

Description

The invention relates to oil soluble polymeric compositions of matter useful as multifunctional viscosity index improver additives, particular viscosity index improver-dispersant additives, for oleaginous compositions such as fuel and lubricating oil compositions whereby oleaginous compositions containing said additives, particularly oil concentrates, are characterized by improved viscosity stability over an extended period of time, and to oleaginous compositions containing said additives.

The concept of derivatizing V.I. improving high molecular weight ethylene copolymers, with acid moieties such as maleic anhydride, followed by reaction with an amine to form a V.I.-dispersant oil additive is known as indicated by the following patents.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,316,177 teaches ethylene-propylene-diene, which are heated to elevated temperatures in the presence of oxygen so as to oxidize the polymer and cause its reaction with maleic anhydride which is present during the oxidation. The resulting polymer can then be reacted with alkylene polyamines.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,089,794 teaches grafting the ethylene copolymer with maleic anhydride using peroxide in a lubricating oil solution, wherein the grafting is preferably carried out under nitrogen, followed by reaction with polyamine.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,137,185 teaches reacting C₁ to C₃₀ monocarboxylic acid anhydrides, and dicarboxylic anhydrides, such as acetic anhydride, succinic anhydride, etc. with an ethylene copolymer reacted with maleic anhydride and a polyalkylene polyamine to inhibit cross linking and viscosity increase due to further reaction of any primary amine groups which were initially unreacted.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,144,181 is similar to 4,137,185 in that it teaches using a sulfonic acid to inactivate the remaining primary amine groups when a maleic anhydride grafted ethylene-propylene copolymer is reacted with a polyamine.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,169,063 reacts an ethylene copolymer in the absence of oxygen and chlorine at temperatures of 150° to 250°C with maleic anhydride followed by reaction with polyamine.

A number of prior disclosures teach avoiding the use of polyamine having two primary amine groups to thereby reduce cross-linking problems which become more of a problem as the number of amine moieties added to the polymer molecule is increased in order to increase dispersancy.

German Published Application No. P3025274.5 teaches an ethylene copolymer reacted with maleic anhydride in oil using a long chain alkyl hetero or oxygen-containing amine.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,132,661 grafts ethylene copolymer, using peroxide and/or air blowing, with maleic anhydride and then reacts with a primary-tertiary diamine.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,160,739 teaches an ethylene copolymer which is grafted, using a free-radical technique, with alternating maleic anhydride and a second polymerizable monomer such as methacrylic acid, which materials are reacted with an amine having a single primary, or a single secondary, amine group.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,171,273 reacts an ethylene copolymer with maleic anhydride in the presence of a free-radical initiator and then with mixtures of C₄ to C₁₂ n-alcohol and amine such as N-aminopropylmorpholine or dimethylamino propyl amine to form a V.I.-dispersant pour depressant additive.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,219,432 teaches maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer reacted with a mixture of an amine having only one primary group together with a second amine having two or more primary groups.

German published application No. 2753569.9 shows an ethylene copolymer reacted with maleic anhydride by a free-radical technique and then reacted with an amine having a single primary group.

German published application No. 2845288 grafts maleic anhydride on an ethylene-propylene copolymer by thermal grafting at high temperatures and then reacts with amine having one primary group.

French published application No. 2423530 teaches the thermal reaction of an ethylene copolymer with maleic anhydride at 150°C to 210°C followed by reaction with an amine having one primary or secondary group.

The early patents such as U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,316,177 and 3,326,804 taught the general concept of grafting an ethylene-propylene copolymer with maleic anhydride and then reacting with a polyalkylene polyamine such as polyethylene amines. Subsequently, U.S. Pat. No. 4,089,794 was directed to using an oil solution for free radical peroxide grafting the ethylene copolymer with maleic anhydride and then reacting with the polyamine. This concept had the advantage that by using oil, the entire reaction could be carried out in an oil solution to form an oil concentrate, which is the commercial form in which such additives are sold. This was an advantage over using a volatile solvent for the reactions, which has to be subsequently removed and replaced by oil to form a concentrate. Subsequently, in operating at higher polyamine levels in order to further increase the dispersing effect, increased problems occurred with the unreacted amine groups cross-linking and thereby causing viscosity increase of the oil concentrate during storage and subsequent formation of haze and in some instances gelling. Even though one or more moles of the ethylene polyamine was used per mole of maleic anhydride during imide formation, cross-linking became more of a problem as the nitrogen content of the polymers

was increased. One solution was to use the polyamines and then to react the remaining primary amino groups with an acid anhydride, preferably acetic anhydride, of U.S. Pat. No. 4,137,185 or the sulfonic acid or U.S. Pat. No. 4,144,181. The cross-linking problem could also be minimized by avoidance of the ethylene polyamines and instead using amines having one primary group which would react with the maleic anhydride while the other amino groups would be tertiary groups which were substantially unreactive. Patents or published applications showing the use of such primary-tertiary amines noted above are U.S. Pat. No. 4,219,432, wherein a part of the polyamine was replaced with a primary-tertiary amine; U.S. Pat. No. 4,132,661; U.S. Pat. No. 4,160,739; U.S. Pat. No. 4,171,273; German No. P2753569.9; German No. 2,845,288; and French No. 2,423,530.

Moreover, oleaginous compositions, particularly concentrates, of some of these nitrogen containing grafted olefin polymers, particularly those containing an unreacted primary amino group, tend to exhibit an increase in viscosity over a period of time. The source of the viscosity increase over an extended period of time of oil solutions of these additives appears to be, at least in part, due to the chain extension of the polymer. Several solutions to this problem are described in the prior disclosures. One solution is to use the polyamines and then to react the remaining unreacted primary amino groups with acid anhydrides of either $C_1 - C_{30}$ monocarboxylic acids, preferably acetic anhydride, or unsubstituted or C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydrides of U.S. Patent No. 4,137,185; or the sulfonic acids of U.S. Pat. No. 4,144,181. Those materials act as polyamine group end-capping or inactivating agents to inhibit or limit chain extension. That is to say, the reaction product of the graft copolymer of the ethylenically unsaturated dicarboxylic acid material and polyamine is post-treated with these acid materials to inhibit chain extension and, therefore, viscosity increase of the imide grafted ethylene copolymer.

While the end-capping or amine inactivating agents disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,137,185 and 4,144,181 are generally quite useful, their utilization results in some problems under certain conditions. Thus, for example, reacting a monocarboxylic acid anhydride, e.g., acetic anhydride, with the polyamine yields an acid byproduct, e.g., acetic acid. This acid is deleterious to engine operation, causing corrosion, and generally needs to be removed from the oil solution of the V. I. improver - dispersant. Furthermore, the use of the unsubstituted or lower hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydrides of U.S. Patent No. 4,137,185 generally does not remedy, and may sometimes even contribute to, the formation of haze in oil solutions of the imide grafted ethylene copolymer. This is due to the fact that when using free radical initiators with mineral oil as the grafting medium a proportion of the oil molecules in turn become grafted with the ethylenically unsaturated moiety, e.g., maleic anhydride, and upon subsequent reaction with the amine these grafted oil particles tend to become insoluble and to form haze. Upon the addition of the hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydrides to this oil solution to inactivate the unreacted primary amine groups of the imide grafted ethylene copolymer, a certain proportion of the anhydride reacts with the free amine groups of the grafted oil particles. Since the prior disclosure anhydrides are either unsubstituted or lower hydrocarbyl substituted they do not facilitate the solubilization of these insoluble grafted oil particles. However, since the dicarboxylic acid anhydrides of the instant invention are substituted with a C_{12} to C_{18} hydrocarbyl group they tend to facilitate the solubilization of the insoluble grafted oil particles, thereby decreasing haze.

The use of the sulfonic acids of U.S. Pat. No. 4,144,181 may also result in the formation of undesirable acid by-products, e.g., hydrogen sulfide.

Furthermore, these prior disclosure end-capping or primary amine inactivating agents do not, in all instances, provide a sufficient degree of viscosity stability for some applications to oil solutions of the additives of this invention.

U.S. Patent No. 4,803,003 discloses the use of a C_{12} - C_{18} hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride to end-cap or react with any remaining primary amino groups of acid grafted ethylene copolymer reacted with polyamines containing at least two primary amino groups, thereby improving the viscosity stability of oil solutions of said nitrogen containing acid material grafted ethylene copolymer. However, the polyamine reactants disclosed in this patent are not the amido amine or thioamido amine reactants of the instant invention.

U.S. Patent No. 4,517,104 discloses polymeric viscosity index (V.I.) improver-dispersant additive for petroleum oils, particularly lubricating oils, comprising a copolymer of ethylene with one or more C_3 to C_{28} alpha-olefins, preferably propylene, which has been grafted with acid moieties such as maleic anhydride using a free radical initiator in a solvent such as lubricating oil, and then reacted with a carboxylic acid component including hydrocarbyl substituted succinic anhydride or acid having 12-400 carbon atoms in said hydrocarbyl group or long chain monocarboxylic acid, and a polyamine having two or more primary amine groups. Or the grafted polymer may be reacted with said acid component pre reacted with said polyamine to form salts, amides, imides, etc. and then reacted with said grafted olefin polymer. These reactions can permit the incorporation of varnish inhibition and dispersancy into the ethylene copolymer while inhibiting cross-linking or gelling.

U.S. Patent No. 4,632,769 discloses oil soluble viscosity index improving ethylene copolymers, such as

copolymers of ethylene and propylene, reacted or grafted with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid moieties, preferably maleic anhydride moieties, and then reacted with polyamines having two or more primary amine groups and a C₂₂ to C₂₈ olefin carboxylic acid component. These reactions can permit the incorporation of varnish inhibition and dispersancy into the ethylene copolymer while inhibiting cross-linking or gelling.

U.S. Patent 2,921,085 relates to the preparation of beta-aminopropionamides by reaction of an alkyl amine with an acrylate to form an alkyl aminopropionate and reaction of the latter compound with an amine. The resulting compounds are disclosed to have utility as surface active agents, specifically as emulsifying, wetting, foaming and detergent agents.

U.S. Patent 3,337,609 relates to adducts of hydroxyalkyl alkylene polyamines and acrylates. The resulting adducts are added to polyepoxides to provide compositions which are suitable for use as a barrier coating for polyethylene surfaces, and for additional end uses, such as in molding. In addition, the adducts are disclosed to be useful as catalysts in resin preparation and as corrosion inhibitors in water systems for ferrous metals.

U.S. Patent 3,417,140 relates to the preparation of amido-amine compositions, which are useful as epoxy resin curing agents, by reacting a polyalkylene polyamine and a fatty amine (comprising a mono- or diamine having as one of the substituents on a nitrogen atom a hydrocarbyl radical having 8 to 24 carbon atoms) with an alpha-beta unsaturated carbonylic compound. It is disclosed that this reaction occurs through the Michael addition of an amine group across the unsaturated group of the carbonylic compound and through the condensation of an amine group with the carbonylic group.

U.S. Patent 3,247,163 also relates to curing agents for polyepoxide compositions, which curing agents are prepared by reacting an organic amine and an acrylate.

U.S. Patent 3,445,441 relates to amino-amido polymers characterized by being a reaction product of at least a polyamine and an acrylate type compound, such as methyl or ethyl acrylate, and methyl or ethyl methacrylate. The patent states that the polymers are useful in a wide variety of applications, such as flocculating agents, water clarifying additives, corrosion inhibitors in oil and gas wells, and as lube oil additives. The patent further discloses that the polymers may be derivitized, including acylation with monocarboxylic acids and polycarboxylic acids, aliphatic dicarboxylic acids, aromatic dicarboxylic acids, for example, diglycolic, phthalic, succinic, etc., acids.

U.S. Patent 3,903,003 relates to lubricating compositions containing an amido-amine reaction product of a terminally carboxylated isoprene polymer which is formed by reacting a terminally carboxylated substantially completely hydrogenated polyisoprene having an average molecular weight between about 20,000 and 250,000 and a nitrogen compound of the group consisting of polyalkylene amines and hydroxyl polyalkylene amines.

U.S. Patent 4,493,771 relates to scale inhibiting with compounds containing quaternary ammonium and methylene phosphonic acid groups. These compounds are derivatives of polyamines in which the amine hydrogens have been substituted with both methylene phosphonic acid groups or their salts and hydroxypropyl quaternary ammonium halide groups. The patent discloses that any amine that contains reactive amino hydrogens can be utilized, for example, polyglycol amines, amido-amines, oxyacylated amines, and others.

U.S. Patent 4,459,241 contains a similar disclosure to U.S. Patent 4,493,771.

The materials of the present invention are an improvement over those of the aforesaid prior disclosures because of their effectiveness and their ability to provide enhanced lubricating oil dispersancy, and because oleaginous compositions, particularly oil concentrates, containing these materials exhibit viscosity stability over time, e.g., upon storage.

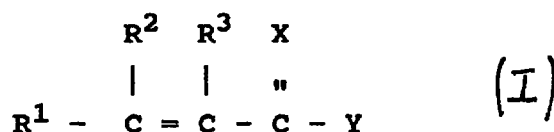
According to the invention there is provided an oil soluble composition useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver for oleaginous compositions comprising the adduct of:

(A) high molecular weight ethylene copolymer substituted carboxylic acid material comprising the reaction product of

- (i) an ethylene copolymer having a number average molecular weight of at least 15,000 and
- (ii) monounsaturated carboxylic acid material;

(B) an amido-amine or thioamido-amine containing at least one primary amine group comprising the reaction product of

- (i) at least one amine or polyamine and
- (ii) an alpha, beta-unsaturated compound of the formula:



wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is $-OR^4$, $-SR^4$, or $-NR^4(R^5)$, and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and are independently selected from hydrogen, hydrocarbyl and inertly-substituted hydrocarbyl;

(C) optionally, a C_{50} to C_{400} hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid or anhydride or a C_{50} to C_{400} hydrocarbyl substituted monocarboxylic acid; and

(D) an amount of C_{12} to C_{18} hydrocarbyl substituted C_4 to C_{10} dicarboxylic anhydride sufficient to provide 0.5 to 2.5 moles anhydride per mole of unreacted amine resulting from the reaction of (A) with (B) and optionally (C).

The invention is inclusive of a process for producing a composition as defined above useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver oil additive wherein said amine component (B) is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.

The invention is further inclusive of a process for producing a composition as defined above wherein said amine component (B) is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and carboxylic acid component (C) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.

The invention is further inclusive of a process for producing a composition as defined above wherein said amine component (B) and said carboxylic acid component (C) are pre-reacted the pre-reacted product is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.

The preferred practice of the invention is described hereafter.

Compositions in accordance with the invention are useful as multifunctional viscosity index improver additives, particularly viscosity index improver-dispersant additives, for oleaginous compositions such as fuel and lubricating oil compositions whereby oleaginous compositions, particularly lubricating oil compositions and lubricating oil concentrates, exhibit reduced viscosity increase over prolonged periods of time, e.g., exhibit improved viscosity stability.

ETHYLENE COPOLYMER (A) (i)

Oil soluble ethylene copolymers used in the invention are those capable of modifying or improving the viscosity index of oleaginous compositions, particularly lubricating oil compositions, i.e., polymers useful as V.I. improvers. Therefor, they generally will have a number-average molecular weight ($\overline{M}_n$) of greater than 15,000. Preferably these ethylene copolymers have number average molecular weights of from 15,000 to 500,000; preferably 20,000 to 300,000, and more preferably from 30,000 to 150,000. These V.I. improvers will generally have a narrow range of molecular weight, as determined by the ratio of weight-average molecular weight ($\overline{M}_w$) to number-average molecular weight ($\overline{M}_n$). Polymers having a $\overline{M}_w/\overline{M}_n$ of less than 10, preferably less than 7, and more preferably 4 or less are most desirable. As used herein ($\overline{M}_n$) and ($\overline{M}_w/\overline{M}_n$) are measured by the well known techniques of vapour phase osmometry (VPO), membrane osmometry and gel permeation chromatography. In general, polymers having a narrow range of molecular weight may be obtained by a choice of synthesis conditions such as choice of principal catalyst and cocatalyst combination, addition of hydrogen during the synthesis, etc. Post synthesis treatment such as extrusion at elevated temperature and under high shear through small orifices, mastication under elevated temperatures, thermal degradation, fractional precipitation from solution, etc. may also be used to obtain narrow ranges of desired molecular weights and to break down higher molecular weight polymer to different molecular weight grades for V.I. use.

These polymers are prepared from ethylene and ethylenically unsaturated hydrocarbons including cyclic, alicyclic and acyclic, containing from 3 to 28 carbons, e.g. 2 to 18 carbons. These ethylene copolymers may contain from 15 to 90 wt. % ethylene, preferably 30 to 80 wt. % of ethylene and 10 to 85 wt. %, preferably 20 to 70 wt. % of one or more C_3 to C_{28} , preferably C_3 to C_{18} more preferably C_3 to C_8 , unsaturated hydrocarbons, preferably alpha olefins. While not essential, such copolymers preferably have a degree of crystallinity of less than 25 wt. %, as determined by X-ray diffraction and differential scanning calorimetry. Copolymers of ethylene and propylene are most preferred. Other alpha-olefins suitable in place of propylene to form the copolymer, or to be used in combination with ethylene and propylene, to form a terpolymer, tetrapolymer, etc., 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-heptene, 1-octene, 1-nonene, 1-decene, etc.; also branched chain alpha-olefins, such as 4-methyl-1-pentene, 4-methyl-1-hexene, 5-methylpentene-1, 4,4-dimethyl-1-pentene, and 6-methylheptene-1, etc., and mixtures thereof.

The term copolymer as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes terpolymers, tetrapolymers, etc., of ethylene, said C3-28 alpha-olefin and/or a non-conjugated diolefin or mixtures of such diolefins which may also be used. The amount of the non-conjugated diolefin will generally range from about 0.5 to 20 mole percent, preferably about 1 to about 7 mole percent, based on the total amount of ethylene and alpha-olefin present.

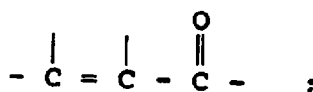
Representative examples of non-conjugated dienes that may be used as the third monomer in the terpolymer include:

- a. Straight chain acyclic dienes such as: 1,4-hexadiene; 1,5-heptadiene; 1,6-octadiene.
- b. Branched chain acyclic dienes such as: 5-methyl-1,4-hexadiene; 3,7-dimethyl 1,6-octadiene; 3,7-dimethyl 1,7-octadiene; and the mixed isomers of dihydro-myrcene and dihydro-cymene.
- c. Single ring alicyclic dienes such as: 1,4-cyclohexadiene; 1,5-cyclooctadiene; 1,5-cyclododecadiene; 4-vinylcyclohexene; 1-allyl-4-isopropylidene cyclohexane; 3-allyl-cyclopentene; 4-allyl-cyclohexene and 1-isopropenyl-4-(4-butenyl) cyclohexane.
- d. Multi-single ring alicyclic dienes such as: 4,4'-dicyclopentenyl and 4,4'-dicyclohexenyl dienes.
- e. Multi-ring alicyclic fused and bridged ring dienes such as: tetrahydroindene; methyl tetrahydroindene; dicyclopentadiene; bicyclo (2.2.1) hepta-2,5-diene; alkyl, alkenyl, alkylidene, cycloalkenyl and cycloalkylidene norbornenes such as: ethyl norbornene; 5-methylene-6-methyl-2-norbornene; 5-methylene-6,6-dimethyl -2-norbornene; 5-propenyl-2-norbornene; 5-(3-cyclopentenyl)2-norbornene and 5-cyclohexylidene-2-norbornene; norbornadiene; etc.

CARBOXYLIC ACID MATERIAL (A) (ii)

The carboxylic acid material which is grafted to or reacted with the ethylene copolymer to form the grafted ethylene copolymer is preferably ethylenically unsaturated, preferably monounsaturated, carboxylic acid material and can be either a monocarboxylic or dicarboxylic acid material. The dicarboxylic acid materials include (i) monounsaturated C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic acid wherein (a) the carboxyl groups are vicinyl, i.e., located on adjacent carbon atoms, and (b) at least one, preferably both, of said adjacent carbon atoms are part of said mono-unsaturation; and (ii) derivatives of (i) such as anhydrides or C₁ to C₆ alcohol derived mono- or diesters of (i). Upon reaction with the ethylene copolymer the monounsaturation of the dicarboxylic acid, anhydride, or ester becomes saturated. Thus, for example, maleic anhydride becomes an ethylene copolymer substituted succinic anhydride.

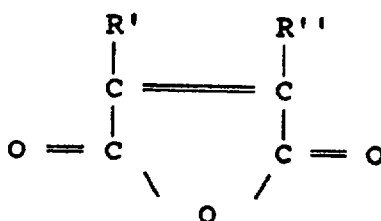
The monocarboxylic acid materials include (i) monounsaturated C₃ to C₁₀ monocarboxylic acid wherein the carbon-carbon bond is conjugated to the carboxy group, i.e., of the structure



and (ii) derivatives of (i) such as C₁ to C₆ alcohol derived monoesters of (i). Upon reaction with the ethylene copolymer, the monounsaturation of the monounsaturated carboxylic acid material becomes saturated. Thus, for example, acrylic acid becomes an ethylene copolymer substituted propionic acid, and methacrylic acid becomes an ethylene copolymer substituted isobutyric acid.

Exemplary of such unsaturated mono- and dicarboxylic acids, or anhydrides and thereof include fumaric acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, chloromaleic anhydride, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic acid, cinnamic acid, methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, etc.

Preferred carboxylic acid materials are the dicarboxylic acid anhydrides. Maleic anhydride or a derivative thereof is particularly preferred as it does not appear to homopolymerize appreciably but grafts onto the ethylene copolymer to give two carboxylic acid functionalities. Such preferred materials have the generic formula



wherein R' and R'' are independently hydrogen or a halogen.

Additionally, as taught by U.S. Patent Nos. 4,160,739 and 4,161,452, various unsaturated comonomers may be grafted on the ethylene copolymer together with the unsaturated carboxylic acid material. Such graft monomer systems may comprise one or a mixture of comonomers different from said unsaturated carboxylic acid material, and which contain only one copolymerizable double bond and are copolymerizable with said unsaturated acid component.

Typically, such comonomers do not contain free carboxylic acid groups and are esters containing alpha-ethylenic unsaturation in the acid or alcohol portion; hydrocarbons, both aliphatic and aromatic, containing alpha-ethylenic unsaturation, such as the C₄-C₁₂ alpha olefins, for example hexene, nonene, dodecene, etc.; styrenes, for example styrene, alpha-methyl styrene, p-methyl styrene, butyl styrene, etc.; and vinyl monomers, for example vinyl acetate, vinyl chloride, vinyl ketones such as methyl and ethyl vinyl ketone, and nitrogen containing vinyl monomer such as vinyl pyridine and vinyl pyrrolidine, etc. Comonomers containing functional groups which may cause crosslinking, gelation or other interfering reactions should be avoided, although minor amounts of such comonomers (up to about 10% by weight of the comonomer system) often can be tolerated.

Specific useful copolymerizable comonomers include the following:

(A) Esters of saturated acids and unsaturated alcohols wherein the saturated acids may be monobasic or polybasic acids containing up to about 40 carbon atoms such as the following: acetic, propionic, butyric, valeric, caproic, stearic, oxalic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, pimelic, suberic, azelaic, sebacic, phthalic, isophthalic, terephthalic, hemimellitic, trimellitic, trimesic and the like, including mixtures. The unsaturated alcohols may be monohydroxy or polyhydroxy alcohols and may contain up to about 40 carbon atoms, such as the following: allyl, methallyl, crotyl, 1-chloroallyl, 2-chloroallyl, cinnamyl, vinyl, methyl vinyl, 1-phenallyl, butenyl, propargyl, 1-cyclohexene-3-ol, oleyl, and the like, including mixtures.

(B) Esters of unsaturated monocarboxylic acids containing up to about 12 carbon atoms such as acrylic, methacrylic and crotonic acid, and an esterifying agent containing up to about 50 carbon atoms, selected from saturated alcohols and alcohol epoxides. The saturated alcohols may preferably contain up to about 40 carbon atoms and include monohydroxy compounds such as: methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, 2-ethylhexanol, octanol, dodecanol, cyclohexanol, cyclopentanol, neopentyl alcohol, and benzyl alcohol; and alcohol ethers such as the monomethyl or monobutyl ethers of ethylene or propylene glycol, and the like, including mixtures. The alcohol epoxides include fatty alcohol epoxides, glycidol, and various derivatives of alkylene oxides, epichlorohydrin, and the like, including mixtures.

The components of the graft copolymerizable system are used in a ratio of unsaturated carboxylic acid material monomer component to comonomer component of about 1:4 to 4:1, preferably about 12 to 2:1 by weight.

GRAFTING OF THE ETHYLENE COPOLYMER

The grafting of the ethylene copolymer with the carboxylic acid material may be by any suitable method, such as thermally by the "ene" reaction, using copolymers containing unsaturation, such as ethylene-propylene-diene polymers either chlorinated or unchlorinated, or more preferably it is by free-radical induced grafting in solvent, preferably in a mineral lubricating oil as solvent.

The radical grafting is preferably carried out using free radical initiators such as peroxides, hydroperoxides, and azo compounds and preferably those which have a boiling point greater than about 100°C. and which decompose thermally within the grafting temperature range to provide said free radicals. Representative of these free-radical initiators are azobutyro-nitrile, 2,5-dimethyl-hex-3-yne-2, 5 bis-tertiary-butyl peroxide (sold as Lupersol 130) or its hexane analogue, di-tertiary butyl peroxide and dicumyl peroxide. The initiator is generally used at a level of between about 0.005% and about 1%, based on the total weight of the polymer solution, and temperatures of about 150 to 220°C.

The ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid material, such as maleic anhydride, will be generally used in an amount ranging from about 0.01% to about 10%, preferably 0.1 to 2.0%, based on weight of the initial total solution. The aforesaid carboxylic acid material and free radical initiator are generally used in a weight percent ratio range of 1.0:1 to 30:1, preferably 3.0:1 to 6:1.

The initiator grafting is preferably carried out in an inert atmosphere, such as that obtained by nitrogen blanketing. While the grafting can be carried out in the presence of air, the yield of the desired graft polymer is generally thereby decreased as compared to grafting under an inert atmosphere substantially free of oxygen. The grafting time will usually range from about 0.1 to 12 hours, preferably from about 0.5 to 6 hours, more preferably 0.5 to 3 hours. The graft reaction will be usually carried out to at least approximately 4 times, preferably at least about 6 times the half-life of the free-radical initiator at the reaction temperature employed, e.g. with 2,5-dimethyl hex-3-yne-2, 5-bis(t-butyl peroxide) 2 hours at 160°C. and one hour at 170°C., etc.

In the grafting process, usually the copolymer solution is first heated to grafting temperature and thereafter said unsaturated carboxylic acid material and initiator are added with agitation, although they could have been added prior to heating. When the reaction is complete, the excess acid material can be eliminated by an inert gas purge, e.g. nitrogen sparging. Preferably the carboxylic acid material that is added is kept below its solubility limit in the polymer solution, e.g. below about 1 wt. %, preferably below 0.4 wt. % or less, of free maleic anhydride based on the total weight of polymer-solvent solution, e.g. ethylene copolymer mineral lubricating oil solution. Continuous or periodic addition of the carboxylic acid material along with an appropriate portion of initiator, during the course of the reaction, can be utilized to maintain the carboxylic acid below its solubility limits, while still obtaining the desired degree of total grafting.

In the initiator grafting step the maleic anhydride or other carboxylic acid material used will be grafted onto both the polymer and the solvent for the reaction. Many solvents such as dichlorobenzene are relatively inert and may be only slightly grafted, while mineral oil will tend to be more grafted. The exact split of graft between the substrate present depends upon the polymer and its reactivity, the reactivity and type of oil, the concentration of the polymer in the oil, and also upon the maintenance of the carboxylic acid material in solution during the course of the reaction and minimizing the presence of dispersed, but undissolved acid, e.g. the maleic anhydride. The undissolved acid material appears to have an increased tendency to react to form oil insoluble materials as opposed to dissolved acid material. The split between grafted oil and grafted polymer may be measured empirically from the infrared analyses of the product dialyzed into oil and polymer fractions.

The grafting is preferably carried out in a mineral lubricating oil which need not be removed after the grafting step but can be used as the solvent in the subsequent reaction of the graft polymer with the amine material and as a solvent for the end product to form the lubricating additive concentrate. The oil having attached, grafted carboxyl groups, when reacted with the amine material will also be converted to the corresponding derivatives.

The solution grafting step when carried out in the presence of a high temperature decomposable peroxide can be accomplished without substantial degradation of the chain length (molecular weight) of the ethylene containing polymer. This can be an advantage as opposed to high temperature thermal reactions which depend on degradation to apparently form free radical reactive sites. Measurement of molecular weights and degradation can be evaluated by determination of the thickening efficiency (T.E.) of the polymer as will later be described.

The amount of carboxylic acid material used in the grafting reaction is an amount which is effective to provide a grafted ethylene copolymer which upon further reaction with an amido-amine as described hereinafter provides a material exhibiting the properties of a multifunctional viscosity index improver additive, more specifically a viscosity index improver-dispersant additive, i.e., a material having both V.I. improving and dispersancy properties in an oleaginous composition. That is to say, an amount which is effective to provide, upon reaction of the grafted ethylene copolymer with the amido amine, an oleaginous composition exhibiting improved viscometric and dispersancy properties. Generally, this amount of grafting material, e.g., moles of carboxylic acid material such as maleic anhydride, is an amount which is effective to provide a grafted ethylene copolymer, e.g., ethylene- α -olefin substituted carboxylic acid material such as ethylene-propylene substituted succinic anhydride, containing an average number of acid material moieties, e.g., succinic anhydride, grafted to or present on a 10,000 number average molecular weight segment of a molecule of ethylene copolymer of at least 0.1, preferably at least 0.5, and more preferably at least 1. The maximum average number of grafted moieties present per 10,000 average number molecular weight segment of a molecule of ethylene copolymer backbone should not exceed 10, preferably 7 and more preferably 5. Preferably, the average number, moles, of grafted moieties present per mole of ethylene copolymer backbone is at least 0.6, preferably at least 0.8, and more preferably at least 1. Preferably, the maximum average number of grafted moieties grafted to or present per mole of ethylene copolymer backbone should generally not exceed 10, preferably 7, and more preferably 5. Thus, for example, a mole of grafted ethylene copolymer, e.g., ethylene-propylene substituted succinic anhydride, containing an ethylene copolymer backbone such as an ethylene-propylene backbone having an average number molecular weight of 50,000 contains grafted to said backbone an average number of succinic anhydride moieties of from 0.5 to 50, preferably from 0.6 to 10. Typically, from about 0.2 to 12, preferably from 0.4 to 6 moles of said carboxylic acid material are charged to the reactor per mole of ethylene copolymer charged.

Normally, not all of the ethylene copolymer reacts with the carboxylic acid material, e.g., maleic anhydride, to produce a grafted ethylene copolymer, e.g., ethylene-propylene substituted succinic anhydride. The resultant reaction product mixture, therefore, contains reacted or grafted ethylene copolymer, e.g., ethylene-propylene substituted succinic anhydride, unreacted or ungrafted ethylene copolymer, and unreacted grafting material, e.g., maleic anhydride. The unreacted ethylene copolymer is typically not removed from the reaction product mixture, and the reaction product mixture, generally stripped of any unreacted grafting material, is utilized

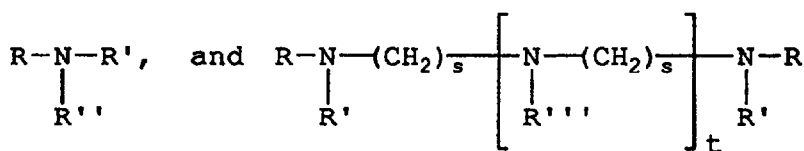
ized as is or is employed for further reaction with the amine as described hereinafter.

Characterization of the average number of moles of carboxylic acid material, e.g., maleic anhydride, which have reacted per mole of ethylene copolymer charged to the reaction (whether it has undergone reaction or not) is defined herein as the average number of grafted moieties grafted to or present per mole of ethylene copolymer backbone. This number is defined solely with reference to the resulting reaction product mixture. Although the amount of said unreacted ethylene copolymer contained in the resulting reaction product mixture can be subsequently modified, i.e., increased or decreased by techniques known in the art, such modifications do not alter the average number of grafted moieties as defined above. The term grafted ethylene copolymer is intended to refer to the reaction product mixture whether it has undergone such modification or not.

AMIDO-AMINE (B)

As described above, the amido-amine comprises a reaction product of at least one amine or polyamine and an alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated compound of formula (I) above.

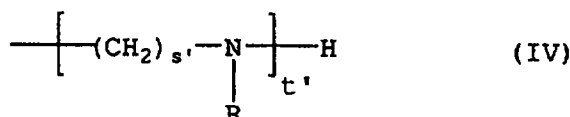
The amines useful in this invention preferably comprise polyamines, most preferably polyalkylene polyamines. They preferably contain 2 to 60, preferably 2 to 40 (e.g. 3 to 20), total carbon atoms and 1 to 12, preferably 2 to 12, more preferably 3 to 12, and most preferably at least 5 (e.g., 5 to 9) nitrogen atoms in the molecule. These amines may be hydrocarbyl amines or may be hydrocarbyl amines including other groups, e.g., hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, amide groups, nitriles, imidazoline groups, and the like. Hydroxy amines with 1 to 6 hydroxy groups, preferably 1 to 3 hydroxy groups are particularly useful. Preferred amines are aliphatic saturated amines, including those of the general formulas:



(II)

(III)

wherein R, R', R'' and R''' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; C₁ to C₂₅ straight or branched chain alkyl radicals; C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy C₂ to C₆ alkylene radicals; C₂ to C₁₂ hydroxy amino alkylene radicals; and C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamino C₂ to C₆ alkylene radicals; and wherein R''' can additionally comprise a moiety of the formula:

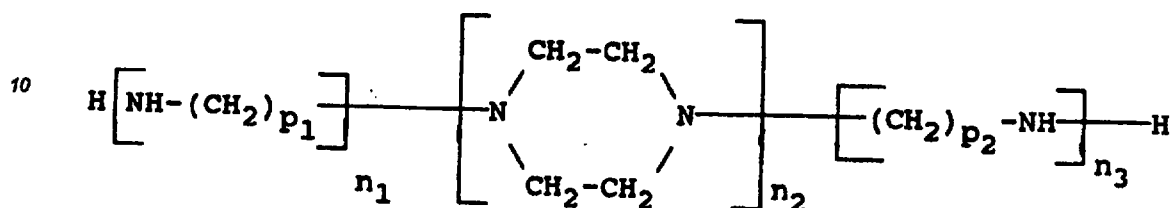


wherein R' is as defined above, and wherein s and s' can be the same or a different number of from 2 to 6, preferably 2 to 4; and t and t' can be the same or different and are numbers of from 0 to 10, preferably 2 to 7, and most preferably 3 to 7, with the proviso that the sum of t and t' is not greater than 15. To assure a facile reaction, it is preferred that R, R', R'', R''', s, s', t and t' be selected in a manner sufficient to provide the compounds of Formulas II and III with typically at least one primary or secondary amine group, preferably at least two primary or secondary amine groups. This can be achieved by selecting at least one of said R, R', R'' or R''' groups to be hydrogen or by letting t in Formula III be at least one when R''' is H or when the IV moiety possesses a secondary amino group. The most preferred amine of the above formulas are represented by Formula III and contain at least two primary amine groups and at least one, and preferably at least three, secondary amine groups.

Non-limiting examples of suitable amine compounds include: 1,2-diaminoethane; 1,3-diaminopropane; 1,4-diaminobutane; 1,6-diaminohexane; polyethylene amines such as diethylene triamine; triethylene tetraamine; tetraethylene pentamine; polypropylene amines such as 1,2-propylene diamine; di-(1,2-propylene) triamine; di-(1,3-propylene) triamine; N,N-dimethyl-1,3-di aminopropane; N,N-di-(2-aminoethyl) ethylene diamine; N,N-di(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,3-propylene diamine; 3-dodecyloxypropylamine; N-dodecyl-1,3-propane diamine; tris hydroxymethylaminomethane (THAM); diisopropanol amine; diethanol amine; triethanol amine;

mono-, di-, and tri-tallow amines; amino morpholines such as N-(3-aminopropyl)morpholine; and mixtures thereof.

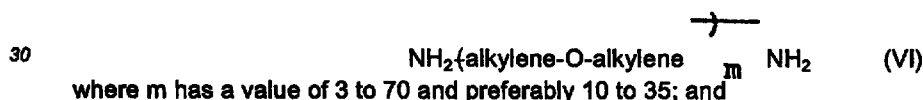
Other useful amine compounds include: alicyclic diamines such as 1,4-di(aminomethyl) cyclohexane, and heterocyclic nitrogen compounds such as imidazolines, and N-aminoalkyl piperazines of the general formula (V):



wherein p_1 and p_2 are the same or different and are each integers of from 1 to 4, and n_1 , n_2 and n_3 are the same or different and are each integers of from 1 to 3. Non-limiting examples of such amines include 2-pentadecyl imidazoline; N-(2-aminoethyl) piperazine; etc.

Commercial mixtures of amine compounds may advantageously be used. For example, one process for preparing alkylene amines involves the reaction of an alkylene dihalide (such as ethylene dichloride or propylene dichloride) with ammonia, which results in a complex mixture of alkylene amines wherein pairs of nitrogens are joined by alkylene groups, forming such compounds as diethylene triamine, triethylenetetramine, tetraethylene pentamine and isomeric piperazines. Low cost poly(ethyleneamines) compounds averaging 5 to 7 nitrogen atoms per molecule are available commercially under trade names such as "Polyamine H", "Polyamine 400", "Dow Polyamine E-100", etc.

Useful amines also include polyoxyalkylene polyamines such as those of the formulae:



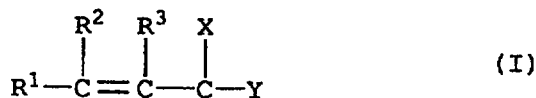
where "n" has a value of 1 to 40 with the provision that the sum of all the n's is from 3 to 70 and preferably from 6 to 35, and R is a polyvalent saturated hydrocarbon radical of up to ten carbon atoms wherein the number of substituents on the R group is represented by the value of "a", which is a number of from 3 to 6. The alkylene groups in either formula (VI) or (VII) may be straight or branched chains containing 2 to 7, and preferably 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

The polyoxyalkylene polyamines of formulas (VI) or (VII) above, preferably polyoxyalkylene diamines and polyoxyalkylene triamines, may have average molecular weights ranging from 200 to 4000 and preferably from 400 to 2000. The preferred polyoxyalkylene polyoxyalkylene polyamines include the polyoxyethylene and polyoxypropylene diamines and the polyoxypropylene triamines having average molecular weights ranging from 200 to 2000. The polyoxyalkylene polyamines are commercially available and may be obtained, for example, from the Jefferson Chemical Company, Inc. under the trade name "Jeffamines D-230, D-400, D-1000, D-2000, T-403", etc.

Additional amines useful in the present invention are described in U.S. Patent 3,445,441.

Thus, any polyamine, whether aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, heterocyclic, etc., can be employed provided it is capable of adding across the acrylic double bond and amidifying with for example the carbonyl group (-C(O)-) of the acrylate-type compound of formula I, or with the thiocarbonyl group (-C(S)-) of the thioacrylate-type compound of formula I.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated compounds employed in this invention comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated compounds of the formula:

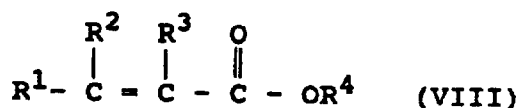


wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is -OR⁴, -SR⁴, or -NR⁴(R⁵), and R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl.

When R¹, R², R³, R⁴ or R⁵ are hydrocarbyl, these groups can comprise alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl or heterocyclic, which can be inertly-substituted, i.e. substituted with groups which are substantially inert to any component of the reaction mixture under conditions selected for preparation of the amido-amine. Such substituent groups include hydroxy, halide (e.g., Cl, F, I, Br), -SH and alkylthio. When one or more of R¹ through R⁵ are alkyl, such alkyl groups can be straight or branched chain, and will generally contain from 1 to 20, more usually from 1 to 10, and preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms. Illustrative of such alkyl groups are methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, dodecyl, tridecyl, hexadecyl, octadecyl and the like. When one or more of R¹ through R⁵ are aryl, the aryl group will generally contain from 6 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl, naphthyl).

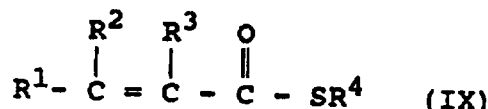
When one or more of R¹ through R⁵ are alkaryl, the alkaryl group will generally contain from about 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and preferably from 7 to 12 carbon atoms. Illustrative of such alkaryl groups are tolyl, m-ethylphenyl, o-ethyltolyl, and m-hexyltolyl. When one or more of R¹ through R⁵ are aralkyl, the aryl component generally consists of phenyl or (C₁ to C₈) alkyl-substituted phenol and the alkyl component generally contains from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and preferably from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Examples of such aralkyl groups are benzyl, o-ethylbenzyl, and 4-isobutylbenzyl. When one or more of R¹ and R⁵ are cycloalkyl, the cycloalkyl group will generally contain from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, and preferably from 3 to 6 carbon atoms. Illustrative of such cycloalkyl groups are cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclohexyl, cyclooctyl, and cyclododecyl. When one or more of R¹ through R⁵ are heterocyclic, the heterocyclic group generally consists of a compound having at least one ring of 6 to 12 members in which one or more ring carbon atoms is replaced by oxygen or nitrogen. Examples of such heterocyclic groups are furyl, pyrangl, pyridyl, piperidyl, dioxanyl, tetrahydrofuryl, pyrazinyl and 1,4-oxazinyl.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated carboxylate compounds employed herein have the following formula:



wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of such alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated carboxylate compounds of formula VIII are acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, the methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, and isobutyl esters of acrylic and methacrylic acids, 2-butenic acid, 2-hexenoic acid, 2-decenoic acid, 3-methyl-2-heptenoic acid, 3-methyl-2-butenic acid, 3-phenyl-2-propenoic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-butenic acid, 2-methyl-2-butenic acid, 2-propyl-2-propenoic acid, 2-isopropyl-2-hexenoic acid, 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2-pentenoic acid, 2-propenoic acid, methyl 2-propenoate, methyl 2-methyl 2-propenoate, methyl 2-butenate, ethyl 2-hexenoate, isopropyl 2-decenoate, phenyl 2-pentenoate, tertiary butyl 2-propenoate, octadecyl 2-propenoate, dodecyl 2-decenoate, cyclopropyl 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenate, methyl 3-phenyl-2-propenoate, and the like.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated carboxylate thioester compounds employed herein have the following formula:



wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of such alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated carboxylate thioesters of formula IX are methylmercapto 2-butenate, ethylmercapto 2-hexenoate, isopropylmercapto 2-decenoate, phe-

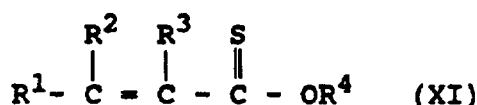
nylmercapto 2-pentenoate, tertiary butylmercapto 2-propenoate, octadecylmercapto 2-propenoate, dodecylmercapto 2-decenoate, cyclopropylmercapto 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenate, methylmercapto 3-phenyl-2-propenoate, methylmercapto 2-propenoate, methylmercapto 2-methyl-2-propenoate, and the like.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated carboxyamide compounds employed herein have the following formula:



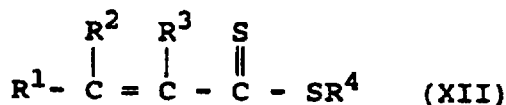
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated carboxyamides of formula X are 2-butenamide, 2-hexenamide, 2-decenamide, 3-methyl-2-heptenamide, 3-methyl-2-butenamide, 3-phenyl-2-propenamide, 3-cyclohexyl-2-butenamide, 2-methyl-2-butenamide, 2-propyl-2-propenamide, 2-isopropyl-2-hexenamide, 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenamide, 3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2-pentenamide, N-methyl 2-butenamide, N,N-diethyl 2-hexenamide, N-isopropyl 2-decenamide, N-phenyl 2-pentenamide, N-tertiary butyl 2-propenamide, N-octadecyl 2-propenamide, N-N-didodecyl 2-decenamide, N-cyclopropyl 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenamide, N-methyl 3-phenyl-2-propenamide, 2-propenamide, 2-methyl-2-propenamide, 2-ethyl-2-propenamide and the like.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated thiocarboxylate compounds employed herein have the following formula:



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated thiocarboxylate compounds of formula XI are 2-butenthioic acid, 2-hexenthioic acid, 2-decenthioic acid, 3-methyl-2-heptenthioic acid, 3-methyl-2-butenthioic acid, 3-phenyl-2-propenthioic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-butenthioic acid, 2-methyl-2-butenthioic acid, 2-propyl-2-propenthioic acid, 2-isopropyl-2-hexenthioic acid, 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenthioic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2-pententhioic acid, 2-propenthioic acid, methyl 2-propenthioate, methyl 2-methyl 2-propenthioate, methyl 2-butenthioate, ethyl 2-hexenthioate, isopropyl 2-decenthioate, phenyl 2-pententhioate, tertiary butyl 2-propenthioate, octadecyl 2-propenthioate, dodecyl 2-decenthioate, cyclopropyl 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenthioate, methyl 3-phenyl-2-propenthioate, and the like.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated dithioic acid and acid ester compounds employed herein have the following formula:



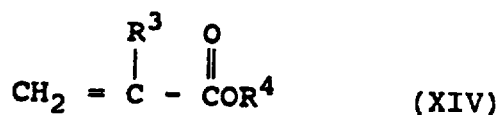
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated dithioic acids and acid esters of formula XII are 2-butendithioic acid, 2-hexendithioic acid, 2-decendithioic acid, 3-methyl-2-heptendithioic acid, 3-methyl-2-butendithioic acid, 3-phenyl-2-propendithioic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-butendithioic acid, 2-methyl-2-butendithioic acid, 2-propyl-2-propendithioic acid, 2-isopropyl-2-hexendithioic acid, 2,3-dimethyl-2-butendithioic acid, 3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2-pentendithioic acid, 2-propendithioic acid, methyl 2-propendithioate, methyl 2-methyl 2-proendithioate, methyl 2-butendithioate, ethyl 2-hexendithioate, isopropyl 2-decendithioate, phenyl 2-pentendithioate, tertiary butyl 2-propendithioate, octadecyl 2-propendithioate, dodecyl 2-decendithioate, cyclopropyl 2,3-dimethyl-2-butendithioate, methyl 3-phenyl-2-propendithioate, and the like.

The alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated thiocarboxyamide compounds employed herein have the following formula:



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl as defined above. Examples of alpha, beta-ethylenically unsaturated thiocarboxyamides of formula XIII are 2-butenethioamide, 2-hexenethioamide, 2-decenethioamide, 3-methyl-2-heptenethioamide, 3-methyl-2-butenethioamide, 3-phenyl-2-propenethioamide, 3-cyclohexyl-2-butenethioamide, 2-methyl-2-butenethioamide, 2-propyl-2-propenethioamide, 2-isopropyl-2-hexenethioamide, 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenethioamide, 3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-2-pentenethioamide, N-methyl 2-butenethioamide, N,N-diethyl 2-hexenethioamide, N-isopropyl 2-decenethioamide, N-phenyl 2-pentenethioamide, N-tertiary butyl 2-propenethioamide, N-octadecyl 2-propenethioamide, N-N-didodecyl 2-decenethioamide, N-cyclopropyl 2,3-dimethyl-2-butenethioamide, N-methyl 3-phenyl-2-propenethioamide, 2-propenethioamide, 2-methyl-2-propenethioamide, 2-ethyl-2-propenethioamide and the like.

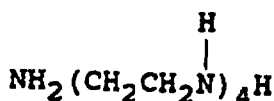
Preferred compounds for reaction with the polyamines in accordance with this invention are lower alkyl esters of acrylic and (lower alkyl) substituted acrylic acid. Illustrative of such preferred compounds are compounds of the formula:



where R³ is hydrogen or a C₁ to C₄ alkyl group, such as methyl, and R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁ to C₄ alkyl group, capable of being removed so as to form an amido group, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, aryl, hexyl, etc. In the preferred embodiments these compounds are acrylic and methacrylic esters such as methyl, ethyl or propyl acrylate, methyl, ethyl or propyl methacrylate. When the selected alpha, beta-unsaturated compound comprises a compound of formula I wherein X is oxygen, the resulting reaction product with the polyamine contains at least one amido linkage (-C(O)N<) and such materials are herein termed "amido-amines." Similarly, when the selected alpha, beta unsaturated compound of formula I comprises a compound wherein X is sulfur, the resulting reaction product with the polyamine contains thioamide linkage (-C(S)N<) and these materials are herein termed "thioamido-amines." For convenience, the following discussion is directed to the preparation and use of amido-amines, although it will be understood that such discussion is also applicable to the thioamido-amines.

The type of amido-amine formed varies with reaction conditions. For example, a more linear amido-amine is formed where substantially equimolar amounts of the unsaturated carboxylate and polyamine are reacted. The presence of excesses of the ethylenically unsaturated reactant of formula I tends to yield an amido-amine which is more cross-linked than that obtained where substantially equimolar amounts of reactants are employed. Where for economic or other reasons a cross-linked amido-amine using excess amine is desired, generally a molar excess of the ethylenically unsaturated reactant of about at least 10%, such as 10-300%, or greater, for example, 25-200%, is employed. For more efficient cross-linking an excess of carboxylated material should preferably be used since a cleaner reaction ensues. For example, a molar excess of about 10-100% or greater such as 10-50%, but preferably an excess of 30-50%, of the carboxylated material. Larger excess can be employed if desired.

In summary, without considering other factors, equimolar amounts of reactants tend to produce a more linear amido-amine whereas excess of the formula I reactant tends to yield a more cross-linked amido-amine. It should be noted that the higher the polyamine (i.e., in greater the number of amino groups on the molecule) the greater the statistical probability of cross-linking since, for example, a tetraalkylenepentamine, such as tetraethylene pentamine



has more labile hydrogens than ethylene diamine.

These amido-amine adducts so formed are characterized by both amido and amino groups. In their simplest embodiments they may be represented by units of the following idealized formula:



10 wherein the R's, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or a substituted group, such as a hydrocarbon group, for example, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, etc., and A is a moiety of the polyamine which, for example, may be aryl, cycloalkyl, alkyl, etc., and n is an integer such as 1-10 or greater. The amido-amine adducts preferably contain an average of from 1 to 3 amido groups per molecule of the amido-amine adduct.

15 The above simplified formula represents a linear amido-amine polymer. However, cross-linked polymers may also be formed by employing certain conditions since the polymer has labile hydrogens which can further react with either the unsaturated moiety by adding across the double bond or by amidifying with a carboxylate group.

Preferably, however, the amido-amines of this invention are not cross-linked to any substantial degree, and more preferably are substantially linear.

20 Preferably, the polyamine reactant contains at least one primary amine (and more preferably from 2 to 4 primary amines) group per molecule, and the polyamine and the unsaturated reactant of formula I are contacted in an amount of from about 1 to 10, more preferably from about 2 to 6, and most preferably from about 3 to 5, equivalents of primary amine in the polyamine reactant per mole of the unsaturated reactant of formula I.

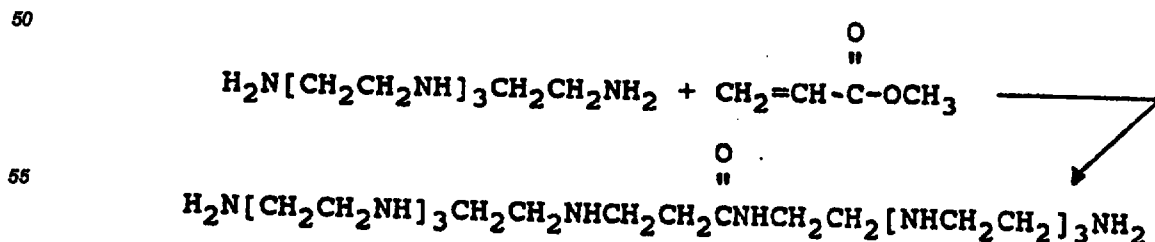
25 The reaction between the selected polyamine and acrylate-type compound is carried out at any suitable temperature. Temperatures up to the decomposition points of reactants and products can be employed. In practice, one generally carries out the reaction by heating the reactants below 100°C, such as 80-90°C, for a suitable period of time, such as a few hours. Where an acrylic-type ester is employed, the progress of the reaction can be judged by the removal of the alcohol in forming the amide. During the early part of the reaction alcohol
30 is removed quite readily below 100°C in the case of low boiling alcohols such as methanol or ethanol. As the reaction slows, the temperature is raised to push the polymerization to completion and the temperature may be raised to 150°C toward the end of the reaction. Removal of alcohol is a convenient method of judging the progress and completion of the reaction which is generally continued until no more alcohol is evolved. Based on removal of alcohol, the yields are generally stoichiometric. In more difficult reactions, yield of at least 95%
35 are generally obtained.

Similarly, it will be understood that the reaction of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylate thioester of formula IX liberates the corresponding HSR⁴ compound (e.g., H₂S when R⁴ is hydrogen) as a by-product, and the reaction of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxamide of formula X liberates the corresponding HNR⁴(R⁵) compound (e.g., ammonia when R⁴ and R⁵ are each hydrogen) as by-product.

40 The reaction time involved can vary widely depending on a wide variety of factors. For example, there is a relationship between time and temperature. In general, lower temperature demands longer times. Usually, reaction times of from about 2 to 30 hours, such as 5 to 25 hours, and preferably 3 to 10 hours will be employed.

Although one can employ a solvent, the reaction can be run without the use of any solvent. In fact, where a high degree of cross-linking is desired, it is preferably to avoid the use of a solvent and most particularly to avoid a polar solvent such as water. However, taking into consideration the effect of solvent on the reaction, 45 where desired, any suitable solvent can be employed, whether organic or inorganic, polar or non-polar.

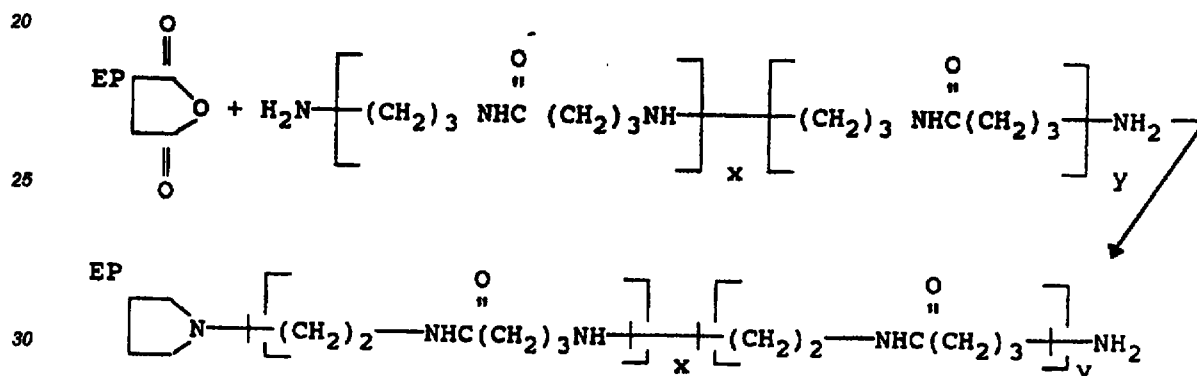
As an example of the amido-amine adducts, the reaction of tetraethylene pentaamine (TEPA) with methyl acrylate can be illustrated as follows:



REACTION OF GRAFTED ETHYLENE COPOLYMER WITH AMIDO AMINE

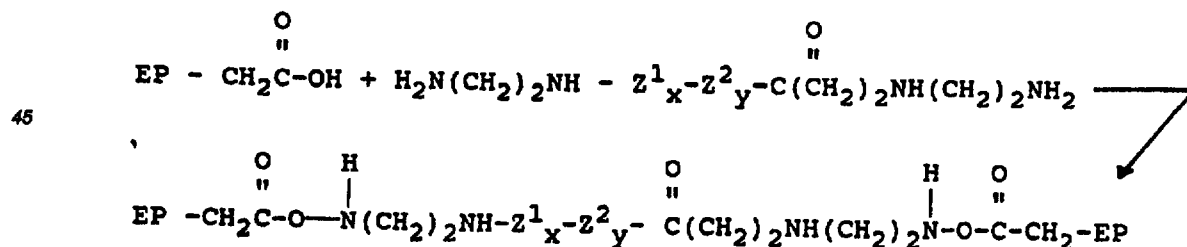
The grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer, preferably in solution, such as an oil solution, containing 5 to 95 wt.%, preferably 5 to 30 wt. %, and more preferably 10 to 20 wt.% of said grafted ethylene copolymer, is readily reacted with the amido-amine by introducing the amido amine into said grafted ethylene copolymer containing solution and heating at a temperature of from 100°C to 250°C, preferably from 125 to 175°C, for from 1 to 10 hours, usually 2 to 6 hours. The heating is preferably carried out, in the case of ethylene copolymer substituted dicarboxylic acid material, to favor formation of imides or mixtures of imides and amides rather than amides and salts. In the case of ethylene copolymer substituted monocarboxylic acid material heating is preferably carried out to favor formation of amides rather than salts. Removal of water assures completion of the imidation/ amidation reaction. Reaction ratios can vary considerably, depending upon the reactants, amounts of excess, type of bonds formed, etc. Generally, from about 1 to 5, preferably from about 1.5 to 3 moles of ethylene copolymer substituted monocarboxylic or dicarboxylic acid moiety content, e.g., grafted succinic anhydride content, is used per equivalent of amido amine reactant, e.g., amine.

An example of the reaction of an amido amine reactant with ethylene copolymer substituted dicarboxylic acid material is the reaction of ethylene-propylene copolymer substituted succinic anhydride (EPSA) with a poly amido-amine having two terminal -NH₂ groups, which can be illustrated as follows:

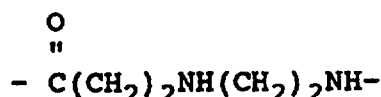


wherein x and y are each integers of from 0 to 10, with the proviso that the sum of x + y is at least 1, e.g., 1 to 20.

An example of the reaction of an amido-amine reactant with an ethylene copolymer substituted monocarboxylic acid material is the reaction of ethylene-propylene copolymer substituted propionic acid (EPA) with a poly amido-amine having two terminal -NH₂ groups, which can be illustrated as follows:



wherein x and y are each integers of from 0 to 10, with the proviso that the sum of x + y is at least 1, e.g., 1 to 20 and wherein Z¹ and Z² are the same or different and are each moieties of the formula:



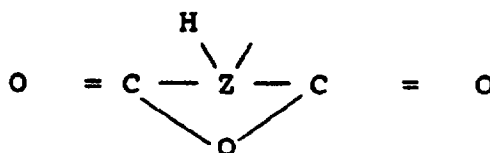
It will be understood that the amido-amine reactant can be employed alone or in admixture with any of the above described amines, such as the polyalkylene polyamines, useful in preparing the amido-amine reactant.

Preferably, the ethylene copolymer substituted mono- or dicarboxylic acid material and amido-amine will be contacted for a time and under conditions sufficient to react substantially all of the primary nitrogens in the amido-amine reactant. The progress of this reaction can be followed by infra-red analysis.

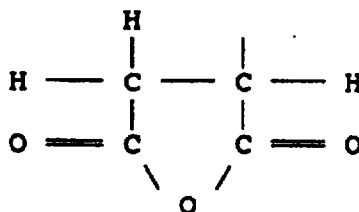
This reaction can be conducted in a polar or non-polar solvent, e.g., xylene, toluene, benzene, and the like, and is preferably conducted in the presence of a mineral or synthetic lubricating oil.

C₁₂ to C₁₈ HYDROCARBYL SUBSTITUTED DICARBOXYLIC ANHYDRIDE (D)

In accordance with the instant invention the adduct or reaction product of the acid material grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer and amido amine described hereinafore is reacted or post-treated with a C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride. The particular type of dicarboxylic anhydride used is critical to the present invention, and must be a C₁₂ to about C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride. The anhydride used in the present invention may be represented by the general formula RX wherein R is a hydrocarbyl group containing a total of from 12 to 18, preferably 12 to 16, more preferably 12 to 14, and most preferably 12, carbons, which are essentially aliphatic, saturated or unsaturated, and include alkenyl and alkyl groups, preferably alkenyl groups, and can be straight chain or branched. When R is an alkenyl group it is preferred that the olefinic unsaturation site be located near the anhydride, e.g., allylic to X, moiety. The radical X will usually contain 4 to 10, preferably 4 to 8, more preferably 4 to 6, and most preferably 4, carbon atoms and will define a dicarboxylic anhydride. The X radical may be represented by the formula



wherein Z is selected from alkylene and alkenylene radicals containing from 1 to 8, preferably 2 to 6, more preferably 1 to 4, and most preferably 2 carbon atoms. Preferably Z is an alkylene radical. The most preferred X radical is the succinic anhydride radical, i.e.,



The X radical is linked to the R group by a carbon linkage.

Dicarboxylic acid anhydride materials of the above types and methods for their production are well known. Alkenyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydrides can be made by the reaction of the C₁₂ to C₁₈ alpha mono-olefin, or chlorinated mono-olefin, with maleic anhydride, e.g., European application 82-302326.2, incorporated herein by reference. Hydrogenation can give the corresponding alkyl derivative.

It is important to the present invention that this anhydride component be a C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride. If an acid instead of an anhydride is used there will generally be no significant improvement in viscosity stability. Thus patents or literature disclosing the use of acids themselves with amines are not relevant to the present invention. Furthermore, the use of an acid itself, particularly a monocarboxylic acid, or a monocarboxylic acid anhydride, results in the formation of an acid by-product which is deleterious to the end use of the oleaginous composition containing the V.I. improver - dispersant of the present invention, e.g., causes corrosion.

If the dicarboxylic anhydride contains no hydrocarbyl substituent groups, e.g., succinic anhydride, or if it contains a hydrocarbyl substituent group of less than 12 carbon atoms its effectiveness in solubilizing the insoluble grafted oil particles produced during the free radical grafting in an oil medium of the ethylene copolymer is adversely affected. Thus, such dicarboxylic anhydrides are generally ineffective in reducing the haze of the

grafted ethylene copolymer/oil solution. This, in turn, requires an additional haze-treating step described in U.S. Patent No. 4,137,185. The use of the C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydrides, preferably C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted succinic anhydrides and more preferably C₁₂ to C₁₈ alkyl substituted succinic anhydrides, of the instant invention is effective in solubilizing the grafted oil particles, thereby reducing haze and generally eliminating the need for a haze-treating step.

The amount of the hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride component utilized is a viscosity stabilizing effective amount. By viscosity stabilizing effective amount is meant any amount which is effective to stabilize the viscosity of an oleaginous solution of the derivatized ethylene copolymers, i.e., inhibit or retard the increase in viscosity over an extended period of time of an oil solution, particularly an oil concentrate, of the nitrogen containing grafted ethylene copolymers. Generally this amount is from about 0.5 - 2.5, preferably 1 - 1.5 moles of C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride per mole of unreacted primary amino group of the ethylene copolymer grafted with a carboxylic acid material and thereafter reacted with the amido amine or thioamido amine.

The chain extension termination or end-capping of the nitrogen containing grafted ethylene copolymer which was preferentially prepared in a mineral oil solution can be conducted by subsequently introducing the C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride of the present invention directly into the reaction system used to prepare said nitrogen containing grafted ethylene copolymer, or it can be a separate non-integrated reaction step. In any event, the nitrogen containing carboxylic acid material grafted ethylene copolymer is first produced by preparing the graft copolymer of ethylene and ethylenically mono-unsaturated carboxylic acid and then reacting this graft copolymer with at least one amido amino, and this preformed nitrogen containing grafted ethylene copolymer is then subsequently reacted or treated with the C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride in a end-capping or chain extension limiting step. A viscosity stabilizing effective amount of the C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride is introduced into the heated solution containing the nitrogen containing grafted ethylene copolymer and the reaction carried on for a period of 0.25 to 8 hours at a temperature ranging from 50° to 250°C, a temperature of 100° to 200°C being preferred. In order to fully complete the reaction, it is generally useful to utilize a slight excess, i.e., 1 to 30, more usually 1 to 10, percent by weight of the C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride. The entire reaction is generally carried out under an inert atmosphere, for example, a nitrogen blanket.

This reaction can be conducted in a polar or non-polar solvent, e.g., xylene, toluene, benzene, and the like, and is preferably conducted in the presence of a mineral or synthetic lubricating oil.

In another, and generally preferred, embodiment of the instant invention the carboxylic acid material grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer is reacted with the amido-amine and a carboxylic acid component described infra or with the preformed reaction products, e.g., salts, amides, imides, of said amido-amine and carboxylic acid component, and the resultant reaction product is then reacted with the C₁₂-C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic anhydride.

CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPONENT (C)

The carboxylic acid component includes: long chain monocarboxylic acid of the formula RCOOH where R is a hydrocarbyl group of 50 to 400 carbons; and long chain hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid or anhydride, preferably succinic anhydride or acid, having 50 to 400 carbons in said hydrocarbyl group. Said hydrocarbyl groups are essentially aliphatic and include alkenyl and alkyl groups. The longer chain acids and anhydrides are preferred, particularly when the grafting reaction is carried out in lubricating oil. More preferred are the C₅₀ to C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acids or anhydrides.

The C₅₀-C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid or anhydride includes the reaction product of the C₅₀-C₄₀₀ hydrocarbon polymer, generally a polyolefin, with (i) monounsaturated C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic acid wherein (a) the carboxyl groups are vicinyl, i.e., located on adjacent carbon atoms, and (b) at least one, preferably both, of said adjacent carbon atoms are part of said monounsaturation; or with (ii) derivatives of (i) such as anhydrides of (i). Upon reaction with the hydrocarbon polymer, the monounsaturation of the dicarboxylic acid, anhydride, etc. becomes saturated. Thus for example, maleic anhydride becomes a hydrocarbyl substituted succinic anhydride.

Typically, from 0.7 to 4.0 (e.g., 0.8 to 2.6), preferably from 1.0 to 2.0, and most preferably from 1.1 to 1.7 moles of said unsaturated C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic acid, anhydride or ester are charged to the reactor per mole of polyolefin charged.

Normally, not all of the polyolefin reacts with the unsaturated acid or derivative and the hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid material will contain unreacted polyolefin. The unreacted polyolefin is typically not removed from the reaction mixture (because such removal is difficult and would be commercially infeasible) and the product mixture, stripped of any unreacted monounsaturated C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic acid or anhydride,

is employed as the carboxylic acid component.

Characterization of the average number of moles of dicarboxylic acid or anhydride, which have reacted per mole of polyolefin charged to the reaction (whether it has undergone reaction or not) is defined herein as functionality. Said functionality is based upon (i) determination of the saponification number of the resulting product mixture using potassium hydroxide; and (ii) the number average molecular weight of the polymer charged, using techniques well known in the art. Functionality is defined solely with reference to the resulting product mixture. Although the amount of said reacted polyolefin contained in the resulting product mixture can be subsequently modified, i.e., increased or decreased by techniques known in the art, such modifications do not alter functionality as defined above. The term C₅₀-C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid material is intended to refer to the product mixture whether it has undergone such modification or not.

Accordingly, the functionality of the C₅₀-C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid material will be typically at least 0.5, preferably at least 0.8, and most preferably at least 0.9 and will vary typically from 0.5 to 2.8 (e.g., 0.6 to 2), preferably from 0.8 to 1.4, and most preferably from 0.9 to 1.3.

Exemplary of such unsaturated dicarboxylic acids or anhydrides thereof are fumaric acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, chloromaleic acid, chloromaleic anhydride, etc.

Preferred C₅₀ to C₄₀₀ olefin polymers for reaction with the unsaturated dicarboxylic acids or derivatives thereof are polymers comprising a major molar amount of C₂ to C₁₀, e.g., C₂ to C₅ monoolefin. Such olefins include ethylene, propylene, butylene, isobutylene, pentene, octene-1, styrene, etc. The polymers can be homopolymers such as polyisobutylene, as well as copolymers of two or more of such olefins such as copolymers of: ethylene and propylene; butylene and isobutylene; propylene and isobutylene; etc. Other copolymers include those in which a minor molar amount of the copolymer monomers, e.g., 1 to 10 mole %, is a C₄ to C₁₈ non-conjugated diolefin, e.g., a copolymer of isobutylene and butadiene; or a copolymer of ethylene, propylene and 1,4-hexadiene; etc.

In some cases, the olefin polymer may be completely saturated, for example an ethylene-propylene copolymer made by a Ziegler-Natta synthesis using hydrogen as a moderator to control molecular weight.

The olefin polymers used will usually have number average molecular weights within the range of 700 and 5,600, more usually between 800 and 3000. Particularly useful olefin polymers have number average molecular weights within the range of 900 and 2500 with approximately one terminal double bond per polymer chain. An especially useful starting material is polyisobutylene. The number average molecular weight for such polymers can be determined by several known techniques. A convenient method for such determination is by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) which additionally provides molecular weight distribution information, see W. W. Yau, J. J. Kirkland and D. D. Bly, "Modern Size Exclusion Liquid Chromatography", John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1979.

Processes for reacting the C₅₀ to C₄₀₀ olefin polymer with the C₄₋₁₀ unsaturated dicarboxylic acid or anhydride are known in the art. For example, the olefin polymer and the dicarboxylic acid or derivative may be simply heated together as disclosed in U.S. Patents 3,361,673 and 3,401,118 to cause a thermal "ene" reaction to take place. Or, the olefin polymer can be first halogenated, for example, chlorinated or brominated to about 1 to 8 wt. %, preferably 3 to 7 wt. % chlorine, or bromine, based on the weight of polymer, by passing the chlorine or bromine through the polyolefin at a temperature of 60 to 150°C, e.g. 120 to 160°C, for 0.5 to 10, preferably 1 to 7 hours. The halogenated polymer may then be reacted with sufficient unsaturated acid or derivative at 100 to 250°C, usually 180 to 235°C, for 0.5 to 10, e.g. 3 to 8 hours, so the product obtained will contain the desired number of moles of the unsaturated acid or derivative per mole of the halogenated polymer. Processes of this general type are taught in U.S. Patents 3,087,936; 3,172,892; 3,272,746 and others.

Alternatively, the olefin polymer, and the unsaturated acid or derivative are mixed and heated while adding chlorine to the hot material. Processes of this type are disclosed in U.S. Patents 3,215,707; 3,231,587; 3,912,764; 4,110,349; and in U.K. 1,550,219.

By the use of halogen, about 65 to 95 wt. % of the polyolefin, e.g. polyisobutylene will normally react with the dicarboxylic acid or derivative. Upon carrying out a thermal reaction without the use of halogen or a catalyst, then usually only about 50 to 75 wt. % of the polyisobutylene will react. Chlorination helps increased the reactivity.

Particularly preferred as the acid component is polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride.

PRE-REACTED AMIDO AMINE-CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPONENT (B) + (C)

The aforesaid amido-amine and carboxylic acid component may be pre-reacted, with the acid being generally attached to the amido-amine through salt, imide, amide, or other linkages so that a primary or secondary amine group of the amido-amine is still available for reaction with the acid moieties of the grafted high molecular

weight ethylene copolymer. A convenient source of these pre-reacted materials are the lubricating oil dispersant, provided they retain primary amine groups capable of further reaction with the grafted ethylene copolymer, described in EP-A-319229 and EP-A-0368548.

5 The grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer is reacted with the amido-amine and carboxylic acid component or pre-reacted amido-amine-carboxylic acid component substantially as described hereinafore for the reaction of the grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer with the amido-amine. Thus, for example a reaction mixture containing the grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer, e.g., ethylene-propylene substituted succinic anhydride, and carboxylic acid component, e.g., polyisobutylene substituted succinic anhydride, is prepared by admixing these two reactants, and the amido-amine is then introduced into
10 this reaction mixture and the reaction is carried out as described hereinafore. Alternatively, the carboxylic acid component and amido-amine may be added substantially simultaneously to a reaction mixture containing the grafted high molecular weight ethylene copolymer.

Generally, the amount of the carboxylic acid component utilized is an amount sufficient to provide 0.5 to 4, preferably from 1 to 2 moles of said carboxylic acid component per molar amount of the carboxylic acid moieties present in the grafted ethylene copolymer. For example, with a grafted ethylene-propylene copolymer of about 40,000 $\bar{M}_n$, i.e., a thickening efficiency of about 2.1 and averaging 4 succinic anhydride groups per molecule, about 4 moles of polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride would preferably be used per mole of grafted copolymer. Generally, from 1 to 5, preferably from 1.5 to 3 moles of the combined carboxylic acid moiety content of the grafted ethylene copolymer and the carboxylic acid content are used per equivalent of amido-amine reactant, e.g., amine.
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The multifunctional viscosity index improvers of this invention can be used alone or in admixture with other viscosity index improvers or dispersants. The other viscosity index improvers or viscosity modifiers are generally high molecular weight hydrocarbon polymers including polyesters. These other viscosity modifiers may also be derivatized, as by grafting with a carboxylic acid material of the type described hereinafore and thereafter reacting with a polyamine of the type described hereinafore as a polyol, to include other properties or functions, such as the addition of dispersancy properties. These oil soluble viscosity modifying polymers will generally have number average molecular weights of from 10^3 to 10^6 , preferably 10^4 to 10^5 , e.g., 20,000 to 250,000, as determined by gel permeation chromatography or osmometry.
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Examples of suitable hydrocarbon polymers include homopolymers and copolymers of two or more monomers of C_2 to C_{30} , e.g. C_2 to C_8 olefins, including both alpha olefins and internal olefins, which may be straight or branched, aliphatic, aromatic, alkyl-aromatic, cycloaliphatic, etc. Frequently they will be of ethylene with C_3 to C_{30} olefins, particularly preferred being the copolymers of ethylene and propylene. Other polymers can be used such as polyisobutylenes, homopolymers and copolymers of C_6 and higher alpha olefins, atactic polypropylene, hydrogenated polymers and copolymers and terpolymers of styrene, e.g. with isoprene and/or butadiene and hydrogenated derivatives thereof. The polymer may be degraded in molecular weight, for example by mastication, extrusion, oxidation or thermal degradation, and it may be oxidized and contain oxygen. Also included are derivatized polymers such as post-grafted interpolymers of ethylene-propylene with an active monomer such as maleic anhydride which may be further reacted with an alcohol, or amine, e.g. an alkylene polyamine or hydroxy amine, e.g. see U.S. Patent Nos. 4,089,794; 4,160,739; 4,137,185; or copolymers of ethylene and propylene reacted or grafted with nitrogen compounds such as shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,068,056; 4,068,058; 4,146,489 and 4,149,984.
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The preferred hydrocarbon polymers are ethylene copolymers containing from 15 to 90 wt.% ethylene, preferably 30 to 80 wt.% of ethylene and 10 to 85 wt.%, preferably 20 to 70 wt.% of one or more C_3 to C_{28} , preferably C_3 to C_{18} , more preferably C_3 to C_8 , alpha-olefins. While not essential, such copolymers preferably have a degree of crystallinity of less than 25 wt.%, as determined by X-ray and differential scanning calorimetry. Copolymers of ethylene and propylene are most preferred. Other alpha-olefins suitable in place of propylene to form the copolymer, or to be used in combination with ethylene and propylene, to form a terpolymer, tetrapolymer, etc., include 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-heptene, 1-octene, 1-nonene, 1-decene, etc.; also branched chain alpha-olefins, such as 4-methyl-1-pentene, 4-methyl-1-hexene, 5-methylpentene-1, 4,4-dimethyl-1-pentene, and 6-methylheptene-1, etc., and mixtures thereof.
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Terpolymers, tetrapolymers, etc., of ethylene, said C_{3-28} alpha-olefin, and a non-conjugated diolefin or mixtures of such diolefins may also be used. The amount of the non-conjugated diolefin generally ranges from 0.5 to 20 mole percent, preferably from 1 to 7 mole percent, based on the total amount of ethylene and alpha-olefin present.

55 The polyester V.I. improvers are generally polymers of esters of ethylenically unsaturated C_3 to C_8 mono- and dicarboxylic acids such as methacrylic and acrylic acids, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid, etc.

Examples of unsaturated esters that may be used include those of aliphatic saturated mono alcohols of

at least 1 carbon atom and preferably of from 12 to 20 carbon atoms, such as decyl acrylate, lauryl acrylate, stearyl acrylate, eicosanyl acrylate, docosanyl acrylate, decyl methacrylate, diamyl fumarate, lauryl methacrylate, cetyl methacrylate, stearyl methacrylate, and the like and mixtures thereof.

Other esters include the vinyl alcohol esters of C_2 to C_{22} fatty or mono carboxylic acids, preferably saturated such as vinyl acetate, vinyl laurate, vinyl palmitate, vinyl stearate, vinyl oleate, and the like and mixtures thereof. Copolymers of vinyl alcohol esters with unsaturated acid esters such as the copolymer of vinyl acetate with dialkyl fumarates, can also be used.

The esters may be copolymerized with still other unsaturated monomers such as olefins, e.g. 0.2 to 5 moles of C_2 - C_{20} aliphatic or aromatic olefin per mole of unsaturated ester, or per mole of unsaturated acid or anhydride followed by esterification. For example, copolymers of styrene with maleic anhydride esterified with alcohols and amines are known, e.g., see U.S. Patent 3,702,300.

Such ester polymers may be grafted with, or the ester copolymerized with, polymerizable unsaturated nitrogen-containing monomers to impart dispersancy to the V.I. improvers. Examples of suitable unsaturated nitrogen-containing monomers include those containing 4 to 20 carbon atoms such as amino substituted olefins as p-(beta-diethylaminoethyl)styrene; basic nitrogen-containing heterocycles carrying a polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated substituent, e.g. the vinyl pyridines and the vinyl alkyl pyridines such as 2-vinyl-5-ethyl pyridine, 2-methyl-5-vinyl pyridine, 2-vinyl-pyridine, 4-vinyl-pyridine, 3-vinyl-pyridine, 3-methyl-5-vinyl-pyridine, 4-methyl-2-vinyl-pyridine, 4-ethyl-2-vinyl-pyridine and 2-butyl-1-5-vinyl-pyridine and the like.

N-vinyl lactams are also suitable, e.g. N-vinyl pyrrolidones or N-vinyl piperidones.

The vinyl pyrrolidones are preferred and are exemplified by N-vinyl pyrrolidone, N-(1-methylvinyl) pyrrolidone, N-vinyl-5-methyl pyrrolidone, N-vinyl-3, 3-dimethylpyrrolidone, N-vinyl-5-ethyl pyrrolidone, etc.

Dispersants maintain oil insolubles, resulting from oxidation during use, in suspension in the fluid thus preventing sludge flocculation and precipitation as deposition on metal parts. Suitable dispersants include alkyl succinimides, the reaction product of oil-soluble polyisobutylene succinic anhydride with polyamines such as tetraethylene pentamine, and borated salts thereof. Such dispersants are disclosed, inter alia, in Belgium Patent No. 658,236 and U.S. Patent No. 3,272,746.

Other dispersants include the esters derived from long chain hydrocarbon substituted dicarboxylic acid material and hydroxy compounds such as monohydric and polyhydric alcohols or aromatic compounds such as phenols and naphthols, etc. The polyhydric alcohols are the most preferred hydroxy compound and preferably contain from 2 to about 10 hydroxy radicals, for example, ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, tetraethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, and other alkylene glycols in which the alkylene radical contains from 2 to about 8 carbon atoms. Other useful polyhydric alcohols include glycerol, mono-oleate of glycerol, mono-stearate of glycerol, monomethyl ether of glycerol, pentaerythritol, dipentaerythritol, and mixtures thereof.

The ester dispersant may also be derived from unsaturated alcohols such as allyl alcohol, cinnamyl alcohol, propargyl alcohol, 1-cyclohexane-3-ol, and oleyl alcohol. Still other classes of the alcohols capable of yielding the esters of this invention comprise the ether-alcohols and amino-alcohols including, for example, the oxy-alkylene, oxy-arylene-, amino-alkylene-, and amino-arylene-substituted alcohols having one or more oxy-alkylene, amino-alkylene or amino-arylene oxy-arylene radicals. They are exemplified by Cellosolve, Carbitol, N,N,N',N'-tetrahydroxy-trimethylene di-amine, and ether-alcohols having up to about 150 oxy-alkylene radicals in which the alkylene radical contains from 1 to about 8 carbon atoms.

The ester dispersant may be di-esters of dicarboxylic acids (e.g., succinic acid or anhydride) or acidic esters, i.e., partially esterified succinic acids; as well as partially esterified polyhydric alcohols or phenols, i.e., esters having free alcohols or phenolic hydroxyl radicals. Mixtures of the above illustrated esters likewise are contemplated within the scope of this invention.

The ester dispersant may be prepared by one of several known methods as illustrated for example in U.S. Patent 3,381,022. The ester dispersants may also be borated, similar to the nitrogen containing dispersants.

Hydroxyamines which can be reacted with the polymer-substituted monocarboxylic acid materials to form dispersants include 2-amino-1-butanol, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol, p-(beta-hydroxyethyl)-aniline, 2-amino-1-propanol, 3-amino-1-propanol, 2-amino-2-methyl-1, 3-propane-diol, 2-amino-2-ethyl-1, 3-propanediol, N-(beta-hydroxy-propyl)-N'-(beta-aminoethyl)-piperazine, tris(hydroxymethyl) amino-methane (also known as trimethylolaminomethane), 2-amino-1-butanol, ethanolamine, beta-(beta-hydroxyethoxy)ethylamine, and the like. Mixtures of these or similar amines can also be employed. The above description of nucleophilic reactants suitable for reaction with the polymer-substituted monocarboxylic acid materials includes amines, alcohols, and compounds of mixed amine and hydroxy containing reactive functional groups, i.e., amino-alcohols.

The tris(hydroxymethyl) amino methane (THAM) can be reacted with the aforesaid acid materials to form amides, imides or ester type additives as taught by U.K. 984,409, or to form oxazoline compounds and borated oxazoline compounds as described, for example, in U.S. 4,102,798; 4,116,876 and 4,113,639.

The multifunctional viscosity index improvers of the present invention can be incorporated into a lubricating

oil in any convenient way. Thus, they can be added directly to the oil by dispersing or dissolving the same in the oil at the desired level of concentration of the multifunctional viscosity index improvers. Such blending into the additional lube oil can occur at room temperature or elevated temperatures. Alternatively, the multifunctional viscosity index improvers can be blended with a suitable oil-soluble solvent and base oil to form a concentrate, and then blending the concentrate with a lubricating oil basestock to obtain the final formulation. Such multifunctional viscosity index improver concentrates will typically contain (on an active ingredient (A.I.) basis) from 3 to 45 wt.%, and preferably from 10 to 35 wt.%, multifunctional viscosity index improver additive, and typically from 30 to 90 wt.%, preferably from 40 to 60 wt.%, base oil, based on the concentrate weight.

The lubricating oil basestock for the multifunctional viscosity index improver typically is adapted to perform a selected function by the incorporation of additional additives therein to form lubricating oil compositions (i.e., formulations).

The amounts of the multifunctional viscosity improver additives of the instant invention which are incorporated into an oleaginous composition, e.g., lubricating oil, is an amount which is effective to improve the viscometric properties, e.g., viscosity index, of said oleaginous composition and impart dispersancy thereto, i.e., a viscosity improving and dispersant effective amount. Generally, this amount is from 0.01 to 20, preferably from 0.1 to 15, and more preferably from 0.2 to 5 weight percent, based on the weight of the oleaginous composition.

The oleaginous composition into which the multifunctional viscosity improvers or modifiers of the instant invention are incorporated or added include lubricating oil compositions, e.g., automatic transmission fluids, heavy duty oils suitable for gasoline and diesel engines, etc.

The multifunctional viscosity improvers of this invention may be added to the oleaginous composition in the form of an oil concentrate. Typically such oil concentrate contains from 5 wt.% up to 49 wt.%, preferably 7 to 25 wt.%, of the multifunctional viscosity improver in oil, e.g., mineral lubricating oil.

The fully formulated oil compositions, or the oil concentrate, may optionally contain other conventional additives such as pour point depressants, antiwear agents, antioxidants, other viscosity index improvers, dispersants, corrosion inhibitors, anti-foaming agents, detergents, rust inhibitors, friction modifiers, and the like.

Corrosion inhibitors, also known as anti-corrosive agents, reduce the degradation of the metallic parts contacted by the lubricating oil composition. Illustrative of corrosion inhibitors are phosphosulfurized hydrocarbons and the products obtained by reaction of a phosphosulfurized hydrocarbon with an alkaline earth metal oxide or hydroxide, preferably in the presence of an alkylated phenol or of an alkylphenol thioester, and also preferably in the presence of carbon dioxide.

Other oxidation inhibitors or antioxidants useful in this invention comprise oil-soluble copper compounds. The copper may be blended into the oil as any suitable oil soluble copper compound. By oil soluble it is meant that the compound is oil soluble under normal blending conditions in the oil or additive package. The copper compound may be in the cuprous or cupric form. The copper may be in the form of the copper dihydrocarbyl thio- or dithio-phosphates. Alternatively, the copper may be added as the copper salt of a synthetic or natural carboxylic acid. Examples of same thus include C_{10} to C_{18} fatty acids, such as stearic or palmitic acid, but unsaturated acids such as oleic or branched carboxylic acids such as naphthenic acids of molecular weights of from about 200 to 500, or synthetic carboxylic acids, are preferred, because of the improved handling and solubility properties of the resulting copper carboxylates. Also useful are oil-soluble copper dithiocarbamates of the general formula $(RR_1NCSS)_nCu$ (where n is 1 or 2 and R and R_1 are the same or different hydrocarbyl radicals containing from 1 to 18, and preferably 2 to 12, carbon atoms, and including radicals such as alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkaryl and cycloaliphatic radicals. Particularly preferred as R and R_1 groups are alkyl groups of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms. Thus, the radicals may, for example, be ethyl, *n*-propyl, *i*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *i*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, amyl, *n*-hexyl, *i*-hexyl, *n*-heptyl, *n*-octyl, decyl, dodecyl, octadecyl, 2-ethylhexyl, phenyl, butylphenyl, cyclohexyl, methylcyclopentyl, propenyl, butenyl, etc. In order to obtain oil solubility, the total number of carbon atoms (i.e., R and R_1) will generally be about 5 or greater. Copper sulphonates, phenates, and acetylacetonates may also be used.

Exemplary of useful copper compounds are copper CuI and/or $CuII$ salts of alkenyl succinic acids or anhydrides. The salts themselves may be basic, neutral or acidic. They may be formed by reacting (a) polyalkylene succinimides (having polymer groups of $\overline{M}_n$ of 700 to 5,000) derived from polyalkylene-polyamines, which have at least one free carboxylic acid group, with (b) a reactive metal compound. Suitable reactive metal compounds include those such as cupric or cuprous hydroxides, oxides, acetates, borates, and carbonates or basic copper carbonate.

Examples of these metal salts are Cu salts of polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride, and Cu salts of polyisobutenyl succinic acid. Preferably, the selected metal employed is its divalent form, e.g., Cu^{+2} . The preferred substrates are polyalkenyl succinic acids in which the alkenyl group has a molecular weight greater than about 700. The alkenyl group desirably has a M_n from about 900 to 1,400, and up to 2,500, with a M_n of about 950

being most preferred. Especially preferred is polyisobutylene succinic anhydride or acid. These materials may desirably be dissolved in a solvent, such as a mineral oil, and heated in the presence of a water solution (or slurry) of the metal bearing material. Heating may take place between 70°C and 200°C. Temperatures of 110°C to 140°C are entirely adequate. It may be necessary, depending upon the salt produced, not to allow the reaction to remain at a temperature above about 140°C for an extended period of time, e.g., longer than 5 hours, or decomposition of the salt may occur.

The copper antioxidants (e.g., Cu-polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride, Cu-oleate, or mixtures thereof) will be generally employed in an amount of from about 50 to 500 ppm by weight of the metal, in the final lubricating or fuel composition.

Friction modifiers serve to impart the proper friction characteristics to lubricating oil compositions such as automatic transmission fluids.

Representative examples of suitable friction modifiers are found in U.S. Patent No. 3,933,659 which discloses fatty acid esters and amides; U.S. Patent No. 4,176,074 which describes molybdenum complexes of polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride-amino alkanols; U.S. Patent No. 4,105,571 which discloses glycerol esters of dimerized fatty acids; U.S. Patent No. 3,779,928 which discloses alkane phosphonic acid salts; U.S. Patent No. 3,778,375 which discloses reaction products of a phosphonate with an oleamide; U.S. Patent No. 3,852,205 which discloses S-carboxyalkylene hydrocarbyl succinimide, S-carboxyalkylene hydrocarbyl succinamic acid and mixtures thereof; U.S. Patent No. 3,879,306 which discloses N(hydroxyalkyl)alkenyl-succinamic acids or succinimides; U.S. Patent No. 3,932,290 which discloses reaction products of di- (lower alkyl) phosphites and epoxides; and U.S. Patent No. 4,028,258 which discloses the alkylene oxide adduct of phosphosulfurized N-(hydroxyalkyl) alkenyl succinimides. The most preferred friction modifiers are succinate esters, or metal salts thereof, of hydrocarbyl substituted succinic acids or anhydrides and thiobis-alkanols such as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,344,853.

Pour point depressants, otherwise known as lube oil flow improvers, lower the temperature at which the fluid will flow or can be poured. Such additives are well known. Typically of those additives which usefully optimize the low temperature fluidity of the fluid are C₈-C₁₈ dialkylfumarate vinyl acetate copolymers, polymethacrylates, and wax naphthalene. Foam control can be provided by an antifoamant of the polysiloxane type, e.g., silicone oil and polydimethyl siloxane.

Anti-wear agents, as their name implies, reduce wear of metal parts. Representatives of conventional antiwear agents are zinc dialkyldithiophosphate and zinc diaryldithiophosphate.

Detergents and metal rust inhibitors include the metal salts of sulphonic acids, alkyl phenols, sulfurized alkyl phenols, alkyl salicylates, naphthenates and other oil soluble mono- and di-carboxylic acids. Highly basic (viz, overbased) metal sales, such as highly basic alkaline earth metal sulfonates (especially Ca and Mg salts) are frequently used as detergents. Representative examples of such materials, and their methods of preparation, are found in EP-A-0208560.

Some of these numerous additives can provide a multiplicity of effects, e.g., a dispersant-oxidation inhibitor. This approach is well known and need not be further elaborated herein.

Compositions when containing these conventional additives are typically blended into the base oil in amounts which are effective to provide their normal attendant function. Representative effective amounts of such additives are illustrated as follows:

	<u>Additive</u>	<u>Wt. % a.i.</u> (Broad)	<u>Wt. % a.i.</u> (Preferred)
5	Viscosity Modifier	0.01-12	0.01-4
	Corrosion Inhibitor	0.01-5	0.01-1.5
10	Oxidation Inhibitor	0.01-5	0.01-1.5
15	Dispersant	0.1-20	0.1-8
	Pour Point Depressant	0.01-5	0.01-1.5
20	<u>Additive</u>	<u>Wt. % a.i.</u> (Broad)	<u>Wt. % a.i.</u> (Preferred)
25	Anti-Foaming Agents	0.001-3	0.001-0.15
	Anti-Wear Agents	0.001-5	0.001-1.5
30	Friction Modifiers	0.01-5	0.01-1.5
	Detergents/Rust Inhibitors	0.01-10	0.01-3
35	Mineral Oil Base	Balance	Balance

When other additives are employed, it may be desirable, although not necessary, to prepare additive concentrates comprising concentrated solutions or dispersions of the multifunctional viscosity improver (in concentrate amounts hereinabove described), together with one or more of said other additives (said concentrate when constituting an additive mixture being referred to here in as an additive package) whereby several additives can be added simultaneously to the base oil to form the lubricating oil composition. Dissolution of the additive concentrate into the lubricating oil may be facilitated by solvents and by mixing accompanied with mild heating, but this is not essential. The concentrate or additive-package will typically be formulated to contain the dispersant additive and optional additional additives in proper amounts to provide the desired concentration in the final formulation when the additive-package is combined with a predetermined amount of base lubricant. Thus, the products of the present invention can be added to small amounts of base oil or other compatible solvents along with other desirable additives to form additive-packages containing active ingredients in collective amounts of typically from 2.5 to 80%, and preferably from 5 to 60%, and most preferably from 8 to 49% by weight additives in the appropriate proportions with the remainder being base oil.

The final formulations may employ typically about 10 wt. % of the additive-package with the remainder being base oil.

All of said weight percents expressed herein are based on active ingredient (a.i.) content of the additive, and/or upon the total weight of any additive-package, or formulation which will be the sum of the a.i. weight of each additive plus the weight of total oil or diluent.

The instant compositions of matter useful as multifunctional viscosity modifiers or improvers are oil-soluble, dissolvable in oil with the aid of a suitable solvent, or are stably dispersible materials. Oil-soluble, dissolvable,

or stably dispersible as that terminology is used herein does not necessarily indicate that the materials are soluble, dissolvable, miscible, or capable of being suspended in oil in all proportions. It does mean, however, that the additives, for instance, are soluble or stably dispersible in oil to an extent sufficient to exert their intended effect in the environment in which the oil is employed. Moreover, the additional incorporation of other additives may also permit incorporation of higher levels of a particular copolymer hereof, if desired.

The following Examples further illustrate the instant invention. They are presented by way of illustration and not limitation. Unless otherwise indicated, all parts and percentages are on a weight basis.

The following examples illustrate the preparation of amido-amines of the instant invention.

10 EXAMPLE 1

Into a reactor vessel are charged 148 grams (2 moles) of 1,3-propane diamine and stirred at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. 86 grams (one mole) of methyl acrylate are slowly introduced into the reactor vessel while keeping the resulting reaction mixture below 50°C. After the methyl acrylate addition is complete the reaction mixture is heated at 80°C until infrared analysis shows the absence of the ester bond. The reaction mixture is then stripped at 80°C for one hour to distill off the methanol byproduct. Analysis of the resulting amido-amine product indicates 9.93 meq. of primary nitrogen per gram of sample and 27.64% nitrogen.

20 EXAMPLE 2

The procedure of Example 1 is repeated except that the 148 grams of 1,3-propane diamine are replaced with 203 grams (2 moles) of diethylene triamine. Analysis of the resulting amido-amine product indicates 4.48 meq. of primary nitrogen per gram of sample and 25.85% nitrogen.

25 EXAMPLE 3

The procedure of Example 1 is repeated except that the 148 grams of 1,3-propane diamine are replaced with 292 grams (2 moles) of triethylene triamine. Analysis of the resulting amido-amine product indicates 3.67 meq. of primary nitrogen per gram of sample and 26.76% nitrogen.

30 EXAMPLE 4

The procedure of Example 1 is repeated except that the 148 grams of 1,3-propane diamine are replaced with 378 grams (2 moles) of tetraethylene pentamine. Analysis of the resulting amido-amine product indicates 4.39 meq. of primary nitrogen per gram of sample and 28.3% nitrogen.

The following Examples illustrate the preparation of the nitrogen containing carboxylic acid material grafted ethylene propylene copolymers of the instant invention.

40 EXAMPLE 5

Into a reactor vessel are charged 200 grams of a 20 wt. % oil solution of succinic-anhydride grafted ethylene-propylene copolymer (containing about 43 wt.% ethylene and 57% wt.% propylene, the ethylene-propylene backbone having a $\bar{M}_n$ of about 80,000, and having a thickening efficiency of about 1.2), 21.3 grams of polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride (having a succinic anhydride to polyisobutenyl mole ratio of 1.04, a polyisobutylene $\bar{M}_n$ of about 960, ASTM Saponification Number of 112, and 90 wt.% active ingredient, i.e., polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride, the remainder being primarily unreacted polyisobutylene), and 130 grams of S130N mineral oil. The reactor vessel is blanketed with nitrogen and heated to 175°C for one-half hour. To this reactor vessel are then added 4.12 grams of amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 1. The reaction mixture is nitrogen stripped for 3 hours at 175°C. To this heated reaction mixture are added 1.2 grams of dodecenyl succinic anhydride and the heating is continued for one-half hour while nitrogen stripping. At the end of this period the reaction mixture is cooled to 100°C and is discharged from the reaction vessel.

55 EXAMPLE 6

The procedure of Example 5 is repeated except that the 4.12 grams of the amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 1 are replaced with 9.02 grams of amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 2.

EXAMPLE 7

The procedure of Example 5 is repeated except that the 4.12 grams of the amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 1 are replaced with 11.0 grams of amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 3.

EXAMPLE 8

The procedure of Example 5 is repeated except that the 4.12 grams of the amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 1 are replaced with 9.2 grams of amido-amine prepared in accordance with the procedure of Example 4.

Thickening efficiency (T.E.) is defined as the ratio of the weight percent of a polyisobutylene (sold as an oil solution by Exxon Chemical Company as Paratone N), having a Staudinger molecular weight of 20,000, required to thicken a solvent-extracted neutral mineral lubricating oil, having a viscosity of 150 SUS at 37.8°C, a viscosity index of 105 and an ASTM pour point of 0°F. (Solvent 150 Neutral) to a viscosity of 12.4 centistokes at 98.9°C to the weight percent of a test copolymer required to thicken the same oil to the same viscosity at the same temperature. For linear polymers of a given ethylene content, the thickening efficiency is approximately proportional to the 0.75 power of the weight-average molecular weight.

Claims

1. An oil soluble composition useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver for oleaginous compositions comprising the adduct of:
 - (A) high molecular weight ethylene copolymer substituted carboxylic acid material comprising the reaction product of
 - (i) an ethylene copolymer having a number average molecular weight of at least 15,000 and
 - (ii) monounsaturated carboxylic acid material;
 - (B) an amido-amine or thioamido-amine containing at least one primary amine group comprising the reaction product of
 - (i) at least one amine or polyamine and
 - (ii) an alpha, beta-unsaturated compound of the formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & R^2 & R^3 & X & & \\
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 R^1 & - & C & = & C & - & C - Y
 \end{array}$$

wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is -OR⁴, -SR⁴, or -NR⁴(R⁵), and R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are independently selected from hydrogen, hydrocarbyl and inertly-substituted hydrocarbyl;

 - (C) optionally, a C₅₀ to C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid or anhydride or a C₅₀ to C₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl substituted monocarboxylic acid; and
 - (D) an amount of C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic anhydride sufficient to provide 0.5 to 2.5 moles anhydride per mole of unreacted amine resulting from the reaction of (A) with (B) and optionally (C).
2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein said ethylene copolymer (A)(i) comprises a copolymer of ethylene and at least one C₃ to C₂₈ alpha-olefin.
3. The composition according to claim 2 wherein said C₃ to C₂₈ alpha-olefin is propylene.
4. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 3 wherein said monounsaturated carboxylic acid material (A)(ii) is selected from C₄ to C₁₀ monounsaturated dicarboxylic acid material, C₃ to C₁₀ monounsaturated monocarboxylic acid material, and mixtures thereof.
5. The composition according to claim 4 wherein said monounsaturated carboxylic acid material (A)(ii) com-

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EXAMPLE 8

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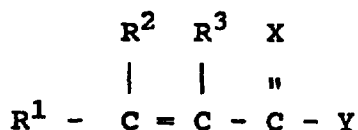
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- (i) at least one amine or polyamine and
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wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is -OR⁴, -SR⁴, or -NR⁴(R⁵), and R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are independently selected from hydrogen, hydrocarbyl and inertly-substituted hydrocarbyl;

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(D) an amount of C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbyl substituted C₄ to C₁₀ dicarboxylic anhydride sufficient to provide 0.5 to 2.5 moles anhydride per mole of unreacted amine resulting from the reaction of (A) with (B) and optionally (C).

2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein said ethylene copolymer (A)(i) comprises a copolymer of ethylene and at least one C₃ to C₂₈ alpha-olefin.

3. The composition according to claim 2 wherein said C₃ to C₂₈ alpha-olefin is propylene.

4. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 3 wherein said monounsaturated carboxylic acid material (A)(ii) is selected from C₄ to C₁₀ monounsaturated dicarboxylic acid material, C₃ to C₁₀ monounsaturated monocarboxylic acid material, and mixtures thereof.

5. The composition according to claim 4 wherein said monounsaturated carboxylic acid material (A)(ii) com-



prises C₄ to C₁₀ monounsaturated dicarboxylic acid material.

6. The composition according to claim 5 wherein said C₄ to C₁₀ monounsaturated dicarboxylic acid material is selected from maleic acid, maleic anhydride and mixtures thereof.
7. The composition according to claim 6 wherein said high molecular weight ethylene copolymer substituted carboxylic acid material (A) comprises at least one of ethylene-propylene copolymer substituted with succinic anhydride and ethylene-propylene copolymer substituted with succinic acid.
8. The composition according to claim 4 wherein said C₃ to C₁₀ monounsaturated monocarboxylic acid material (A)(ii) is selected from acrylic acid, acrylic ester, methacrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and mixtures thereof.
9. The composition according to claim 8 wherein the high molecular weight ethylene copolymer substituted carboxylic acid material (A) is an ethylene-propylene copolymer substituted with propionic acid.
10. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 9 wherein said polyamine (B)(i) comprises polyamines containing from 2 to 60 carbon atoms and from 2 to 12 nitrogen atoms per molecule.
11. The composition according to claim 10 wherein (B)(i) is selected from alkylenepolyamines and polyalkylenepolyamines wherein each alkylene contains from about 2 to 6 carbons and said alkylene-polyamine or polyalkylenepolyamine contains from 2 to 9 nitrogens.
12. The composition according to claim 11 wherein said alkylenepolyamine or polyalkylenepolyamine contains from 2 to 5 nitrogens.
13. The composition according to claim 11 or claim 12 wherein said polyamine (B)(i) comprises ethylenepolyamine, polyethylenepolyamine or polypropylenepolyamine.
14. The composition according to any of claims 11 to 13 wherein said polyamine (B)(i) contains an average of at least 2 primary amino groups per molecule.
15. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 14 wherein (B)(ii) is selected from the C₁ to C₄ alkyl esters of acrylic acid or methacrylic acid.
16. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 14 wherein (B)(i) contains from 2 to 60 carbon atoms and from 2 to 12 nitrogen atoms per molecule, with the proviso that at least 2 of said nitrogen atoms are primary nitrogen.
17. The composition according to claim 15 wherein (B)(ii) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, propyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, propyl methacrylate, and butyl methacrylate.
18. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 14 wherein X of (B)(ii) is oxygen.
19. The composition according to claim 18 wherein from 3 to 5 equivalents of said polyamine (B)(i) based on said primary amine content thereof, are reacted per mole of said alpha, beta-unsaturated compound (B)(ii).
20. The composition according to claim 19 wherein said amido amine contains an average of from 1 to 3 amido groups per molecule.
21. The composition according to any of claims 1 to 14 wherein X of (B)(ii) is sulfur.
22. The composition according to claim 21 wherein said thioamido-amine contains an average of from 1 to 3 thioamido groups per molecule.
23. The composition according to any preceding claim wherein (D) comprises C₁₂₋₁₈ hydrocarbyl succinic anhydride.
24. The composition according to claim 23 wherein (D) comprises C₁₂₋₁₈ alkenyl succinic anhydride.



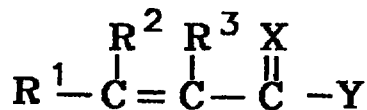
25. The composition according to any preceding claim wherein (C) is C₅₀₋₄₀₀ hydrocarbyl succinic acid or anhydride.
26. The composition according to claim 25 wherein (C) is C₆₀₋₄₀₀ polyisobutenyl succinic acid or anhydride.
27. An oleaginous composition exhibiting improved viscosimetric properties and dispersancy properties and improved viscosity stability comprising:
 (I) oleaginous material, and
 (II) as a multifunctional viscosity improving and dispersant additive, a composition according to any of claims 1 to 26.
28. The composition according to claim 27 in the form of an oil concentrate containing from 5 to 49 wt.% of (II).
29. The composition according to claim 27 in which (I) is a lubricating oil.
30. The composition according to claim 27 in which (I) is a fully formulated lubricating oil composition.
31. The composition according to claim 29 or 30 containing from 0.01 to 20 wt.% of (II).
32. The composition according to claim 31 containing from 0.2 to 5 wt.% of (II).
33. A process for producing a composition as claimed in claim 1 useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver oil additive wherein said amine component (B) is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.
34. A process for producing a composition as claimed in claim 1 useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver oil additive wherein said amine component (B) is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and carboxylic acid component (C) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.
35. A process for producing a composition as claimed in claim 1 useful as a multifunctional viscosity improver oil additive wherein said amine component (B) and said carboxylic acid component (C) are pre-reacted the pre-reacted product is introduced into a solution containing said grafted ethylene copolymer (A) and reacted therewith at a temperature from 100°C to 250°C for a period from 1 to 10 hours and thereafter said anhydride component (D) is added and reacted at a temperature from 50° to 250°C for from 0.25 to 8 hours.
36. A process according to any of claims 33 to 35 wherein any one or more of (A), (B), (C) and (D) are as defined in any of claims 2 to 26.
37. The use as a multifunctional viscosity improver additive in lubricating compositions of a composition as defined in any of claims 1 to 26 or obtainable by the process of any of claims 33 to 36.

Patentansprüche

1. Öllösliche Zusammensetzung, die als multifunktionaler Viskositätsverbesserer für ölige Zusammensetzungen brauchbar ist und das Addukt aus
 (A) mit hochmolekulargewichtigem Ethylencopolymer substituiertem Carbonsäurematerial, das das Reaktionsprodukt von
 (i) Ethylencopolymer mit einem durchschnittlichen Molekulargewicht (Zahlenmittel) von mindestens 15 000 und
 (ii) einfach ungesättigtem Carbonsäurematerial umfaßt, und
 (B) einem Amido-Amin oder Thioamido-Amin, das mindestens eine primäre Amingruppe enthält und das Reaktionsprodukt aus



- (i) mindestens einem Amin oder Polyamin und
 (ii) einer α,β -ungesättigten Verbindung mit der Formel



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- umfaßt, wobei X Sauerstoff oder Schwefel ist, Y -OR⁴, -SR⁴ oder NR⁴(R⁵) ist, und R¹, R², R³, R⁴ und R⁵ gleich oder verschieden sind und unabhängig ausgewählt sind aus Wasserstoff, Kohlenwasserstoff und inert substituiertem Kohlenwasserstoff,
- (C) gegebenenfalls einer mit C₆₀- bis C₄₀₀-Kohlenwasserstoff substituierten Dicarbonsäure oder -anhydrid oder einer mit einem C₆₀- bis C₄₀₀-Kohlenwasserstoff substituierten Monocarbonsäure, und
- (D) einer ausreichenden Menge mit C₁₂ bis C₁₈-Kohlenwasserstoff substituiertem C₄- bis C₁₀-Dicarbonsäureanhydrid umfaßt, um 0,5 bis 2,5 Mol Anhydrid pro Mol nicht-umgesetztem Amin zu liefern, das aus der Reaktion von (A) mit (B) und gegebenenfalls (C) resultiert.
2. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, bei der das Ethylencopolymer (A)(i) ein Copolymer aus Ethylen und mindestens einem C₃ bis C₂₈- α -Olefin umfaßt.
 3. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 2, bei der das C₃ bis C₂₈- α -Olefin Propylen ist.
 4. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, bei der das einfach ungesättigte Carbonsäurematerial (A)(ii) ausgewählt ist aus einfach ungesättigtem C₄ bis C₁₀-Dicarbonsäurematerial, einfach ungesättigtem C₃ bis C₁₀-Monocarbonsäurematerial und Mischungen daraus.
 5. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 4, bei der das einfach ungesättigte Carbonsäurematerial (A)(ii) einfach ungesättigtes C₄ bis C₁₀-Dicarbonsäurematerial umfaßt.
 6. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 5, bei der das einfach ungesättigte C₄ bis C₁₀-Dicarbonsäurematerial ausgewählt ist aus Maleinsäureanhydrid, Maleinsäure und Mischungen hiervon.
 7. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 6, bei der das mit hochmolekulargewichtigem Ethylencopolymer substituierte Carbonsäurematerial (A) mindestens eines aus mit Bernsteinsäureanhydrid substituiertem Ethylen-Propylen-Copolymer und mit Bernsteinsäure substituiertem Ethylen-Propylen-Copolymer umfaßt.
 8. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 4, bei der das einfach ungesättigte C₃ bis C₁₀-Monocarbonsäurematerial (A)(ii) ausgewählt ist aus Acrylsäure, Acrylsäureester, Methacrylsäure, Methacrylsäureester und Mischungen daraus.
 9. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 8, bei der das mit hochmolekulargewichtigem Ethylencopolymer substituierte Carbonsäurematerial (A) ein mit Propionsäure substituiertes Ethylen-Propylen-Copolymer ist.
 10. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 9, bei der das Polyamin (B)(i) Polyamine umfaßt, die 2 bis 60 Kohlenstoffatome und 2 bis 12 Stickstoffatome pro Molekül enthalten.
 11. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 10, bei der (B)(i) ausgewählt ist aus Alkylenpolyaminen oder Polyalkylenpolyaminen, wobei jede Alkylengruppe etwa 2 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatome enthält und das Alkylenpolyamin oder Polyalkylenpolyamin 2 bis 9 Stickstoffatome enthält.
 12. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 11, bei der das Alkylenpolyamin oder Polyalkylenpolyamin 2 bis 5 Stickstoffatome enthält.
 13. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 11 oder 12, bei der das Polyamin (B)(i) Ethylenpolyamin, Polyethylenpolyamin oder Polypropylenpolyamin umfaßt.
 14. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 11 bis 13, bei der das Polyamin (B)(i) im Durchschnitt mindestens zwei primäre Aminogruppen pro Molekül enthält.



15. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 14, bei der (B)(ii) ausgewählt ist aus den C₁ bis C₄-Alkylestern von Acrylsäure oder Methacrylsäure.
- 5 16. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 14, bei der (B)(i) 2 bis 60 Kohlenstoffatome und 2 bis 12 Stickstoffatome pro Molekül mit der Maßgabe enthält, daß mindestens 2 der Stickstoffatome primäre Stickstoffatome sind.
- 10 17. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 15, bei der (B)(ii) mindestens ein Mitglied ausgewählt aus der Gruppe bestehend aus Methylacrylat, Ethylacrylat, Propylacrylat, Butylacrylat, Methylmethacrylat, Ethylmethacrylat, Propylmethacrylat und Butylmethacrylat umfaßt.
18. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 14, bei der X von (B)(ii) Sauerstoff ist.
- 15 19. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 18, bei der 3 bis 5 Äquivalente von dem Polyamin (B)(i), bezogen auf dessen Gehalt an primärem Amin, pro Mol der α,β -ungesättigten Verbindung (B)(ii) umgesetzt werden.
- 20 20. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 19, bei der das Amido-Amin im Durchschnitt 1 bis 3 Amidogruppen pro Molekül enthält.
21. Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 14, bei der X von (B)(ii) Schwefel ist.
- 20 22. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 21, bei der das Thioamido-Amin im Durchschnitt 1 bis 3 Thioamidogruppen pro Molekül enthält.
- 25 23. Zusammensetzung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, bei der (D) mit C₁₂ bis C₁₈-Kohlenwasserstoff substituiertes Bernsteinsäureanhydrid umfaßt.
24. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 23, bei dem (D) C₁₂ bis C₁₈-Alkenylbernsteinsäureanhydrid umfaßt.
- 30 25. Zusammensetzung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, bei der (C) mit C₆₀ bis C₄₀₀-Kohlenwasserstoff substituierte Bernsteinsäure oder -anhydrid ist.
- 35 26. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 25, bei der (C) C₆₀ bis C₄₀₀-Polyisobutenylbernsteinsäure oder -anhydrid ist.
27. Ölige Zusammensetzung, die verbesserte viskosimetrische Eigenschaften, Dispergiereigenschaften und verbesserte Viskositätsstabilität zeigt und die
 - (I) öliges Material, und
 - (II) als ein multifunktionelles, viskositätsverbesserndes und Dispersionsmitteladditiv eine Zusammensetzung gemäß einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 26 umfaßt.
- 40 28. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 27 in Form eines Ölkonzentrats, das 5 bis 49 Gew.% (II) enthält.
29. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 27, bei der (I) ein Schmieröl ist.
30. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 27, bei der (I) eine fertig formulierte Schmierölzusammensetzung ist.
- 45 31. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 29 oder 30, die 0,01 bis 20 Gew.% (II) enthält.
32. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 31, die 0,2 bis 5 Gew.% (II) enthält.
- 50 33. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Zusammensetzung gemäß Anspruch 1, die als multifunktionelles Viskositätsverbesserer-Öladditiv brauchbar ist, bei dem die Aminverbindung (B) in eine Lösung eingebracht wird, die das gepropfte Ethylencopolymer (A) enthält, und mit diesem über einen Zeitraum von 1 bis 10 Stunden bei 100°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird, und danach die Anhydridkomponente (D) zugegeben wird und 0,25 bis 8 Stunden bei einer Temperatur von 50°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird.
- 55 34. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Zusammensetzung gemäß Anspruch 1, die als multifunktionelles Viskositätsverbesserer-Öladditiv brauchbar ist, bei dem die Aminverbindung (B) in eine Lösung eingebracht wird, die das gepropfte Ethylencopolymer (A) und Carbonsäurekomponente (C) enthält, und mit diesen über einen Zeitraum von 1 bis 10 Stunden bei 100°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird, und danach die Anhy-

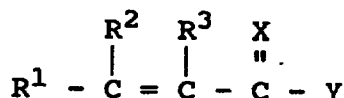


dridkomponente (D) zugegeben wird und 0,25 bis 8 Stunden bei einer Temperatur von 50°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird.

35. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Zusammensetzung gemäß Anspruch 1, die als multifunktionelles Viskositätsverbesserer-Öladditiv brauchbar ist, bei dem die Aminverbindung (B) und die Carbonsäurekomponente (C) vorab umgesetzt werden, das vorab umgesetzte Produkt in eine Lösung eingebracht wird, die das gefropfte Ethylen-Copolymer (A) enthält, und mit diesem für einen Zeitraum von 1 bis 10 Stunden bei 100°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird und danach die Anhydridkomponente (D) zugegeben wird und 0,25 bis 8 Stunden bei einer Temperatur von 50°C bis 250°C umgesetzt wird.
36. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 33 bis 35, bei dem einer oder mehrere von (A), (B), (C) und (D) wie in einem der Ansprüche 2 bis 26 definiert sind.
37. Verwendung einer Zusammensetzung wie in einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 26 definiert oder nach dem Verfahren gemäß einem der Ansprüche 33 bis 36 erhältlich als multifunktionelles Viskositätsindexverbesserer-Additiv in Schmierstoffzusammensetzungen.

Revendications

1. Composition, soluble dans l'huile, utile comme additif multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité pour des compositions d'huiles, comprenant le produit d'addition :
- (A) d'un copolymère d'éthylène de haut poids moléculaire substitué avec une matière du type acide carboxylique, comprenant le produit de réaction
- (i) d'un copolymère d'éthylène ayant une moyenne numérique du poids moléculaire d'au moins 15 000, et
- (ii) d'une matière du type acide carboxylique mono-insaturé ;
- (B) d'une amido-amine ou thioamido-amine contenant au moins un groupe amine primaire, comprenant le produit de réaction
- (i) d'au moins une amine ou polyamine, et
- (ii) d'un composé alpha, bêta-insaturé de formule :



dans laquelle représente le soufre ou l'oxygène, Y représente un groupe -OR⁴, -SR⁴ ou -NR⁴(R⁵), et R¹, R², R³, R⁴ et R⁵ sont identiques ou différents et sont choisis indépendamment entre l'hydrogène, un groupe hydrocarbyle et un groupe hydrocarbyle à substituant Inerte ;

- (C) facultativement, d'un acide ou anhydride d'acide ou anhydride dicarboxylique à substituant hydrocarbyle en C₅₀ à C₄₀₀ ou d'un acide monocarboxylique à substituant hydrocarbyle en C₅₀ à C₄₀₀ ; et
- (D) d'une quantité d'un anhydride dicarboxylique en C₄ à C₁₀ à substituant hydrocarbyle en C₁₂ à C₁₈ suffisante pour fournir 0,5 à 2,5 moles d'anhydride par mole d'amine n'ayant pas réagi, résultant de la réaction de (A) avec (B) et facultativement (C).

2. Composition suivant la revendication 1, dans laquelle le copolymère d'éthylène (A)(i) comprend un copolymère d'éthylène et d'au moins une alpha-oléfine en C₃ à C₂₈.
3. Composition suivant la revendication 2, dans laquelle l'alpha-oléfine en C₃ à C₂₈ est le propylène.
4. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, dans laquelle la matière du type acide carboxylique mono-insaturé (A)(ii) est choisie entre une matière du type acide dicarboxylique mono-insaturé en C₄ à C₁₀, une matière du type acide monocarboxylique mono-insaturé en C₃ à C₁₀ et leurs mélanges.
5. Composition suivant la revendication 4, dans laquelle la matière du type acide carboxylique mono-insaturé (A)(ii) comprend une matière du type acide dicarboxylique mono-insaturé en C₄ à C₁₀.



6. Composition suivant la revendication 5, dans laquelle la matière du type acide dicarboxylique mono-insaturé en C_4 à C_{10} est choisie entre l'acide maléique, l'anhydride maléique et leurs mélanges.
- 5 7. Composition suivant la revendication 6, dans laquelle le copolymère d'éthylène de haut poids moléculaire substitué avec une matière du type acide carboxylique (A) comprend au moins un copolymère choisi entre un copolymère éthylène-propylène substitué avec de l'anhydride succinique et un copolymère éthylène-propylène substitué avec de l'acide succinique.
- 10 8. Composition suivant la revendication 4, dans laquelle la matière du type acide monocarboxylique mono-insaturé en C_3 à C_{10} (A)(ii) est choisie entre l'acide acrylique, un ester acrylique, l'acide méthacrylique, un ester méthacrylique et leurs mélanges.
- 15 9. Composition suivant la revendication 8, dans laquelle le copolymère d'éthylène de haut poids moléculaire substitué avec une matière du type acide carboxylique (A) est un copolymère éthylène-propylène substitué avec l'acide propionique.
- 20 10. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 9, dans laquelle la polyamine (B)(i) comprend des polyamines contenant 2 à 60 atomes de carbone et 2 à 12 atomes d'azote par molécule.
- 25 11. Composition suivant la revendication 10, dans laquelle le constituant (B)(i) est choisi entre des alkylène-polyamines et polyalkylène-polyamines dans lesquelles chaque groupe alkylène contient environ 2 à 6 atomes de carbone et ladite alkylène-polyamine ou polyalkylène-polyamine contient 2 à 9 atomes d'azote.
- 30 12. Composition suivant la revendication 11, dans laquelle l'alkylène-polyamine ou la polyalkylène-polyamine contient 2 à 5 atomes d'azote.
- 35 13. Composition suivant la revendication 11 ou la revendication 12, dans laquelle la polyamine (B)(i) comprend l'éthylène-polyamine, la polyéthylène-polyamine ou la polypropylène-polyamine.
- 40 14. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 11 à 13, dans laquelle la polyamine (B)(i) contient un nombre moyen d'au moins deux groupes amino primaires par molécule.
- 45 15. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 14, dans laquelle le constituant (B)(ii) est choisi entre les esters d'alkyle en C_1 à C_4 d'acide acrylique ou d'acide méthacrylique.
- 50 16. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 14, dans laquelle le constituant (B)(i) contient 2 à 60 atomes de carbone et 2 à 12 atomes d'azote par molécule, sous réserve qu'au moins deux de ces atomes d'azote soient des atomes d'azote primaires.
- 55 17. Composition suivant la revendication 15, dans laquelle le constituant (B)(ii) comprend au moins un représentant du groupe consistant en acrylate de méthyle, acrylate d'éthyle, acrylate de propyle, acrylate de butyle, méthacrylate de méthyle, méthacrylate d'éthyle, méthacrylate de propyle et méthacrylate de butyle.
18. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 14, dans laquelle le substituant X du constituant (B)(ii) est l'oxygène.
19. Composition suivant la revendication 18, dans laquelle une quantité de 3 à 5 équivalents de la polyamine (B)(i), sur la base de sa teneur en amine primaire, est soumise à une réaction par mole du composé alpha, bêta-insaturé (B)(ii).
20. Composition suivant la revendication 19, dans laquelle l'amido-amine contient un nombre moyen de 1 à 3 groupes amido par molécule.
21. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 14, dans laquelle le substituant X du constituant (B)(ii) est le soufre.
22. Composition suivant la revendication 21, dans laquelle la thioamido-amine contient un nombre moyen de 1 à 3 groupes thioamido par molécule.
23. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans laquelle le constituant (D)



comprend un anhydride hydrocarbysuccinique en C_{12} à C_{18} .

24. Composition suivant la revendication 23, dans laquelle le constituant (D) comprend un anhydride alcényl-succinique en C_{12} à C_{18} .
- 5 25. Composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans laquelle le constituant (C) est un acide ou anhydride hydrocarbysuccinique en C_{50} à C_{400} .
26. Composition suivant la revendication 25, dans laquelle le constituant (C) est un acide ou anhydride polyisobutényl-succinique en C_{50} à C_{400} .
- 10 27. Composition d'huile présentant des propriétés viscosimétriques et propriétés de pouvoir dispersant améliorées ainsi qu'une stabilité de viscosité améliorée comprenant :
 - (I) une huile, et
 - (II) comme additif multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité et dispersant, une composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6.
- 15 28. Composition suivant la revendication 27, sous forme d'un concentré d'huile contenant 5 à 49 % en poids de constituant (II).
- 20 29. Composition suivant la revendication 27, dans laquelle le constituant (I) est une huile lubrifiante.
30. Composition suivant la revendication 27, dans laquelle le constituant (I) est une composition d'huile lubrifiante totalement formulée.
- 25 31. Composition suivant la revendication 29 ou 30, contenant 0,01 à 20 % en poids de constituant (II).
32. Composition suivant la revendication 31, contenant 0,2 à 5 % en poids de constituant (II).
33. Procédé de production d'une composition suivant la revendication 1, utile comme additif d'huile multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité, dans lequel le constituant du type amine (B) est introduit dans une solution contenant le copolymère d'éthylène greffé (A) et amené à réagir avec ce copolymère à une température de 100°C à 250°C pendant un temps de 1 à 10 heures, puis le constituant du type anhydride (D) est ajouté et amené à réagir à une température de 50° à 250°C pendant un temps de 0,25 à 8 heures.
- 30 34. Procédé de production d'une composition suivant la revendication 1, utile comme additif d'huile multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité, dans lequel le constituant du type amine (B) est introduit dans une solution contenant le copolymère d'éthylène greffé (A) et le constituant du type acide carboxylique (C) et est amené à réagir avec ces constituants à une température de 100°C à 250°C pendant un temps de 1 à 10 heures, puis le constituant du type anhydride (B) est ajouté et amené à réagir à une température de 50° à 250°C pendant un temps de 0,25 à 8 heures.
- 35 35. Procédé de production d'une composition suivant la revendication 1, utile comme additif d'huile multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité, dans lequel le constituant du type amine (B) et le constituant du type acide carboxylique (C) sont soumis à une réaction préalable, le produit de réaction préalable est introduit dans une solution contenant le copolymère d'éthylène greffé (A) et amené à réagir avec ce copolymère à une température de 100°C à 250°C pendant un temps de 1 à 10 heures, puis le constituant du type anhydride (D) est ajouté et amené à réagir à une température de 50° à 250°C pendant un temps de 0,25 à 8 heures.
- 40 36. Procédé suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 33 à 35, dans lequel un ou plusieurs quelconques des constituants (A), (B), (C) et (D) répondent aux définitions suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 2 à 26.
- 45 37. Utilisation comme additif multifonctionnel améliorant l'indice de viscosité dans des compositions lubrifiantes d'une composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 26 ou bien pouvant être obtenue par le procédé suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 33 à 36.
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