What is claimed is:

1. A fuel composition comprising gasoline, oxygenate, or mixtures thereof and an additive composition comprising:

(a) a hydroxycarboxylic acid; and

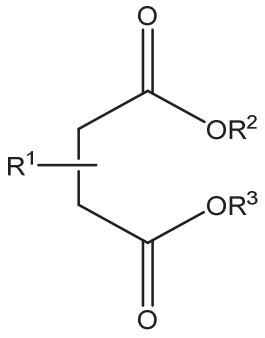
(b) a compound derived from a hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid or anhydride ("HSSA compound"),

wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) in said additive composition ranges from 1:9 to 9:1; and wherein said additive composition is present in an amount of at least 0.1 ppm to 1000 ppm based on a total weight of said fuel composition.

2. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein said additive composition further comprises (c) an organic solvent.

3. The additive composition of claim 2, wherein said organic solvent comprises at least one of 2-ethylhexanol, naphtha, dimethylbenzene, or mixtures thereof.

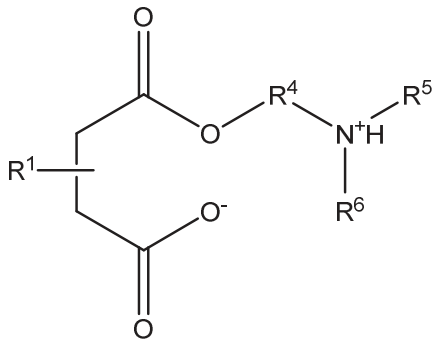
4. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the HSSA compound has the formula (I):



(I)

wherein R^1 is a C_1 to C_{50} linear or branched hydrocarbyl group; at least one of R^2 and R^3 is present and is a hydrocarbyl amine group or a C_1 to C_5 hydrocarbyl group, and the other of R^2 or R^3, if present, is a hydrogen or a C_1 to C_5 hydrocarbyl group.

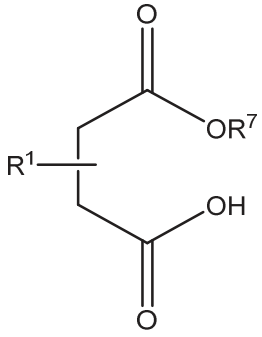
5. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the HSSA compound has the formula (II):



(II)

wherein R^1 is a C_1 to C_{50} linear or branched hydrocarbyl group; R^4 is a C_1 to C_5 linear or branched hydrocarbyl group; and R^5 and R^6 are independently hydrogen or a C_1 to C_4 linear or branched hydrocarbyl group.

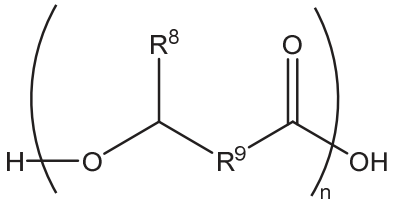
6. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the HSSA compound has the formula (III):



(III)

wherein R^1 is a C_1 to C_{50} linear or branched hydrocarbyl group; and R^7 is a C_1 to C_5 hydrocarbyl group.

7. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said hydroxycarboxylic acid has the formula (IV):



(IV)

wherein R^8 is hydrogen or a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbyl group; R^9 is a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbyl group; and n is a number from 1 to 8.

8. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein said hydroxycarboxylic acid comprises at least one polyhydroxycarboxylic acid.

9. The additive composition of claim 1, wherein said hydroxycarboxylic acid comprises at least one of 12-hydroxystearic acid, ricinoleic acid, or mixtures thereof.

10. The fuel composition of claim 1, wherein said oxygenate is ethanol.

11. A method of reducing wear in and/or increasing the Fuel Economy Index ("FEI") of an engine, said method comprising operating said engine on the fuel composition of claim 1.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the FEI is increased by at least 0.8%, or at least 1%.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein said engine is a gasoline direct injection ("GDI") engine, a port fuel injection ("PFI") engine, or a combination thereof.