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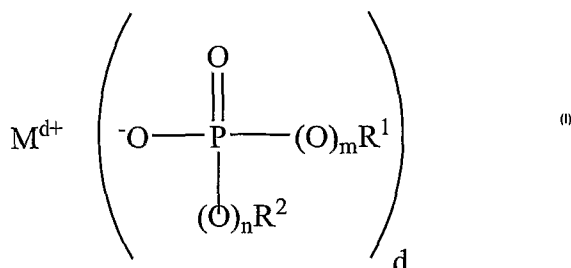
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and (b) a phosphine compound selected from trihydrocarbylphosphines, trihydrocarbylphosphine oxides, and combinations thereof. Polymer compositions utilizing the flame retardant combination are described.

(57) Abstract: A synergistic flame retardant combination includes (a) a phosphorus salt having the Formula (I) wherein M^{d+} is a metal ion or an onium ion; d is 1, 2, 3, or 4 according to the identity of M and its oxidation state; each occurrence of R^1 and R^2 is independently C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbyl; and each occurrence of m and n is independently 0 or 1;

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