~~What we claim is:~~CLAIMS

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

0.01% to 10% of dihydroxyacetone;

0.05% to 30% of acrylates/VA copolymer;

0.15% to 3.25% of acrylates copolymer; and

40% to 65% of water,

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

~~2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the ratio of acrylates/VA copolymer to acrylates copolymer is 15:1 to 25:1.~~

2~~3~~. The composition of claim 1 wherein the ratio of acrylates/VA copolymer to acrylates copolymer is 20:1.

3~~4~~. The composition of claim 1 having no hydrophobic oils or waxes.

4~~5~~. The composition of claim 1 having no surfactants or emulsifiers.

5~~6~~. The composition of claim 1 having no clay particles or undissolved particulate material.

6~~7~~. The composition of claim 1 having no polyurethane.

7~~8~~. The composition of claim 1 having less than 0.5% glycol.

8~~9~~. The composition of claim 1 having no hydrophobic oils or waxes, no surfactants or emulsifiers, no clay particles or undissolved particulate material, and no polyurethane.

9~~10~~. The composition of claim 1 having no glycol.

~~11. The composition of claim 1 having no ingredient in an amount sufficient to plasticize all of the acrylates/VA copolymer.~~