CLAIMS

1. A self-tanning composition for topical application to the skin comprising, by total weight of the composition:

0.01% to 10% of dihydroxyacetone;

0.05% to 30% of acrylates/VA copolymer;

0.15% to 3.25% of acrylates copolymer; and

40% to 65% of water,

wherein the ratio of acrylates/VA copolymer to acrylates copolymer is 15:1 to 25:1..

2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the ratio of acrylates/VA copolymer to acrylates copolymer is 20:1.

3. The composition of claim 1 having no hydrophobic oils or waxes.

4. The composition of claim 1 having no surfactants or emulsifiers.

5. The composition of claim 1 having no clay particles or undissolved particulate material.

6. The composition of claim 1 having no polyurethane.

7. The composition of claim 1 having less than 0.5% glycol.

8. The composition of claim 1 having no hydrophobic oils or waxes, no surfactants or emulsifiers, no clay particles or undissolved particulate material, and no polyurethane.

9. The composition of claim 1 having no glycol.