LUBRICANT COMPOSITION FOR GEAR OIL

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field

The present invention relates to a lubricant composition, and more particularly to a lubricant composition, which includes an ethylene-alphaolefin oligomer and an alkylated phosphonium compound, thus realizing energy reduction and an increased endurance life, and which is thus suitable for use in gear oil.

2. Description of the Related Art

Recently, as environmental problems such as global warming, destruction of the ozone layer, etc. have come to the fore, environmental regulations have become strict. Hence, reduction of carbon dioxide emissions is receiving a great deal of attention. In order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, it is urgent to decrease energy consumption in vehicles, construction machinery, agricultural machinery and the like, that is, to increase fuel economy, and thus there is a strong demand for measures capable of contributing to energy reduction in an engine, a transmission, a final reducer, a compressor, a hydraulic device and the like. Accordingly, lubricants used in such devices are required to have the ability to decrease stirring resistance or friction resistance compared to conventional cases.

A lubricant is an oily material used to reduce the generation of frictional force on the friction surface of a

machine or to dissipate frictional heat generated from the friction surface. The lubricant is manufactured by adding additives to base oil, and is largely classified into a mineral-oil-based lubricant (petroleum-based lubricant) and a synthetic lubricant depending on the type of base oil, the synthetic lubricant being classified into a polyalphaolefin-based lubricant and an ester-based lubricant.

As means for improving fuel economy in gears of transmissions and reducers, decreasing the viscosity of a lubricant is generally used. For example, among transmissions, an automatic transmission or a continuously variable transmission for vehicles has a torque converter, a wet clutch, a gear bearing mechanism, an oil pump, a hydraulic control mechanism, etc., and a manual transmission or a reducer has a gear bearing mechanism, and thus when the viscosity of lubricant used therefor is further decreased, stirring resistance and friction resistance of the torque converter, the wet clutch, the gear bearing mechanism, and the oil pump are decreased, thereby increasing power transmission efficiency, ultimately making it possible to improve the fuel economy of vehicles.

However, when the viscosity of conventional lubricants is lowered, fitting performance is greatly decreased due to the deterioration of friction performance, and sticking or the like occurs, thus causing defects in the transmission or the like. Particularly, in the case of low viscosity, a viscosity modifier is sheared during the use thereof, and thus the viscosity is lowered, so that the wear resistance of the gear is damaged and fitting performance is easily deteriorated. Furthermore, even

when a sulfur/phosphorus extreme pressure agent is added to increase the extreme pressure performance of low-viscosity oil, fitting performance and endurance life are remarkably decreased, making it difficult to realize long-term use thereof.

Therefore, the present inventors have developed a lubricant composition for gear oil, which is capable of reducing the mechanical wear of gear parts and energy consumption and also of exhibiting superior thermal stability and oxidation stability, and may thus be industrially used for a long period of time.

[Citation List]

[Patent Literature]

(Patent Document 0001) Korean Patent No. 10-1420890

(Patent Document 0002) Korean Patent No. 10-1347964

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention has been made keeping in mind the problems encountered in the related art, and an objective of the present invention is to provide a lubricant composition, in which a functional additive for friction reduction and an ethylene-alphaolefin liquid random copolymer are mixed, thereby exhibiting superior friction characteristics, thermal stability and oxidation stability.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a lubricant composition for gear oil, which is able to reduce the mechanical wear of gear parts and energy consumption when applied to gears of transmissions and reducers, and may be used for a long period of time due to low changes in the physical properties

of gear oil.

In order to accomplish the above objectives, the present invention provides a lubricant composition, comprising a base oil, a liquid olefin copolymer, and an alkylated phosphonium compound.

The base oil may be at least one selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, polyalphaolefin (PAO) and ester.

The liquid olefin copolymer may be prepared by copolymerizing ethylene and alphaolefin in the presence of a single-site catalyst system, and the single-site catalyst system preferably includes a metallocene catalyst, an organometallic compound and an ionic compound.

The liquid olefin copolymer may have a coefficient of thermal expansion of 3.0 to 4.0.

In the lubricant composition of the present invention, the liquid olefin copolymer may be included in an amount of 0.1 to 30 wt%, and preferably 0.5 to 25 wt%. The alkylated phosphonium compound may be included in an amount of 0.1 to 5.0 wt%, and preferably 0.3 to 4.0 wt%.

The lubricant composition may have an SRV friction coefficient of 0.2 to 0.3 and a traction coefficient of 0.15 to 0.3. Moreover, the lubricant composition may have a pinion torque loss rate due to friction of less than 1% in an FZG gear efficiency test.

According to the present invention, a lubricant composition includes an alkylated phosphonium compound as a friction-reducing

agent, in addition to an existing sulfur/phosphorus extreme pressure agent, thereby maximizing friction performance to thus reduce the mechanical wear of gear parts and energy consumption when applied to gears of transmissions and reducers, ultimately maximizing energy-saving effects.

Also, according to the present invention, the lubricant composition includes, as a viscosity modifier, an olefin copolymer prepared in the presence of a metallocene compound catalyst, and can thus exhibit a high viscosity index and superior low-temperature stability.

Therefore, the present invention can provide a lubricant composition for gear oil, which enables long-term use due to low changes in the physical properties of gear oil.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC EMBODIMENTS

Hereinafter, a detailed description will be given of the present invention.

The present invention relates to a lubricant composition, which has superior oxidation stability and friction characteristics and is thus suitable for use in gear oil. Hence, the lubricant composition of the present invention includes a base oil, a liquid olefin copolymer, and an alkylated phosphonium compound.

Here, the base oil varies from the aspects of viscosity, heat resistance, oxidation stability and the like depending on the manufacturing method or refining method, but is generally classified into mineral oil and synthetic oil. The API (American

Petroleum Institute) classifies base oil into five types, namely Group I, II, III, IV and V. These types, based on API ranges, are defined in API Publication 1509, 15th Edition, Appendix E, April 2002, and are shown in Table 1 below.

[Table 1]

	Saturated hydrocarbon (%)	Sulfur (%)	Viscosity index
Group I	< 90	> 0.03	80 ≤ VI < 120
Group II	≥ 90	≤ 0.03	80 ≤ VI < 120
Group III	≥ 90	≤ 0.03	VI ≥ 120
Group IV	PAO (Poly Alpha Olefin)		
Group V	Ester & Others		

In the lubricant composition of the present invention, the base oil may be at least one selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, polyalphaolefin (PAO) and ester, and may be any type among Groups I to V based on the API ranges.

More specifically, mineral oil belongs to Groups I to III based on the API ranges, and mineral oil may include oil resulting from subjecting a lubricant distillate fraction, obtained through atmospheric distillation and/or vacuum distillation of crude oil, to at least one refining process of solvent deasphalting, solvent extraction, hydrogenolysis, solvent dewaxing, catalytic dewaxing, hydrorefining, sulfuric acid cleaning, and white clay treatment; wax isomerized mineral oil; or a gas-to-liquid (GLT) oil obtained via the Fischer-Tropsch process.

The synthetic oil belongs to Group IV or V based on the API ranges, and polyalphaolefin belonging to Group IV may be obtained through oligomerization of a higher alphaolefin using an acid catalyst, as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,780,128, U.S. Patent No. 4,032,591, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei.

1-163136, and the like, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

Examples of the synthetic oil belonging to Group V include alkyl benzenes, alkyl naphthalenes, isobutene oligomers or hydrides thereof, paraffins, polyoxy alkylene glycol, dialkyl diphenyl ether, polyphenyl ether, ester, and the like.

Here, the alkyl benzenes and alkyl naphthalenes are usually dialkylbenzene or dialkylnaphthalene having an alkyl chain length of 6 to 14 carbon atoms, and the alkyl benzenes or alkyl naphthalenes are prepared through Friedel-Crafts alkylation of benzene or naphthalene with olefin. The alkylated olefin used in the preparation of alkyl benzenes or alkyl naphthalenes may be linear or branched olefins or combinations thereof.

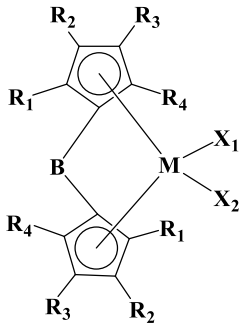
Also, examples of the ester include, but are not limited to, ditridecyl glutarate, di-2-ethylhexyl adipate, diisodecyl adipate, ditridecyl adipate, di-2-ethylhexyl sebacate, tridecyl pelargonate, di-2-ethylhexyl adipate, di-2-ethylhexyl azelate, trimethylolpropane caprylate, trimethylolpropane pelargonate, trimethylolpropane triheptanoate, pentaerythritol 2-ethylhexanoate, pentaerythritol pelargonate, pentaerythritol tetraheptanoate, and the like.

In the lubricant composition of the present invention, the liquid olefin copolymer is prepared by copolymerizing ethylene and alphaolefin monomers in the presence of a single-site catalyst system in order to uniformly distribute alphaolefin units in the copolymer chain. Preferably, the liquid olefin copolymer is prepared by reacting ethylene and alphaolefin monomers in the presence of a single-site catalyst system

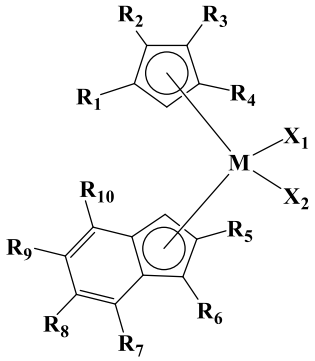
including a crosslinked metallocene compound, an organometallic compound, and an ionic compound for forming an ion pair through reaction with the crosslinked metallocene compound.

Here, the metallocene compound included in the single-site catalyst system may be at least one selected from the group consisting of Chemical Formulas 1 to 6 below.

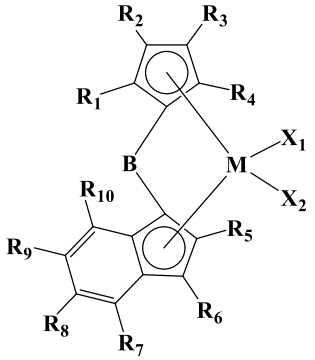
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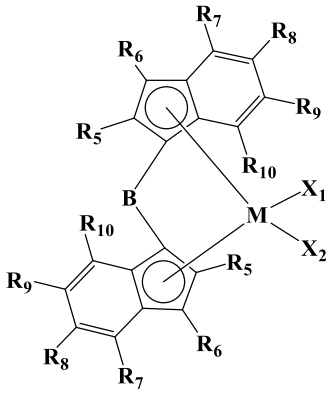
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[Chemical Formula 3]



[Chemical Formula 4]



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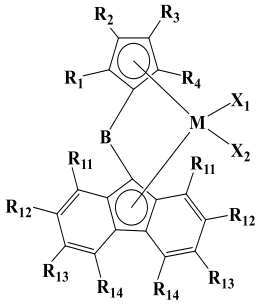
M is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of titanium, zirconium, and hafnium,

B is absent or is a linking group including a C1-C20 alkylene group, a C6-C20 arylene group, C1-C20 dialkyl silicon, C1-C20 dialkyl germanium, a C1-C20 alkylphosphine group or a C1-C20 alkylamine group,

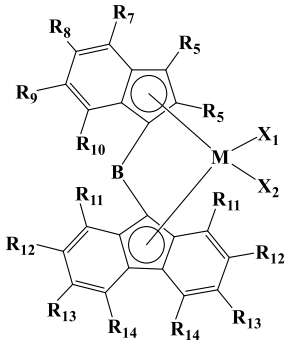
X_1 and X_2, which are the same as or different from each other, are each independently a halogen atom, a C1-C20 alkyl group, a C2-C20 alkenyl group, a C2-C20 alkynyl group, a C6-C20 aryl group, a C7-C40 alkylaryl group, a C7-C40 arylalkyl group, a C1-C20 alkylamido group, a C6-C20 arylamido group, a C1-C20 alkylidene group or a C1-C20 alkoxy group, and

R_1 to R_{10}, which are the same as or different from each other, are each independently hydrogen, a C1-C20 alkyl group, a C2-C20 alkenyl group, a C6-C20 aryl group, a C7-C20 alkylaryl group, a C7-C20 arylalkyl group, a C5-C60 cycloalkyl group, a C4-C20 heterocyclic group, a C1-C20 alkynyl group, a C6-C20-aryl-containing hetero group or a silyl group.

[Chemical Formula 5]



[Chemical Formula 6]



In Chemical Formulas 5 and 6,

M is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of titanium, zirconium, and hafnium,

B is absent or is a linking group including a C1-C20 alkylene group, a C6-C20 arylene group, a C1-C20 dialkyl silicon, a C1-C20 dialkyl germanium, a C1-C20 alkylphosphine group or a C1-C20 alkylamine group,

X_1 and X_2, which are the same as or different from each other, are each independently a halogen atom, a C1-C20 alkyl group, a C2-C20 alkenyl group, a C2-C20 alkynyl group, a C6-C20 aryl group, a C7-C40 alkylaryl group, a C7-C40 arylalkyl group, a C1-C20 alkylamido group, a C6-C20 arylamido group, a C1-C20 alkylidene group or a C1-C20 alkoxy group, and

R_1 to R_{10}, which are the same as or different from each other, are each independently hydrogen, a C1-C20 alkyl group, a

C2-C20 alkenyl group, a C6-C20 aryl group, a C7-C20 alkylaryl group, a C7-C20 arylalkyl group, a C5-C60 cycloalkyl group, a C4-C20 heterocyclic group, a C1-C20 alkynyl group, a C6-C20-aryl-containing hetero group or a silyl group.

Furthermore, all of R_{11}, R_{13} and R_{14} are hydrogen, and each of R_{12} radicals, which are the same as or different from each other, may independently be hydrogen, a C1-C20 alkyl group, a C2-C20 alkenyl group, a C6-C20 aryl group, a C7-C20 alkylaryl group, a C7-C20 arylalkyl group, a C5-C60 cycloalkyl group, a C4-C20 heterocyclic group, a C1-C20 alkynyl group, a C6-C20-aryl-containing hetero group or a silyl group.

Also, the metallocene compound of Chemical Formulas 2 to 6 may include a compound substituted through a hydroaddition reaction, and a preferred example thereof includes dimethylsilyl bis(tetrahydroindenyl) zirconium dichloride.

The organometallic compound included in the single-site catalyst system may be at least one selected from the group consisting of an organoaluminum compound, an organomagnesium compound, an organozinc compound and an organolithium compound, and is preferably an organoaluminum compound. The organoaluminum compound may be at least one selected from the group consisting of, for example, trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, tripropylaluminum, tributylaluminum, dimethylchloroaluminum, dimethylisobutylaluminum, dimethylethylaluminum, diethylchloroaluminum, triisopropylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, tricyclopentylaluminum, tripentylaluminum, triisopentylaluminum, ethyldimethylaluminum, methyldiethylaluminum, triphenylaluminum,

methylaluminoxane, ethylaluminoxane, isobutylaluminoxane and butylaluminoxane, and is preferably triisobutylaluminum.

The ionic compound included in the single-site catalyst system may be at least one selected from the group consisting of organoboron compounds such as dimethylanilinium tetrakis(perfluorophenyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(perfluorophenyl)borate, and the like.

The component ratio of the single-site catalyst system may be determined in consideration of catalytic activity, and the molar ratio of metallocene catalyst : ionic compound : organometallic compound is preferably adjusted in the range of 1 : 1 : 5 to 1 : 10 : 1000 in order to ensure desired catalytic activity.

Furthermore, the components of the single-site catalyst system may be added at the same time or in any sequence to an appropriate solvent and may thus function as an active catalyst system. Here, the solvent may include, but is not limited to, a hydrocarbon solvent such as pentane, hexane, heptane, etc., or an aromatic solvent such as benzene, toluene, xylene, etc., and any solvent usable in the preparation may be used.

Also, the alphaolefin monomer used in the preparation of the liquid olefin copolymer includes a C2-C20 aliphatic olefin, and may specifically be at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene, propylene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 3-methyl-1-butene, 1-hexene, 4-methyl-1-pentene, 3-methyl-1-pentene, 1-heptene, 1-octene, 1-decene, 1-dodecene and 1-tetradecene, and may include isomeric forms, but the present invention is not limited thereto. In the copolymerization, the monomer content is

1 to 95 mol%, preferably 5 to 90 mol%.

The liquid olefin copolymer required in the present invention has a coefficient of thermal expansion of 3.0 to 4.0 and a bromine number of 0.1 or less.

The liquid olefin copolymer may be included in an amount of 0.1 to 30 wt%, and preferably 0.5 to 25 wt%, based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition. If the amount of the liquid olefin copolymer is less than 0.1 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition, low-temperature stability may deteriorate. On the other hand, if the amount thereof exceeds 30 wt%, sufficient viscosity cannot be realized, and thus application of the resulting composition to gear oil becomes difficult, which is undesirable.

The alkylated phosphonium compound, serving as a friction-reducing agent, may be at least one selected from the group consisting of tetraoctylated phosphonium bisethylhexyl phosphate, tributyltetradecylphosphonium bis(2-ethylhexyl)phosphate, tetraethylphosphonium bis(2-ethylhexyl)phosphate and tributylphosphonium bis(2-ethylhexly)phosphate. When the alkylated phosphonium compound is included in the lubricant composition, it may exhibit synergistic effects with an existing wear-resistant agent and friction reduction effects, and additionally, energy-saving effects may be achieved through friction reduction.

The alkylated phosphonium compound may be included in an amount of 0.1 to 5.0 wt%, and preferably 0.3 to 4.0 wt%, based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition. If the amount of the alkylated phosphonium compound is less than 0.1 wt% based on 100

wt% of the lubricant composition, the friction reduction effect is insignificant. On the other hand, if the amount thereof exceeds 5.0 wt%, the additional reduction effect is insignificant despite the excessive addition thereof, which is undesirable.

The lubricant composition of the present invention may further include an additive selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, a metal cleaner, an anticorrosive agent, a foam inhibitor, a pour-point depressant, a viscosity modifier, a wear-resistant agent and combinations thereof.

The antioxidant may be included in an amount of 0.01 to 5.0 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition, and is preferably used in the form of a mixture of a phenolic antioxidant and an aminic antioxidant, more preferably a mixture of 0.01 to 3.0 wt% of the phenolic antioxidant and 0.01 to 3.0 wt% of the aminic antioxidant.

The phenolic antioxidant may be any one selected from the group consisting of 2,6-dibutylphenol, hindered bisphenol, high-molecular-weight hindered phenol, and hindered phenol with thioether.

The aminic antioxidant may be any one selected from the group consisting of diphenylamine, alkylated diphenylamine and naphthylamine, and preferably, the alkylated diphenylamine is dioctyldiphenylamine, octylated diphenylamine, or butylated diphenylamine.

The metal cleaner may be at least one selected from the group consisting of metallic phenate, metallic sulfonate, and metallic salicylate, and preferably, the metal cleaner is included in an amount of 0.1 to 10.0 wt% based on 100 wt% of the

lubricant composition.

The anticorrosive agent may be a benzotriazole derivative, and is preferably any one selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, 2-methylbenzotriazole, 2-phenylbenzotriazole, 2-ethylbenzotriazole and 2-propylbenzotriazole. The anticorrosive agent may be included in an amount of 0 to 4.0 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition.

The foam inhibitor may be polyoxyalkylene polyol, and preferably, the foam inhibitor is included in an amount of 0 to 4.0 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition.

The pour-point depressant may be poly(methyl methacrylate), and preferably, the pour-point depressant is included in an amount of 0.01 to 5.0 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition.

The viscosity modifier may be polyisobutylene or polymethacrylate, and preferably, the viscosity modifier is included in an amount of 0 to 15 wt% based on 100 wt% of the lubricant composition.

The wear-resistant agent may be at least one selected from the group consisting of organic borates, organic phosphites, organic sulfur-containing compounds, zinc dialkyl dithiophosphate, zinc diaryl dithiophosphate and phosphosulfurized hydrocarbon, and preferably, the wear-resistant agent is included in an amount of 0.01 to 3.0 wt%.

The lubricant composition of the present invention has an SRV friction coefficient of 0.2 to 0.3 and a traction coefficient of 0.15 to 0.3. Also, the lubricant composition of the present invention has a pinion torque loss rate due to friction of less

than 1%, as measured through an FZG gear efficiency test as a gear oil rig test.

A better understanding of the present invention through the following examples. However, the present invention is not limited to these examples, but may be embodied in other forms. These examples are provided to thoroughly explain the invention and to sufficiently transfer the spirit of the present invention to those skilled in the art.

1. Preparation of additive composition

An additive composition for use in the lubricant composition of the present invention was prepared as shown in Table 2 below.

[Table 2]

Additive composition		Composition A	Composition B
Antioxidant	2,6-dibutylphenol	1	1.5
	Diphenylamine	0.8	1
Metal cleaner	Metallic phenate	0.2	0.6
Anticorrosive agent	Benzotriazole	0.3	1.0
Foam inhibitor	Polyoxyalkylene polyol	0.01	0.02
Pour-point depressant	Polymethylmethacrylate	0.2	0.5
Viscosity modifier	Polyisobutylene	-	1.0
Wear-resistant agent	Zinc diaryl dithiophosphate	0.2	1.1

2. Liquid olefin copolymer

A liquid olefin copolymer was prepared using an oligomerization method through a catalytic reaction process. Depending on the reaction time and conditions, which follow, liquid olefin copolymers having different molecular weights were prepared, and the properties thereof are shown in Table 3 below.

The reaction time and conditions were increased by 4 hr each

from 20 hr. Here, the amounts of hydrogen and comonomer C3, which were added thereto, were increased by 10% each, and polymerization was performed under individual conditions, and the resulting polymers were classified depending on the molecular weight thereof.

[Table 3]

Alphaolefin copolymer	Main properties		
	Evaporation Loss (%)	Thickening Power (10 wt% in 150N)	CoE of Thermal Expansion
Copolymer I	1.28	6	3.00 to 3.20
Copolymer II	0.54	7	3.20 to 3.40
Copolymer III	0.10	8	3.40 to 3.50
Copolymer IV	0.001	10	3.50 to 3.60
Copolymer V	0.0001	12	3.60 to 3.70
Copolymer VI	0.00001	14	3.70 to 3.80

3. Preparation of lubricant composition for gear oil

A lubricant composition was prepared by mixing a base oil, the liquid olefin copolymer, an alkylated phosphonium compound, and the additive prepared above, as shown in Tables 4 and 5 below. Here, the base oil was polyalphaolefin (PAO 4 cSt, available from Chevron Philips) having kinematic viscosity of 4 cSt at 100℃, and the alkylated phosphonium compound was tetraoctylated phosphonium bisethylhexyl phosphate.

Preparation Examples 1 to 72 and Comparative Examples 1 to 9. Lubricant composition for gear oil including additive A

[Table 4]

Composition	Base oil	Alphaolefin copolymer	Alkylated phosphonium compound	Additive A
Preparation Example 1	97.14	Copolymer I 0.05	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 2	96.74	Copolymer I 0.05	0.5	2.71

Preparation Example 3	96.24	Copolymer I 0.05	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 4	94.24	Copolymer I 0.05	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 5	92.24	Copolymer I 0.05	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 6	95.79	Copolymer I 0.5	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 7	93.79	Copolymer I 0.5	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 8	91.79	Copolymer I 5	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 9	89.29	Copolymer I 5	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 10	87.29	Copolymer I 5	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 11	86.79	Copolymer I 10	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 12	86.29	Copolymer I 10	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 13	82.29	Copolymer I 10	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 14	76.79	Copolymer I 20	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 15	72.29	Copolymer I 20	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 16	67.19	Copolymer I 30	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 17	62.29	Copolymer I 30	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 18	61.79	Copolymer I 35	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 19	61.29	Copolymer I 35	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 20	59.29	Copolymer I 35	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 21	57.29	Copolymer I 35	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 22	52.29	Copolymer I 35	10.0	2.71
Preparation Example 23	97.14	Copolymer II 0.05	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 24	96.74	Copolymer II 0.05	0.5	2.71

Preparation Example 25	96.24	Copolymer II 0.05	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 26	94.24	Copolymer II 0.05	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 27	92.24	Copolymer II 0.05	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 28	95.79	Copolymer II 0.5	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 29	93.79	Copolymer II 0.5	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 30	91.79	Copolymer II 5	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 31	91.29	Copolymer II 5	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 32	87.29	Copolymer II 5	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 33	87.19	Copolymer II 10	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 34	86.29	Copolymer II 10	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 35	84.29	Copolymer II 10	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 36	82.29	Copolymer II 10	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 37	77.19	Copolymer II 20	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 38	74.29	Copolymer II 20	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 39	72.29	Copolymer II 20	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 40	67.19	Copolymer II 30	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 41	97.14	Copolymer III 0.05	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 42	96.74	Copolymer III 0.05	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 43	96.24	Copolymer III 0.05	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 44	94.24	Copolymer III 0.05	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 45	91.79	Copolymer III 5	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 46	87.29	Copolymer III 5	5.0	2.71

Preparation Example 47	86.79	Copolymer III 10	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 48	82.29	Copolymer III 10	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 49	76.79	Copolymer III 20	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 50	76.29	Copolymer III 20	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 51	72.29	Copolymer III 20	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 52	92.19	Copolymer IV 5	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 53	89.29	Copolymer IV 5	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 54	87.29	Copolymer IV 5	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 55	82.29	Copolymer IV 5	10.0	2.71
Preparation Example 56	86.79	Copolymer IV 10	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 57	74.29	Copolymer IV 20	3.0	2.71
Preparation Example 58	76.79	Copolymer IV 20	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 59	91.79	Copolymer V 5	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 60	86.79	Copolymer V 10	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 61	82.29	Copolymer V 10	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 62	77.19	Copolymer V 20	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 63	76.79	Copolymer V 20	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 64	72.29	Copolymer V 20	5.0	2.71
Preparation Example 65	67.19	Copolymer V 30	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 66	66.79	Copolymer V 30	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 67	97.14	Copolymer VI 0.05	0.1	2.71
Preparation Example 68	96.74	Copolymer VI 0.05	0.5	2.71

Preparation Example 69	96.24	Copolymer VI 0.05	1.0	2.71
Preparation Example 70	91.79	Copolymer VI 5	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 71	86.79	Copolymer VI 10	0.5	2.71
Preparation Example 72	76.79	Copolymer VI 20	0.5	2.71
Comparative Example 1	97.24	Copolymer I 0.05	-	2.71
Comparative Example 2	97.24	Copolymer II 0.05	-	2.71
Comparative Example 3	87.29	Copolymer II 10	-	2.71
Comparative Example 4	77.29	Copolymer II 20	-	2.71
Comparative Example 5	67.29	Copolymer II 30	-	2.71
Comparative Example 6	92.29	Copolymer IV 5	-	2.71
Comparative Example 7	67.29	Copolymer V 30	-	2.71
Comparative Example 8	62.29	Copolymer V 35	-	2.71
Comparative Example 9	97.24	Copolymer VI 0.05	-	2.71

Preparation Examples 73 to 148 and Comparative Examples 10 to 16. Lubricant composition for gear oil including additive B

[Table 5]

Composition	Base oil	Alphaolefin copolymer	Alkylated phosphonium compound	Additive B
Preparation Example 73	92.28	Copolymer I 0.5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 74	91.78	Copolymer I 0.5	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 75	87.78	Copolymer I 5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 76	87.28	Copolymer I 5	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 77	82.28	Copolymer I 10	1.0	6.72

Preparation Example 78	80.28	Copolymer I 10	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 79	72.78	Copolymer I 20	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 80	72.28	Copolymer I 20	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 81	91.78	Copolymer II 0.5	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 82	89.78	Copolymer II 0.5	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 83	87.78	Copolymer II 5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 84	87.28	Copolymer II 5	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 85	82.28	Copolymer II 10	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 86	80.28	Copolymer II 10	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 87	70.28	Copolymer II 20	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 88	62.78	Copolymer II 30	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 89	62.28	Copolymer II 30	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 90	60.28	Copolymer II 30	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 91	58.28	Copolymer II 30	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 91	93.13	Copolymer III 0.05	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 93	92.73	Copolymer III 0.05	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 94	92.23	Copolymer III 0.05	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 95	90.23	Copolymer III 0.05	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 96	87.78	Copolymer III 5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 97	83.28	Copolymer III 5	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 98	82.78	Copolymer III 10	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 99	78.28	Copolymer III 10	5.0	6.72

Preparation Example 100	72.78	Copolymer III 20	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 101	72.28	Copolymer III 20	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 102	68.28	Copolymer III 20	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 103	58.28	Copolymer III 30	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 104	58.18	Copolymer III 35	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 105	57.78	Copolymer III 35	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 106	57.28	Copolymer III 35	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 107	55.28	Copolymer III 35	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 108	93.13	Copolymer IV 0.05	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 109	92.73	Copolymer IV 0.05	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 110	92.23	Copolymer IV 0.05	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 111	90.23	Copolymer IV 0.05	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 112	88.23	Copolymer IV 0.05	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 113	88.18	Copolymer IV 5	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 114	85.28	Copolymer IV 5	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 115	83.28	Copolymer IV 5	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 116	78.28	Copolymer IV 5	10.0	6.72
Preparation Example 117	83.18	Copolymer IV 10	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 118	82.78	Copolymer IV 10	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 119	78.28	Copolymer IV 10	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 120	73.18	Copolymer IV 20	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 121	72.78	Copolymer IV 20	0.5	6.72

Preparation Example 122	70.28	Copolymer IV 20	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 123	93.13	Copolymer V 0.05	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 124	92.73	Copolymer V 0.05	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 125	92.23	Copolymer V 0.05	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 126	90.23	Copolymer V 0.05	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 127	88.23	Copolymer V 0.05	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 128	88.18	Copolymer V 5	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 129	87.78	Copolymer V 5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 130	83.28	Copolymer V 5	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 131	82.78	Copolymer V 10	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 132	78.28	Copolymer V 10	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 133	72.78	Copolymer V 20	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 134	72.28	Copolymer V 20	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 135	63.18	Copolymer V 30	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 136	90.23	Copolymer VI 0.05	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 137	88.23	Copolymer VI 0.05	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 138	87.78	Copolymer VI 5	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 139	85.28	Copolymer VI 5	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 140	83.18	Copolymer VI 10	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 141	82.28	Copolymer VI 10	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 142	78.28	Copolymer VI 10	5.0	6.72
Preparation Example 143	70.28	Copolymer VI 20	3.0	6.72

Preparation Example 144	58.18	Copolymer VI 35	0.1	6.72
Preparation Example 145	57.78	Copolymer VI 35	0.5	6.72
Preparation Example 146	57.28	Copolymer VI 35	1.0	6.72
Preparation Example 147	55.28	Copolymer VI 35	3.0	6.72
Preparation Example 148	53.28	Copolymer VI 35	5.0	6.72
Comparative Example 10	93.23	Copolymer IV 0.05	-	6.72
Comparative Example 11	88.28	Copolymer IV 5	-	6.72
Comparative Example 12	83.28	Copolymer IV 10	-	6.72
Comparative Example 13	88.28	Copolymer V 5	-	6.72
Comparative Example 14	73.28	Copolymer V 20	-	6.72
Comparative Example 15	63.28	Copolymer V 30	-	6.72
Comparative Example 16	88.28	Copolymer VI 5	-	6.72

4. Evaluation of properties

The properties of the lubricant compositions prepared in Preparation Examples and Comparative Examples were measured as follows. The results are shown in Tables 6 and 7 below.

Friction Coefficient

In the ball-on-disc mode, friction performance was evaluated by sequentially elevating the temperature in increments of 10˚C from 40 to 120˚C at 50 Hz and comparing the average friction coefficients at individual temperatures. Here, the friction coefficient value decreases with an increase in effectiveness.

Traction Coefficient

The traction coefficient was measured using an MTM instrument made by PCS Instruments. Here, the measurement conditions were fixed at 50N and SRR 50%, and friction and traction were observed depending on changes in temperature. The temperature was varied from 40 to 120˚C, and the average values were compared.

Wear resistance

Four steel balls were subjected to friction with the lubricant composition for 60 min under conditions of 20 kg load, 1200 rpm, and 54˚C, the sizes of wear scars were compared, and evaluation was carried out in accordance with ASTM D4172. Here, the wear scar (average wear scar diameter, ㎛) value decreases with an increase in effectiveness.

Oxidation stability

Oxidation stability was measured using an RBOT (Rotational Bomb Oxidation Test) meter in accordance with ASTM D2271.

Friction loss

As a gear oil rig test, an FZG gear efficiency test was performed. In the FZG efficiency test, the pinion torque was measured through rotation with a motor drive specified depending on the type of oil under conditions in which the temperature of oil was fixed to 100˚C and no load was applied, and thus the pinion torque loss rates of existing oil and the oil using the alphaolefin copolymer and the alkylated phosphonium compound were

calculated, and relative values thereof were compared.

[Table 6]

	SRV Friction Coefficient	MTM Traction Coefficient	4 Ball Wear (㎛)	Oxidation stability	Relative loss (FZG efficiency at 100˚C)
Preparation Example 1	0.701	0.598	496	610	1.20
Preparation Example 2	0.732	0.569	477	654	1.09
Preparation Example 3	0.734	0.587	432	523	1.16
Preparation Example 4	0.735	0.544	501	320	1.30
Preparation Example 5	0.712	0.523	665	249	1.30
Preparation Example 6	0.285	0.200	152	1650	0.91
Preparation Example 7	0.265	0.236	133	1600	0.90
Preparation Example 8	0.267	0.211	110	2000	0.95
Preparation Example 9	0.240	0.236	106	2110	0.94
Preparation Example 10	0.736	0.569	511	333	1.15
Preparation Example 11	0.239	0.207	123	1840	0.91
Preparation Example 12	0.257	0.217	140	1680	0.92
Preparation Example 13	0.745	0.564	522	285	1.22
Preparation Example 14	0.259	0.243	147	1510	0.93
Preparation Example 15	0.754	0.555	536	278	1.20
Preparation Example 16	0.710	0.621	588	299	1.18
Preparation Example 17	0.768	0.561	555	269	1.18
Preparation Example 18	0.769	0.532	622	298	1.16
Preparation	0.774	0.512	654	277	1.09

Example 19					
Preparation Example 20	0.744	0.533	635	279	1.16
Preparation Example 21	0.730	0.612	598	311	1.14
Preparation Example 22	0.741	0.633	590	312	1.16
Preparation Example 23	0.76	0.685	518	384	1.20
Preparation Example 24	0.769	0.696	523	368	1.18
Preparation Example 25	0.778	0.641	537	321	1.14
Preparation Example 26	0.792	0.621	556	325	1.16
Preparation Example 27	0.791	0.632	631	387	1.12
Preparation Example 28	0.278	0.236	107	1610	0.93
Preparation Example 29	0.279	0.245	108	1440	0.91
Preparation Example 30	0.284	0.278	121	2130	0.92
Preparation Example 31	0.291	0.247	122	2410	0.93
Preparation Example 32	0.793	0.612	623	345	1.19
Preparation Example 33	0.777	0.548	505	269	1.16
Preparation Example 34	0.269	0.219	158	1780	0.95
Preparation Example 35	0.264	0.209	169	1790	0.93
Preparation Example 36	0.797	0.587	647	388	1.20
Preparation Example 37	0.81	0.521	644	415	1.14
Preparation Example 38	0.258	0.221	152	1540	0.92
Preparation Example 39	0.755	0.555	612	321	1.30
Preparation Example 40	0.841	0.623	698	610	1.15
Preparation	0.702	0.665	678	654	1.14

Example 41					
Preparation Example 42	0.682	0.610	598	523	1.16
Preparation Example 43	0.713	0.587	599	320	1.30
Preparation Example 44	0.715	0.588	587	333	1.15
Preparation Example 45	0.258	0.211	175	2020	0.95
Preparation Example 46	0.716	0.521	499	285	1.22
Preparation Example 47	0.269	0.207	154	1650	0.92
Preparation Example 48	0.717	0.569	580	278	1.20
Preparation Example 49	0.278	0.217	135	1580	0.92
Preparation Example 50	0.279	0.213	108	1490	0.93
Preparation Example 51	0.726	0.587	590	269	1.18
Preparation Example 52	0.693	0.587	520	495	1.15
Preparation Example 53	0.231	0.247	163	2456	0.94
Preparation Example 54	0.691	0.587	651	419	1.14
Preparation Example 55	0.711	0.547	587	322	1.12
Preparation Example 56	0.268	0.236	199	1680	0.91
Preparation Example 57	0.264	0.248	185	2020	0.92
Preparation Example 58	0.247	0.278	169	2122	0.93
Preparation Example 59	0.254	0.219	165	1681	0.93
Preparation Example 60	0.260	0.217	155	1519	0.92
Preparation Example 61	0.678	0.512	655	279	1.16
Preparation Example 62	0.621	0.547	591	325	1.18
Preparation	0.278	0.243	123	1440	0.93

Example 63					
Preparation Example 64	0.744	0.587	478	347	1.16
Preparation Example 65	0.685	0.611	664	269	1.18
Preparation Example 66	0.655	0.587	673	396	1.16
Preparation Example 67	0.745	0.587	599	348	1.16
Preparation Example 68	0.725	0.555	568	384	1.30
Preparation Example 69	0.756	0.548	534	368	1.15
Preparation Example 70	0.291	0.245	149	1810	0.91
Preparation Example 71	0.269	0.278	107	1790	0.92
Preparation Example 72	0.284	0.256	110	1540	0.94
Comparative Example 1	0.721	0.589	454	510	1.11
Comparative Example 2	0.759	0.674	505	348	1.22
Comparative Example 3	0.775	0.555	436	258	1.30
Comparative Example 4	0.811	0.588	698	412	1.18
Comparative Example 5	0.766	0.672	664	510	1.16
Comparative Example 6	0.725	0.611	510	465	1.30
Comparative Example 7	0.68	0.563	636	249	1.30
Comparative Example 8	0.7	0.587	597	321	1.20
Comparative Example 9	0.716	0.539	498	396	1.30

[Table 7]

	SRV Friction Coefficient	MTM Traction Coefficient	4 Ball Wear (㎛)	Oxidation stability	Relative loss (FZG efficiency at 100˚C)

Preparation Example 73	0.268	0.209	122	1640	0.93
Preparation Example 74	0.269	0.236	132	1490	0.91
Preparation Example 75	0.247	0.200	164	2110	0.92
Preparation Example 76	0.231	0.236	176	2030	0.93
Preparation Example 77	0.254	0.211	161	1580	0.95
Preparation Example 78	0.251	0.236	196	1490	0.94
Preparation Example 79	0.269	0.207	193	1480	0.91
Preparation Example 80	0.278	0.222	190	1650	0.92
Preparation Example 81	0.277	0.236	167	1480	0.93
Preparation Example 82	0.284	0.245	189	2020	0.94
Preparation Example 83	0.268	0.278	107	2456	0.93
Preparation Example 84	0.269	0.247	108	1854	0.91
Preparation Example 85	0.284	0.219	121	1440	0.92
Preparation Example 86	0.291	0.209	122	2080	0.93
Preparation Example 87	0.264	0.200	169	1810	0.93
Preparation Example 88	0.749	0.555	520	298	1.12
Preparation Example 89	0.748	0.569	555	277	1.19
Preparation Example 90	0.75	0.539	562	279	1.16
Preparation Example 91	0.755	0.587	458	249	1.30
Preparation Example 91	0.798	0.639	655	346	1.16
Preparation Example 93	0.768	0.589	636	347	1.30
Preparation Example 94	0.736	0.598	664	258	1.15

Preparation Example 95	0.747	0.569	673	269	1.22
Preparation Example 96	0.254	0.236	194	1540	0.93
Preparation Example 97	0.822	0.587	676	287	1.20
Preparation Example 98	0.260	0.207	123	1640	0.95
Preparation Example 99	0.813	0.544	618	288	1.18
Preparation Example 100	0.269	0.222	140	1490	0.93
Preparation Example 101	0.278	0.219	146	2020	0.91
Preparation Example 102	0.702	0.569	589	299	1.14
Preparation Example 103	0.682	0.564	597	388	1.12
Preparation Example 104	0.726	0.512	478	347	1.22
Preparation Example 105	0.735	0.533	436	321	1.20
Preparation Example 106	0.749	0.523	505	247	1.18
Preparation Example 107	0.748	0.532	518	258	1.14
Preparation Example 108	0.693	0.548	587	322	1.30
Preparation Example 109	0.704	0.512	541	368	1.15
Preparation Example 110	0.779	0.563	523	388	1.22
Preparation Example 111	0.77	0.611	498	396	1.20
Preparation Example 112	0.691	0.587	599	348	1.18
Preparation Example 113	0.722	0.521	534	368	1.12
Preparation Example 114	0.284	0.209	198	1650	0.92
Preparation Example 115	0.715	0.555	612	345	1.15
Preparation Example 116	0.716	0.672	647	346	1.13

Preparation Example 117	0.726	0.498	644	258	1.30
Preparation Example 118	0.291	0.278	107	1580	0.94
Preparation Example 119	0.745	0.623	612	299	1.18
Preparation Example 120	0.725	0.665	664	388	1.14
Preparation Example 121	0.264	0.219	121	1480	0.91
Preparation Example 122	0.269	0.256	110	1910	0.93
Preparation Example 123	0.758	0.600	678	415	1.19
Preparation Example 124	0.759	0.588	598	369	1.16
Preparation Example 125	0.76	0.541	599	358	1.30
Preparation Example 126	0.769	0.563	587	347	1.16
Preparation Example 127	0.778	0.522	499	321	1.30
Preparation Example 128	0.716	0.563	789	317	1.20
Preparation Example 129	0.268	0.221	158	1480	0.93
Preparation Example 130	0.713	0.532	580	365	1.15
Preparation Example 131	0.264	0.236	174	2122	0.95
Preparation Example 132	0.645	0.555	589	285	1.22
Preparation Example 133	0.247	0.219	152	2456	0.93
Preparation Example 134	0.231	0.211	169	1854	0.91
Preparation Example 135	0.735	0.547	510	250	1.14
Preparation Example 136	0.758	0.512	578	321	1.22
Preparation Example 137	0.759	0.563	579	325	1.20
Preparation Example 138	0.251	0.207	154	2080	0.93

Preparation Example 139	0.260	0.234	169	2130	0.94
Preparation Example 140	0.798	0.578	485	287	1.22
Preparation Example 141	0.259	0.209	220	1810	0.93
Preparation Example 142	0.822	0.601	444	412	1.12
Preparation Example 143	0.261	0.226	226	1780	0.91
Preparation Example 144	0.769	0.587	584	345	1.14
Preparation Example 145	0.778	0.588	562	346	1.12
Preparation Example 146	0.792	0.541	532	347	1.19
Preparation Example 147	0.791	0.513	521	258	1.16
Preparation Example 148	0.793	0.555	511	269	1.30
Comparative Example 10	0.725	0.555	651	269	1.16
Comparative Example 11	0.711	0.588	568	384	1.14
Comparative Example 12	0.717	0.499	698	347	1.16
Comparative Example 13	0.715	0.543	590	399	1.22
Comparative Example 14	0.749	0.555	587	321	1.19
Comparative Example 15	0.646	0.569	523	278	1.20
Comparative Example 16	0.76	0.611	624	387	1.18

As is apparent from Tables 6 and 7, the lubricant compositions including the liquid olefin copolymer and the alkylated phosphonium compound within the amount ranges of the present invention were significantly reduced in wear scar and friction coefficient compared to the lubricant compositions of Comparative Examples, and also exhibited superior oxidation

stability.

Moreover, an efficiency improvement of at least 5 to 12% in the FZG gear efficiency test resulted, indicating that, even in practical use, the lubricant composition of the present invention was capable of reducing gear loss, thereby significantly improving fuel economy or energy-saving effects.

Therefore, it is concluded that the lubricant composition of the present invention is improved from the aspects of friction characteristics and stability and thus is suitable for use in gear oil.

Although the embodiments of the present invention have been disclosed for illustrative purposes, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications, additions and substitutions are possible, without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention as disclosed in the accompanying claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lubricant composition, comprising:

a base oil;

0.5 to 25% by weight of a liquid olefin copolymer excluding polyalphaolefin (PAO); and

0.5 to 4.0% by weight of an alkylated phosphonium compound.

2. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the liquid olefin copolymer is prepared by copolymerizing ethylene and alphaolefin using a single-site catalyst system.

3. The lubricant composition of claim 2, wherein the single-site catalyst system includes a metallocene catalyst, an organometallic compound and an ionic compound.

4. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the liquid olefin copolymer has a coefficient of thermal expansion of 3.0 to 4.0.

5. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the liquid olefin copolymer has a bromine number of 0.1 or less.

6. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the base

oil is at least one selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, polyalphaolefin (PAO), and ester.

7. The lubricant composition of claim 1, further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, a metal cleaner, an anticorrosive agent, a foam inhibitor, a pour-point depressant, a viscosity modifier, a wear-resistant agent, and combinations thereof.

8. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricant composition has an SRV friction coefficient of 0.2 to 0.3.

9. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricant composition has a traction coefficient of 0.15 to 0.3.

10. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricant composition has a pinion torque loss rate due to friction of less than 1% in an FZG gear efficiency test.

11. The lubricant composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricant composition is used as gear oil.