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Abstract**Lubricating Oil Compositions**

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A lubricating oil composition is provided comprising a major amount of an oil of lubricating viscosity and a minor amount of, as an additive, at least one compound comprising a polynuclear molybdenum core and bonded thereto one or more anionic ligands capable of rendering the compound oil-soluble or oil-dispersible, wherein the ratio of the number of molybdenum atoms in the core to the number of said ligands is 1:1, such as 3:2 or greater.

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