis, based on the total weight of the lubricating oil composition.

10. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, wherein the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition has a soap content of less than ~~about~~ 200 ~~mm/kg~~mmol/kg.

11. The trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition of Claim 1, further comprising one or more trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition additives selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, anti-wear agent, rust inhibitor, dehazing agent, demulsifying agent, metal deactivating agent, friction modifier, pour point depressant, antifoaming agent, co-solvent, package compatibiliser, corrosion-inhibitor, dye, extreme pressure agent and mixtures thereof.

12. A method for reducing black sludge and deposit formation in a trunk piston engine, the method comprising lubricating the trunk piston engine with a trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition according to Claims 1-11.

13. Use of the trunk piston engine lubricating oil composition according to Claims 1-11 for reducing black sludge and deposit formation in a trunk piston engine.