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1. A lubricating composition at least comprising:
- a base oil; and
- a detergent;

wherein the detergent comprises at least 30 mol%, based on the total amount of detergent, of a sulphonate detergent having a BN (Base Number) of from 0.1 to 80 mg KOH/g;

wherein the detergent comprises from 30 to 70 mol%, based on the total amount of detergent, of a phenate detergent;

wherein the lubricating composition comprises at least 4 wt.% of detergent, based on the total weight of the composition; and

wherein the lubricating composition has a TBN (total base number) (according to ASTM D 2896) of at least 10 mg KOH/g.

2. Lubricating composition according to claim 1, wherein the detergent comprises at least 35 mol% of the sulphonate detergent, preferably at least 40 mol%, more preferably at least 45 mol%, most preferably at least 50 mol%.

3. Lubricating composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the sulphonate detergent has a BN of at most 50 mg KOH/g.

4. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the detergent comprises at least 35 mol% of the phenate detergent.

5. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the phenate detergent is an over-based detergent having a BN of at least 190 mg KOH/g, preferably at least 200, more preferably at least 220, most preferably at least 240 mg KOH/g.

6. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the composition comprises at least 8 wt.%, preferably at least 12 wt.% of detergent, based on the total weight of the composition.

7. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the composition has a TBN (Total Base Number) value of at most 75 mg KOH/g, preferably at most 70 mg KOH/g, more preferably at most 60 mg KOH/g.

8. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the base oil comprises at least 50 wt.%, preferably at least 60 wt.%, more preferably at least 70 wt.% of a Group II base oil, based on the total amount of base oil.

9. Lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the composition is a marine diesel engine oil.

10. Use of a lubricating composition according to any of claims 1 to 9, in order to improve deposit formation control properties.

CLAIMS

1. An invention not claimed in any divisional application.