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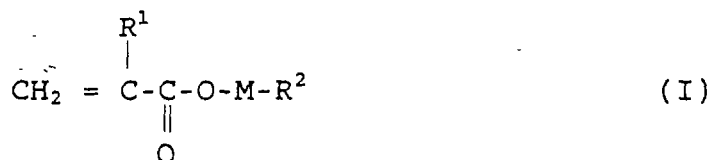
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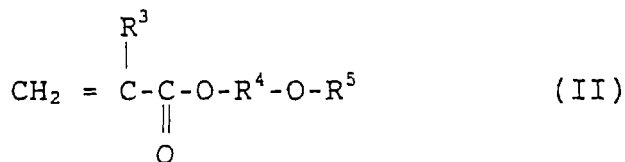
ABSTRACT

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An antifouling paint composition comprising, as a vehicle, a copolymer from a monomer mixture comprising of (a₁) a metal-containing polymerizable monomer having two unsaturated groups and (a₂) a metal-containing polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; M represents Mg, Zn or Cu; and R² represents an organic acid residue. An antifouling paint composition comprising, as a vehicle, a copolymer from a monomer mixture comprising (a) a metal-containing polymerizable monomer and (b) a polymerizable monomer represented by the following formula (II):



wherein R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R⁴ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group or a phenyl group; and R⁵ represents an alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group

or a phenyl group.