

Claims

1. A concentrate composition comprising:
 - 5 (a) at least 0.1 wt% of a surfactant compound; and
 - (b) at least 10 wt% one or more ingredients selected from aldehydes, succinimidyl esters, chelating agents and amine salts of carboxylic acids.
- 10 2. A concentrate composition according to claim 1 wherein component (b) comprises an aldehyde, preferably wherein the aldehyde is selected from α -substituted aldehydes and/or hydroxy-substituted aldehydes.
3. A concentrate composition according to claim 2 wherein the aldehyde is 2-hydroxyoctanal.
- 15 4. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein component (b) comprises a chelating agent, preferably a polycarboxylic acid derived chelating agent.
5. A concentrate composition according to claim 4 wherein the chelating agent is glutamic acid N,N-diacetic acid (GLDA) and/or diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid (DTPA).
- 20 6. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein component (b) comprises an amine salt of a carboxylic acid, preferably a salt of a monocarboxylic acid and a secondary or tertiary amine.
- 25 7. A concentrate composition according to claim 5 wherein component (b) comprises the triethanolamine salt of octanoic acid.
8. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein component (a) is
- 30 selected from sodium laureth sulfate (SLES), cocamidopropyl betaine (CAPB), or mixtures thereof.
9. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim which comprises cocamidopropyl betaine (CAPB), 2-hydroxyoctanol, glutamic acid N,N-diacetic acid
- 35 (GLDA) and the triethanolamine salt of octanoic acid.
10. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein components (a) and (b) together comprise at least 20 wt% of the composition.

11. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein component (a), component (b) and water together comprise at least 90 wt% of the composition.
- 5 12. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim which is in the form of a stable emulsion.
13. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim wherein component (b) comprises an aldehyde, a chelating agent and an amine salt of a carboxylic acid.
- 10 14. A concentrate composition according to any preceding claim which comprises 0.5 to 5 wt% of a surfactant compound, from 2 to 10 wt% of an aldehyde, from 5 to 25 wt% of a chelating agent and from 3 to 15 wt% of an amine salt of a carboxylic acid.
- 15 15. A formulated composition comprising a concentrate composition according to any preceding claim and one or more further components.
- 16 16. A method of preparing a formulated composition, the method comprising admixing a concentrate composition as defined in any of claims 1 to 12 with one or more further components.
- 20 17. A formulated composition or method according to claim 15 or claim 16 wherein the formulated composition is a hair care composition.
- 25 18. A formulated composition or method according to any of claims 15 to 17 which provides one or more benefits selected from increased gloss or shine, improved combability, improved strength, increased softness, reduced protein loss, improved thermal durability, increased chemical resistance, increased waviness and increased straightness.
- 30 19. A formulated composition or method according to claim 18 wherein the benefit may be temporary, semi-permanent or permanent.
20. The use of a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 15 or 17 to combat colour loss from a dyed material.