

Description

The present invention pertains to curable compositions containing polyglycidyl ethers of a polyphenol and halogenated bisphenols.

5 US-A-4,438,254 describes novolac resins wherein difunctional epoxides are reacted with phenols or thiophenols to advance the resin. The resins cure upon reaction with an added curing agent to thermoplastic polymers.

FR-A-1,325 223 refers to novolac resins wherein the B-staging occurs so rapidly that a laminate cannot be prepared therefrom.

10 The references do not describe trisepoxides.

Compositions containing glycidyl ethers of bisphenols and halogenated bisphenols have been employed in the preparation of electrical laminates. However, they are usually lacking in one or more properties such as, for example, thermal performance, moisture resistance and high temperature mechanical strength.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a curable composition which results in cured compositions having an improvement in one or more of the properties selected from thermal stability, glass transition temperature, elevated temperature mechanical strength, moisture resistance, chemical resistance and toughness.

This object is attained by a curable composition characterized by comprising

20 (A) at least one of

(1) at least one epoxy resin represented by the following formulas I, II, IV, V or VI:

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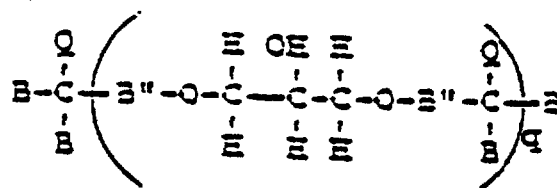
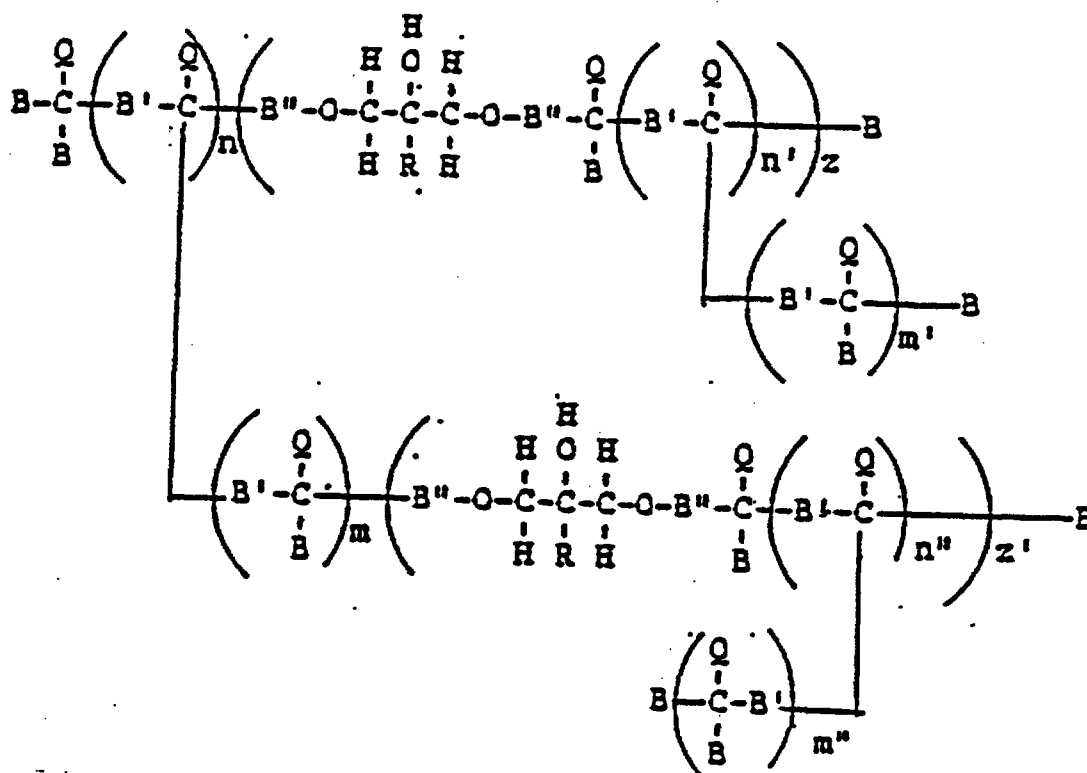
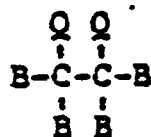
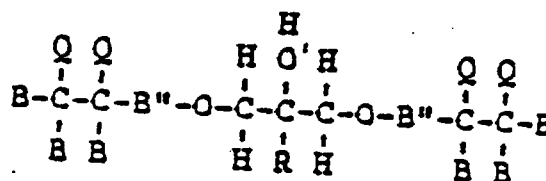
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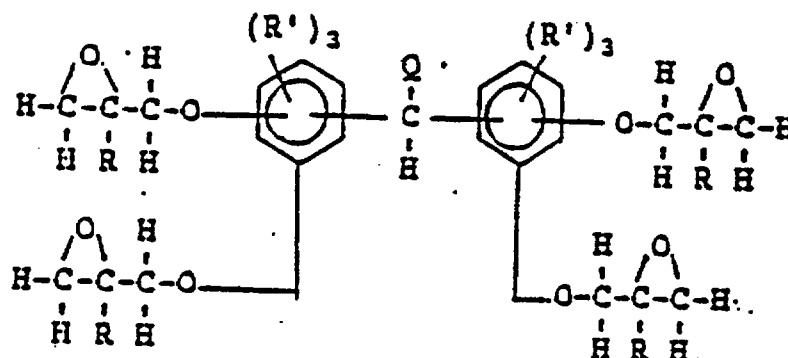
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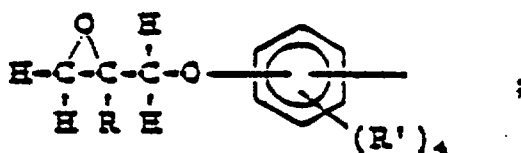
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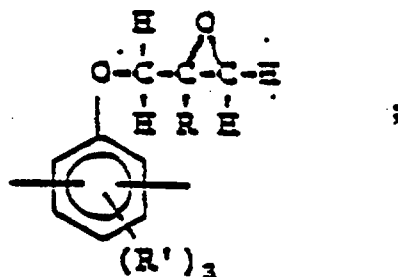
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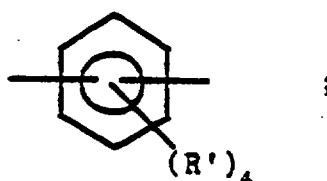
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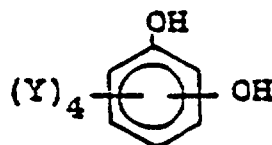
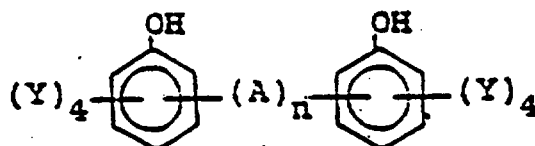
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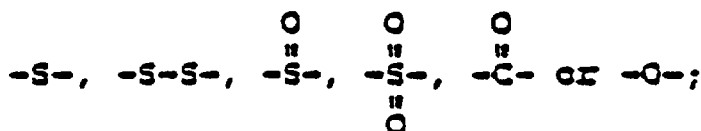
and each Q is independently hydrogen or a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; each R is independently hydrogen or an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; each R' is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a halogen; m has a value of n-1; m' has a value of n'-1; m'' has a value of n''-1; each n, n' and n'' independently has a value from zero to 3; q has a value from zero to 4 and each z and z' independently has a value from zero to 3;

(2) the reaction product of

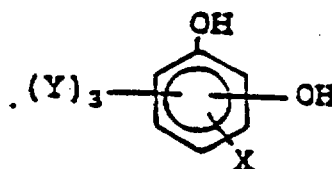
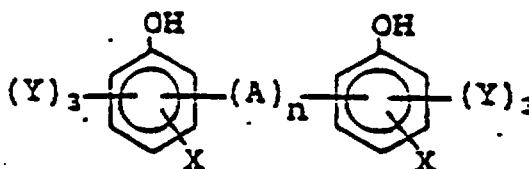
- (a) at least one epoxy resin as defined in component (A-1) and
- (b) at least one dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas VII or VIII:

FORMULA VIIFORMULA VIII

wherein each Y is independently hydrogen, a halogen or a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 - 10 carbon atoms and n has a value of zero or 1 and each A is independently a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1-12 carbon atoms,



and wherein components (A-2-a) and (A-2-b) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.01 : 1 to 0.5 : 1; or (3) mixtures thereof; and (B) at least one halogenated dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas IX or X:

FORMULA IXFORMULA X

wherein A, Y and n are as defined above; each X is a halogen; and wherein components (A) and (B) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.7:1 to 1.1:1.

In the formula n is preferably 1 and q is preferably from 0.1 to 2 and more preferably from 0.5 to 1.5.

The components (A-2a) and (A-2b) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is preferably from 0.05 : 1 to 0.25 : 1, most preferably from 0.1 : 1 to 0.2 : 1.

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Optionally, the composition additionally comprises

(C) a catalytic quantity of from 0.001 to 20 percent by weight based on the weight of the reactants of at least one catalyst for effecting the reaction between components (A) and (B); and
 (D) from zero to 50, preferably from 10 to 45, most preferably from 30 to 40, percent by weight based on the combined weight of components (A), (B), (C) and (D) of at least one solvent.

The present invention also pertains to substrates impregnated with the aforementioned compositions and to laminates prepared therefrom.

A preferred composition is characterized in that component (A) is component (A-1) represented by formula I or II wherein Q and R are hydrogen; B, B', B'', n, n', n'', m, m', m'' z and z' are as defined before; q has an average value of from 0.1 to 2 and component (B) is represented by formula X wherein A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, each X is bromine and n has a value of 1 and Y is as defined before.

Another preferred composition is characterized in that component (A) is component (A-1) represented by formula IV or V wherein each Q and R are hydrogen, B and B'' are as defined before, and component (B) is represented by formula X wherein A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1 and Y is as defined before.

A further composition is characterized in that component (A) is component (A-1) represented by formula VI wherein each Q, R and R' is hydrogen and component (B) is represented by formula X wherein A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1 and Y is as defined before.

Particularly suitable epoxy resins which can be employed herein include, for example, the triglycidyl ether of tris(hydroxyphenyl)methane, higher molecular weight homologs thereof, triepoxides advanced with dihydric phenols, and mixtures thereof.

Particularly suitable dihydric phenols and halogenated dihydric phenols include, for example, bisphenol A, tetrabromobisphenol A, bisphenol S, tetrabromobisphenol S, biphenol, tetrabromobiphenol, tetrabromodihydroxybenzophenone, resorcinol, tetrabromoresorcinol, and mixtures thereof.

Multifunctional phenolic compounds, those having an average functionality of greater than 2, can be employed in this invention together with the diphenolic compounds, if desired, so as to change the cure behavior of the composition. Particularly suitable multifunctional phenolic compounds include, for example, phenol-formaldehyde condensation products having an average functionality of from 3 to 8, phenol-hydroxybenzaldehyde condensation products having an average functionality of from 3 to 7 and cresol-formaldehyde condensation products having an average functionality of from 3 to 8.

Suitable catalysts for effecting the reaction between the epoxy resin and the phenolic hydroxyl-containing compound include, for example, those disclosed in U.S. -A- 3,306,872; 3,341,580; 3,379,684; 3,477,990; 3,547,881; 3,637,590; 3,843,605; 3,948,855; 3,956,237; 4,048,141; 4,093,650; 4,131,633; 4,132,706; 4,171,420; 4,177,216; 4,302,574; 4,320,222; 4,358,578; 4,366,295; and 4,389,520.

Particularly suitable catalysts are those quaternary phosphonium and ammonium compounds such as, for example, ethyltriphenylphosphonium chloride, ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, ethyltriphenylphosphonium iodide, ethyltriphenylphosphonium acetate, ethyltriphenylphosphonium diacetate (ethyltriphenylphosphonium acetate*acetic acid complex), ethyltriphenylphosphonium tetrahaloborate, tetrabutylphosphonium chloride, tetrabutylphosphonium acetate, tetrabutylphosphonium diacetate (tetrabutylphosphonium acetate*acetic acid complex), tetrabutylphosphonium tetrahaloborate, butyltriphenylphosphonium tetrabromobisphenate, butyltriphenylphosphonium bisphenate, butyltriphenylphosphonium bicarbonate, benzyltrimethylammonium chloride, benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide, benzyltrimethylammonium tetrahaloborate, tetramethylammonium hydroxide, tetrabutylammonium hydroxide, tetrabutylammonium tetrahaloborate, and mixtures thereof.

The catalyst, when used, is employed in a catalytic quantity of from 0.001 to 10, more preferably from 0.05 to 5 percent by weight based upon the weight of the reactants.

Other suitable catalysts include tertiary amines such as, for example, triethylamine, tripropylamine, tributylamine, 2-methylimidazole, benzyldimethylamine, and mixtures thereof.

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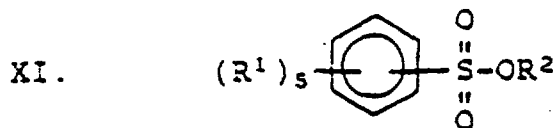
Other suitable catalysts include quaternary and tertiary ammonium phosphonium, and arsonium adducts or complexes with suitable non-nucleophilic acids such as, for example, fluoboric, fluoarsenic, fluoantimonic, fluophosphoric, perchloric, perbromic, periodic, and mixtures thereof.

Suitable solvents which can be employed herein include, for example, ketones, alcohols, glycol ethers and amides, such as, for example, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methanol, propylene glycol mono methyl

ether and dimethyl formamide.

The compositions of the present invention may also contain, if desired, stabilizers, pigments, dyes, mold release agents, flow control agents, reinforcing agents, fillers, fire retardant agents, rubber modifiers, surfactants, accelerators, reactive diluents, and mixtures thereof.

Suitable stabilizers which can be employed herein, are those represented by the formula



wherein each R^1 is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a halogen and R^2 is a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

Particularly suitable stabilizers include, for example, methyl p-toluene sulfonate, ethyl p-toluene sulfonate, methyl chlorobenzene sulfonate, and combinations thereof. Preferably the stabilizer is methyl p-toluene sulfonate.

The stabilizer component, when used, is employed in a stabilizing quantity of from 0.001 to 10, more preferably from 0.01 to 2, percent by weight based upon the weight of the epoxy resin component.

The compositions of the present invention are suitable for such applications as impregnating substrates and as coatings, adhesives, castings, moldings, electronic encapsulations and in potting compositions.

Suitable substrates which can be employed herein include, for example, fibers or filaments in woven, matt or non-woven form of glass, carbon, graphite, synthetic fibers, quartz, and combinations thereof. The impregnated substrates can be cured employing conditions known in the art.

Structural or electrical laminates or composites can be prepared from one or more layers of cured impregnated substrates or a combination of substrates. The electrical laminates usually have at least one external layer of an electrically conductive material. The electrically conductive material is preferably copper.

The following examples are illustrative of the invention.

Fracture Toughness Measurement (G_{1C})

The method for measuring G_{1C} (fracture toughness or "critical strain energy release rate") is an adaptation of ASTM E-399 for plastics materials from the original usage with metals. The compact tension test is now widespread in usage and is described in the J. Mater. Sci., Vol. 16, 2657, 1981. An individual test piece is cut as an approximate 25.4 mm² (1" square) from a flat casting usually of 3.175 mm (1/8") thickness. A dovetail notch is cut into one edge, centered, about 6.25 mm (1/4") in depth. Next, a razor blade is inserted into this notch and tapped to produce a precrack. Two holes are then drilled adjacent to the dovetail as indicated in ASTM E-399, allowing the test piece to be pinned into position in the Instron test machine. Extension of the sample now allows the force required to propagate opening of the precrack to be measured, using a test speed of 0.0085 mm/sec. (0.02 inches/minute). This force is used in the equation given in ASTM E-399, along with the required sample dimensions and actual precrack length, to calculate a "stress intensification factor" K_Q . This is then combined with the tensile modulus and Poisson's ratio for the material to give the value for G_{1C} , usually reported in ergs/cm² x 10⁶ or kJ/m². A scale comparing typical values for G_{1C} for various plastics and metals is given in reference Lee, L.H., "Physicochemical Aspects of Polymer Surfaces", K.L. Mittal, ed. Plenum Press, New York, N.Y., 1983.

The T_g was determined by Differential Scanning Calorimetry using a calibrated DuPont Instrument (Model No. 912 with a 1090 controller). Samples were run under a nitrogen atmosphere with a heat-up rate of 10° C per min. (0.1667° C/sec.).

Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) was determined using a calibrated DuPont Thermal Mechanical Analyzer (Model No. 943 with a 1090 controller).

Decomposition properties were determined using a DuPont Thermal Gravimetric Analyzer (Model No. 951 with a DuPont 1090 controller).

Dynamic mechanical properties were measured on a DuPont Dynamic Mechanical Analyzer (Model No. 982 with a DuPont 1090 controller).

The following components were employed in the Examples and Comparative Experiments.

Epoxy Resin A was a polyglycidyl ether of a phenol-hydroxybenzaldehyde condensation product having

an EEW of 220 and an average functionality of 3.5.

Epoxy Resin B was a polyglycidyl ether of a phenol-hydroxybenzaldehyde condensation product having an EEW of 162 and an average functionality of 3.2.

Epoxy Resin C was an advanced epoxy resin made by advancing Epoxy Resin B with tetrabromobisphenol A to an EEW of 215.

Epoxy Resin D was a polyglycidyl ether of a phenol-hydroxybenzaldehyde condensation product having an EEW of 204 and an average functionality of 3.4.

Epoxy Resin E was an advanced epoxy resin made by advancing Epoxy Resin B with tetrabromobisphenol A to an EEW of 239.

Epoxy Resin F was a polyglycidyl ether of a dimethyl phenol-hydroxybenzaldehyde condensation product having an EEW of 185 and an average functionality of 3.

Epoxy Resin G was a polyglycidyl ether of a dimethyl phenol-dimethylbenzaldehyde condensation product having an EEW of 189 and an average functionality of 3.

EXAMPLE 1

56.87 Grams (0.209 equiv.) of tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBPA) was stirred into 50 grams (0.227 equiv.) of Epoxy Resin A at 150° C until the TBBPA had completely dissolved (about 180 seconds). Then 0.214 g of a 70 percent methanol solution of tetrabutylphosphonium acetate*acetic acid complex was added and mixed. The solution was then degassed. The resultant mixture was then poured into an aluminum mold which had been treated with Fluoroglide release agent and which had been preheated to about 175° C. The mold was clamped together at 3.175 mm (1/8") spacing. The filled mold was then placed in a 200° C oven for 2 hours (7200 s). After cooling to room temperature, the casting was removed and physical properties obtained. The results were as follows:

$$G_{1c} = .51 \text{ kJ/m}^2$$

$$T_g = 180^\circ \text{C}$$

coefficient of thermal expansion below 100° C was 65 ppm/° C.

EXAMPLE 2

A. VARNISH FORMULATION

2917 grams (9.944 equiv.) of a 75 percent solution of the trisepoxide employed in Example 1 in methyl ethyl ketone;

4048 grams (8.929 equiv.) of a 60 percent solution of TBBPA in methyl ethyl ketone;

3.3 grams of 2-methyl imidazole; and

200 grams of acetone.

The above mixture had a viscosity of 21 seconds measured in a No. 2 Zahn cup at (75° F) 23.9° C

B. PREPARATION OF PREIMPREGNATED SUBSTRATE

Burlington style 7628 glass cloth with an I617 finish was impregnated with the varnish formulation of Example 2-A in a forced air vertical treater having a total length of 7.9 meters (26 feet) with the first 7.9 meters- with the first 5.9 meters (19.5 feet) heated to 176.7° C (350° F) at a rate of 61 mm/sec (12 feet per min.). The resin contained in the impregnated glass cloth had a 73 second gel time at 171° C. The resultant impregnated glass cloth had a resin content of 47 percent by weight.

C. PREPARATION OF LAMINATE

Both unclad (no copper) and one sided copper clad, 1.57 mm (0.062") thick laminates were pressed from aforementioned prepreg. Eight 304.8 mm x 304.8 mm (12 inch by 12 inch) plies were pressed into laminate form. The copper foil was a 28.35 g (1 ounce) zinc oxide treated material. The laminates were pressed in a preheated Wabash press at 176.7° C (350° F) and 3.45 MPa (500 psi) for 1 hour (3600 s).

There was no post-cure.

The unclad laminate had the following properties.

1. $T_g = 180^\circ\text{C}$.
 2. Dynamic decomposition temperature was 314°C (run at 3°C min. , 0.05°C sec.).
 3. Decomposition stability at 250°C over a 60 min. (3600 s) period was excellent.
 4. Z-axis coefficient of thermal expansion was $46.7 (\text{ppm}^\circ\text{C } (\alpha_1))$.
 5. Maintained 95 percent of original storage modulus up to 157°C .
 6. The relative moisture resistance was determined by placing $50.8 \times 101.6 \text{ mm}$ ($2'' \times 4''$) unclad laminate coupons in a pressure pot at 103 kPa (15 psi) steam pressure for 2 hours (7200 s). After 2 hours (7200 s), the compounds were removed, externally dried and dipped in molten solder at 260°C (500°F) for 20 seconds. Each side of the 3 coupons was then inspected for any delamination blisters. The results were reported as No. of sides with no blisters divided by total No. of sides. This system had a perfect 6/6 or 100 percent passed.
- The clad laminate had a copper peel strength of 700 to 841 N/m (4 to 4.8 lbs/in).

EXAMPLE 3

A. VARNISH FORMULATION

A varnish formulation was prepared from the following.

2532 grams (8.833 equiv.) of a 75 percent solution of Epoxy Resin C in methyl ethyl ketone;

3808 grams (8.40 equiv.) of a 60 percent solution of TBBPA in methyl ethyl ketone;

8.55 grams of ethyltriphenylphosphonium acetate

The above mixture had a viscosity of 20 seconds measured in a No. 2 Zahn cup at 23.9°C (75°F).

B. PREPARATION OF PREIMPREGNATED SUBSTRATE

Burlington style 7628 glass cloth with an I617 finish was impregnated with the varnish formulation of Example 3-A in a forced air vertical treater having a total length of 7.9 meters (26 feet) with the first 5.9 meters (19.5 feet) heated to 176.7°C (350°F) at a rate of 50.8 mm/sec (10 feet per min.). The resin contained in the impregnated glass cloth had a 97 second gel time at 171°C . The resultant impregnated glass cloth had a resin content of 44.4 percent by weight.

C. PREPARATION OF LAMINATE

Laminates, both unclad and one sided copper clad, were prepared in the same manner described in Example 2-C.

The unclad laminate had the following properties:

1. $T_g = 184^\circ\text{C}$

2. the relative moisture resistance was determined in the same manner noted in Example 2, property no.

6. This system had a perfect 8/8 or 100 percent pass for 4 coupons.

The clad laminate had a copper peel strength of 841 to 981 N/m (4.8 to 5.6 lbs/in).

EXAMPLES 4-9

These examples were prepared in a manner similar to Example 1 employing the components and conditions of the following Table I. The properties of the resultant product are also given in the Table I.

TABLE I

<u>COMPONENTS, CONDITIONS AND RESULTS</u>	<u>EXAMPLE 4</u>	<u>EXAMPLE 5</u>	<u>EXAMPLE 6</u>	<u>EXAMPLE 7</u>
Epoxy Resin, type/grams/equiv.	D/5.013/0.0246	D/5.050/0.0248	B/7.482/0.462	E/5.447/0.0288
Tetrabromobisphenol A, grams/equiv.	6.682/0.0246	6.733/0.0248	12.562/0.0462	6.204/0.0228
Catalyst, type/grams	BDMA ¹ /0.015	None	BDMA/0.22	BDMA/0.016
Mixing Conditions, °C/sec.	175/120	175/120	175/120	175/120
Curing Conditions ³ , °C/sec:	180/3600 225/9000	180/3600 225/9000	180/3600 225/9000	180/3600 225/9000
Tg, °C	189.4	175	178	178

¹BDMA is benzyltrimethylamine (10 percent solution in methanol)

²TBPA is a 70 percent solution of tetrabutylphosphonium acetate-acetic acid complex in methanol

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TABLE I (Cont.)

COMPONENTS, CONDITIONS AND RESULTS	EXAMPLE 8	EXAMPLE 9
Epoxy Resin, type/grams/equiv.	F/5.819/0.0315	G/5.176/0.0273
Tetrabromobisphenol A, grams/equiv.	8.574/0.0315	7.433/0.0273
Catalyst, type/grams	BDMA/0.017	BDMA/0.015
Mixing Conditions, °C/sec.	175/120	175/120
Curing Conditions ³ , °C/sec.	180/3600 225/9000	180/3600 225/9000
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EXAMPLE 10

A formulation was made consisting of 100 g (0.4545 equiv.) of Epoxy Resin A, 114 g (0.41829 equiv.) of tetrabromobisphenol A and 110 g of methyl ethyl ketone. The resin solution was studied to determine its stability at 25° C and at 50° C. The stability was related to changes in the percent epoxide over a period of time. Also, methyl-p-toluene sulfonate was added to portions of the solution to determine its effects to the stability of the resin system. The results are given in Table II.

TABLE IISTABILITY AT 25°C (NO STABILIZER)

<u>Time</u>	<u>% Epoxide</u>
0	6.3
2*days (172,800 s)	6.2
27 days (2,332,800 s)	6.0
90 days (7,776,000 s)	5.6

STABILITY AT 50°C (NO STABILIZER)

<u>Time</u>	<u>% Epoxide</u>
0	6.3
2 days (172,800 s)	6.1
27 days (2,332,800 s)	4.8
90 days (7,776,000 s)	Gelled

STABILITY AT 50°C (WITH STABILIZER*)

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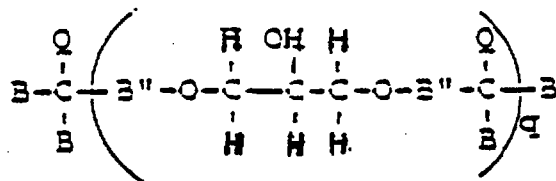
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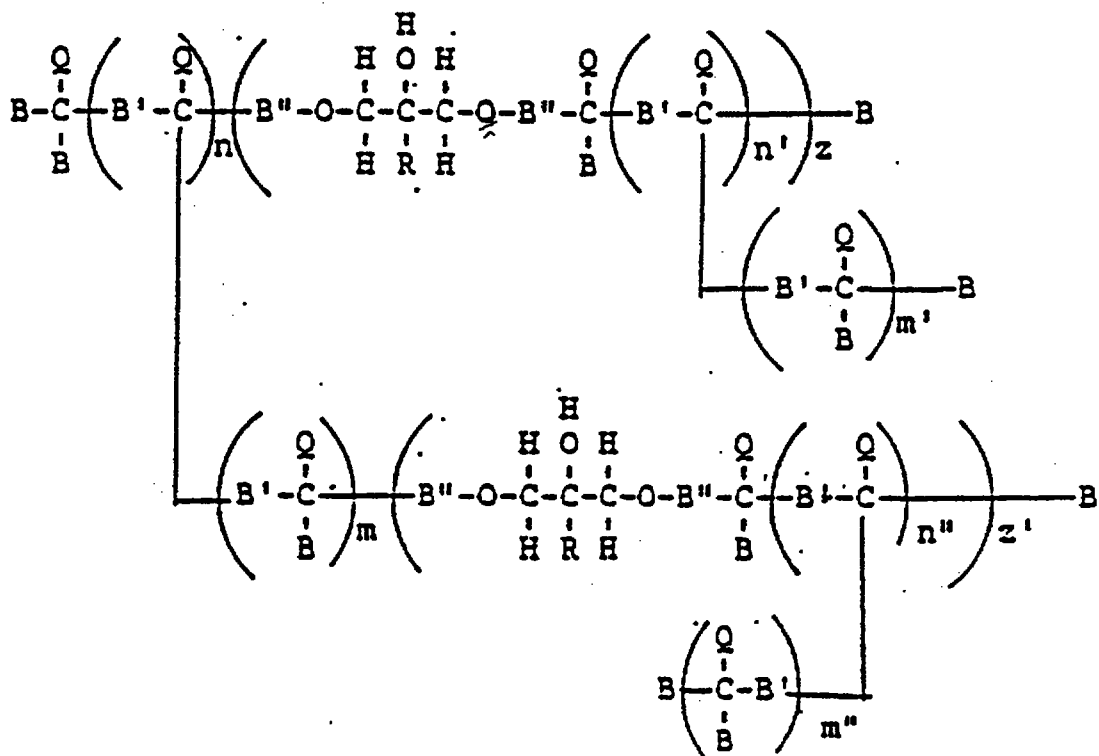
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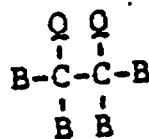
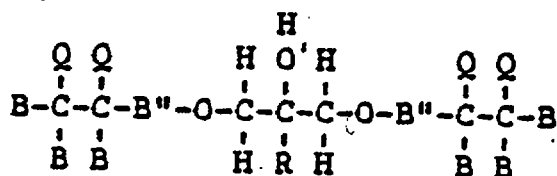
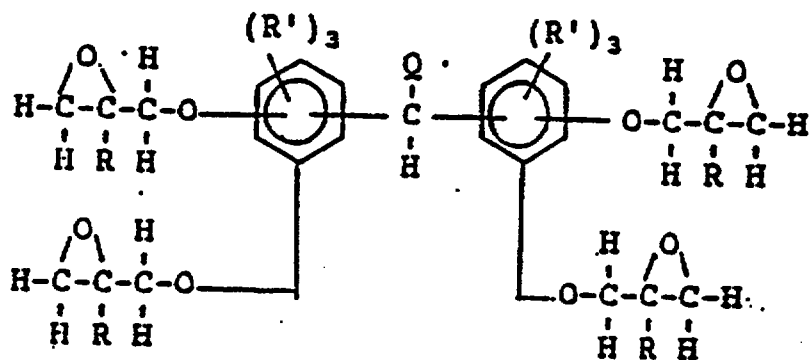


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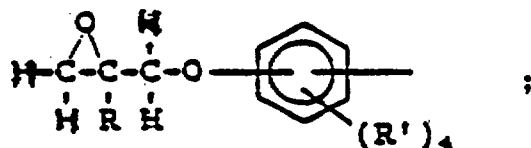


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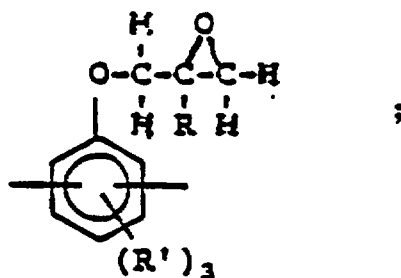


FORMULA IVFORMULA VFORMULA VI

each B is represented by the formula

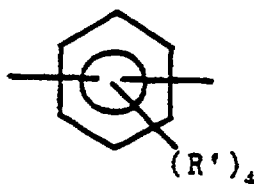


each B' is represented by the formula



each B'' is represented by the formula





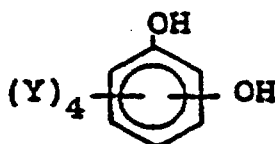
and each Q is independently hydrogen or a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; each R is independently hydrogen or an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; each R' is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a halogen; m has a value of n-1; m' has a value of n'-1; m'' has a value of n''-1; each n, n' and n'' independently has a value from zero to 3; q has a value from zero to 4 and each z and z' independently has a value from zero to 3;

(2) the reaction product of

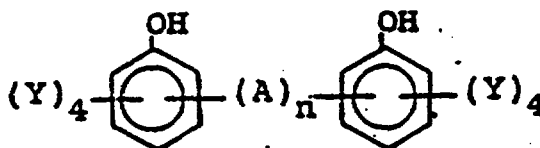
(a) at least one epoxy resin as defined in component (A-1) and

(b) at least one dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas VII or VIII:

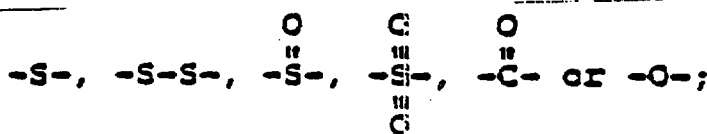
FORMULA VII



FORMULA VIII



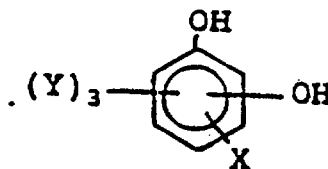
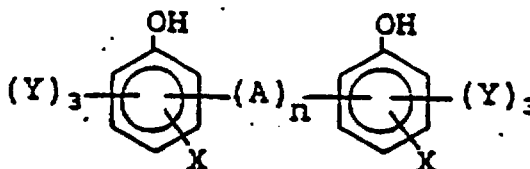
wherein each Y is independently hydrogen, a halogen or a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 - 10 carbon atoms and n has a value of zero or 1 and each A is independently a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1-12 carbon atoms,



and wherein components (A-2-a) and (A-2-b) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.01 : 1 to 0.5 : 1; or (3) mixtures thereof; and

(B) at least one halogenated dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas IX or X:



FORMULA IXFORMULA X

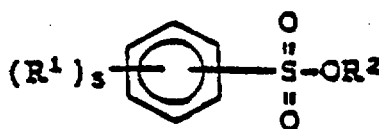
wherein A, Y and n are as defined above; each X is a halogen; and wherein components (A) and (B) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.7:1 to 1.1:1.

2. The composition of claim 1
characterized by

additionally containing (C) a catalytic quantity of from 0.001 to 10 percent by weight based on the weight of the reactants of at least one catalyst for effecting the reaction between components (A) and (B), and (D) from 0 to 50 percent by weight based on the combined weight of components (A), (B), (C), and (D) of at least one solvent.

3. The composition of claim 1
characterized by

additionally containing a stabilizing quantity of from 0.001 to 10 percent by weight based upon the weight of the epoxy resin component of a stabilizer represented by the formula:



wherein each R¹ is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a halogen, and R² is a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

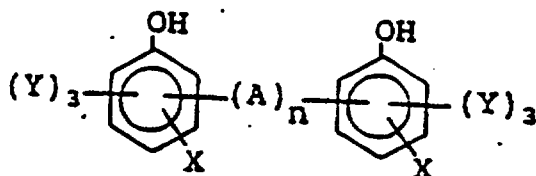
4. The composition of claim 1
characterized in that

component (A) is component (A-1) represented by the following formulas I and II:



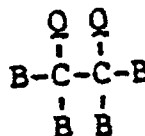
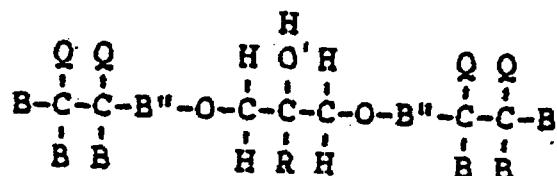
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}-\text{C}-\left(\text{B}''-\text{O}-\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{H} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}-\text{O}-\text{B}''-\text{C}-\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array} \right) \text{B} \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}-\text{C}-\text{B}'-\text{C} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{B} \quad \text{O} \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}'-\text{C} \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array} \right)_n \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{H} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{B}''-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{B}'' \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{H} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{H} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}''-\text{C}-\text{B}'-\text{C} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{B} \quad \text{O} \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}'-\text{C} \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array} \right)_{n'} z \\
 \begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{B}'-\text{C} \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array} \right)_{m'} \text{B} \end{array} \\
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 \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{C}-\text{B}' \\ | \\ \text{B} \end{array} \right)_{m''} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

FORMULA X

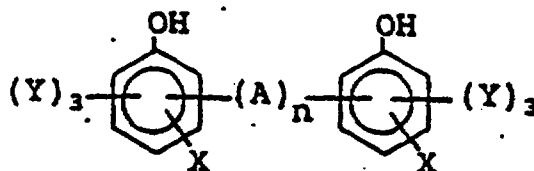


5. The composition of claim 1 characterized in that

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FORMULA IV**FORMULA V**

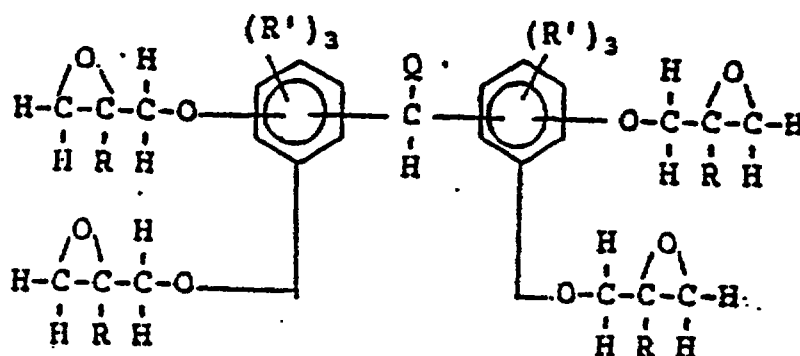
wherein each Q and R are hydrogen, B and B'' are as defined in claim 1, and component (B) is represented by the following formula X:

FORMULA X

wherein Y is as defined in claim 1, A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1.

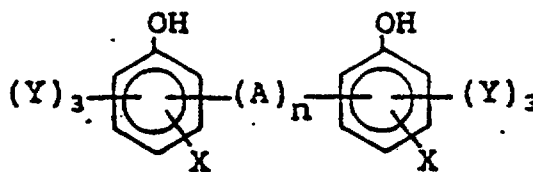
6. The composition of claim 1 characterized in that

component (A) is component (A-1) represented by the following formula VI:

FORMULA VI

wherein each Q, R and R' is hydrogen and component (B) is represented by the following formula X:



FORMULA X

wherein Y is as defined in claim 1, A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1.

7. A substrate
characterized by
being impregnated with a composition of claim 2.
8. An electrical or structural laminate or composite
characterized by
containing one or more layers of a cured impregnated substrate or combination of substrates of claim 7.
9. The electrical laminate of claim 8
characterized by
having at least one external layer of an electrical conductive material.

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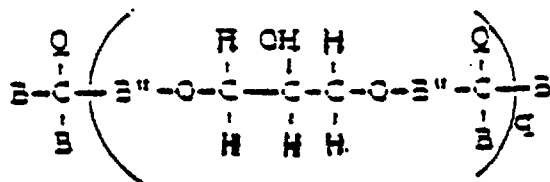
1. A Method for making a curable composition
characterized by
blending a mixture comprising

(A) at least one of

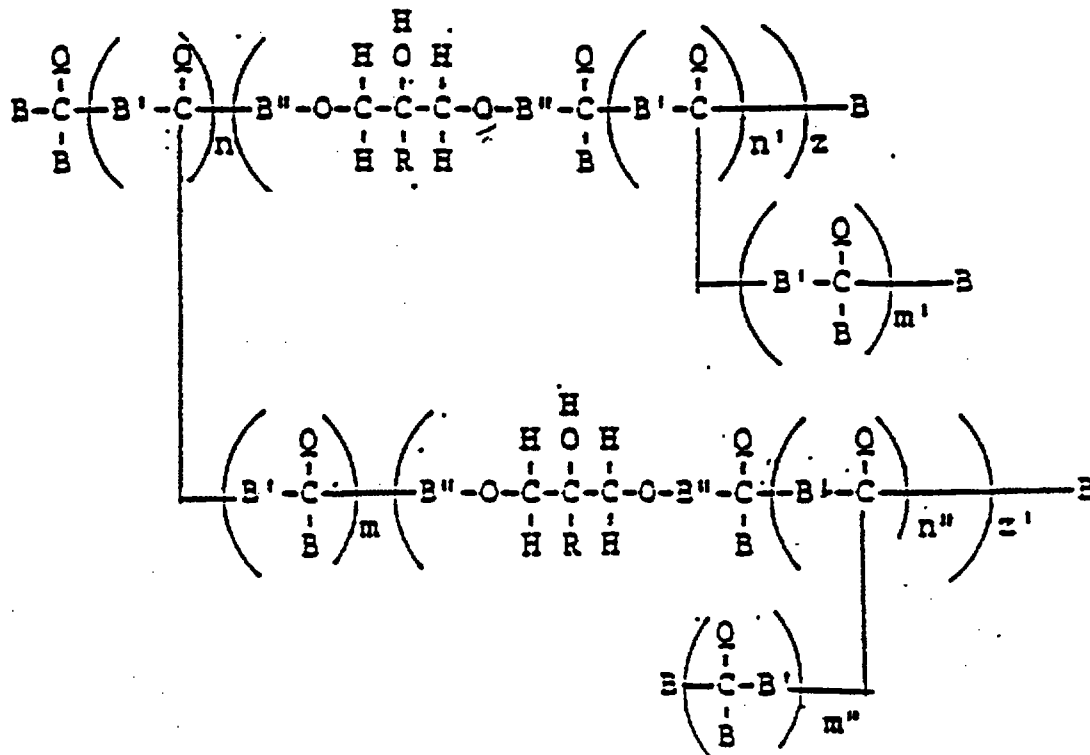
(1) at least one epoxy resin represented by the following formulas I, II, IV, V or VI:

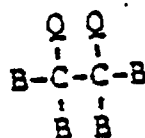
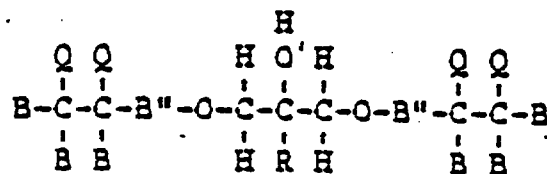
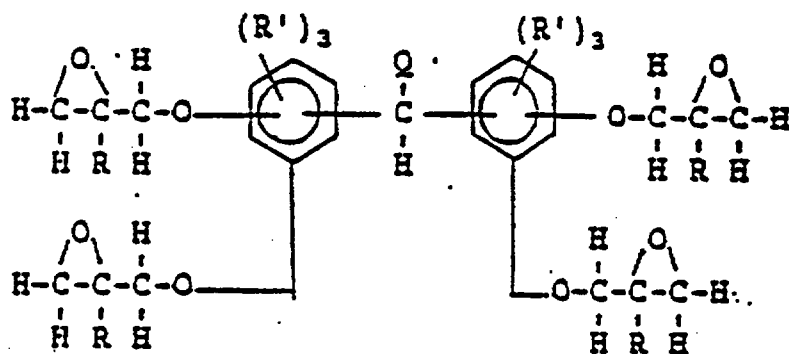


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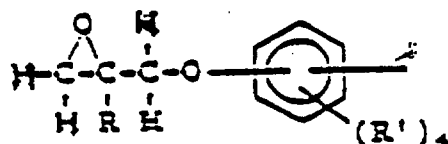


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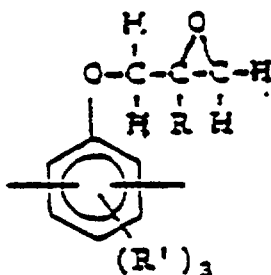


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each B is represented by the formula

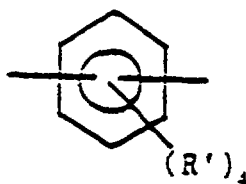


each B' is represented by the formula



each B'' is represented by the formula





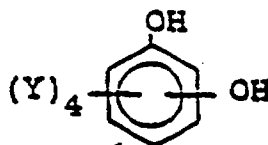
and each Q is independently hydrogen or a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; each R is independently hydrogen or an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; each R' is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a halogen; m has a value of n-1; m' has a value of n'-1; m'' has a value of n''-1; each n, n' and n'' independently has a value from zero to 3; q has a value from zero to 4 and each z and z' independently has a value from zero to 3;

(2) the reaction product of

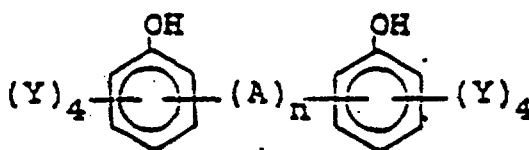
(a) at least one epoxy resin as defined in component (A-1) and

(b) at least one dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas VII or VIII:

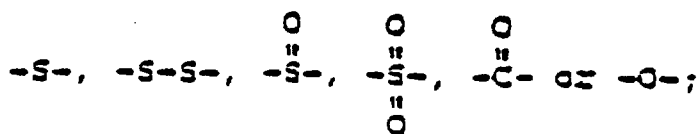
FORMULA VII



FORMULA VIII



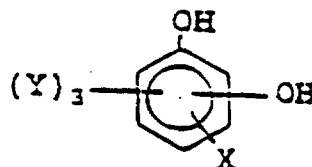
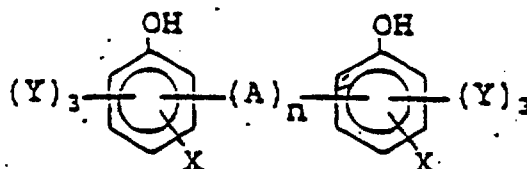
wherein each Y is independently hydrogen, a halogen or a hydrocarbyl or hydrocarbyloxy group having from 1 - 10 carbon atoms and n has a value of zero or 1 and each A is independently a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1-12 carbon atoms,



and wherein components (A-2-a) and (A-2-b) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.01 : 1 to 0.5 : 1; or (3) mixtures thereof; and

(B) at least one halogenated dihydric phenol represented by the following formulas IX or X:



FORMULA IXFORMULA X

wherein A, Y and n are as defined above; each X is a halogen; and wherein components (A) and (B) are present in quantities such that the ratio of phenolic hydroxyl groups to epoxide groups is from 0.7:1 to 1.1:1.

2. The process of claim 1

characterized by

additionally adding (C) a catalytic quantity of from 0.001 to 10 percent by weight based on the weight of the reactants of at least one catalyst for effecting the reaction between components (A) and (B), and (D) from 0 to 50 percent by weight based on the combined weight of components (A), (B), (C), and (D) of at least one solvent.

3. The process of claim 1

characterized by

additionally adding a stabilizing quantity of from 0.001 to 10 percent by weight based upon the weight of the epoxy resin component of a stabilizer represented by the formula:



wherein each R^1 is independently hydrogen, a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or a halogen, and R^2 is a hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

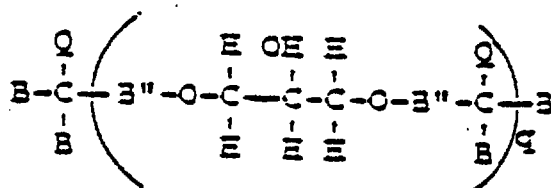
4. The process of claim 1

characterized in that

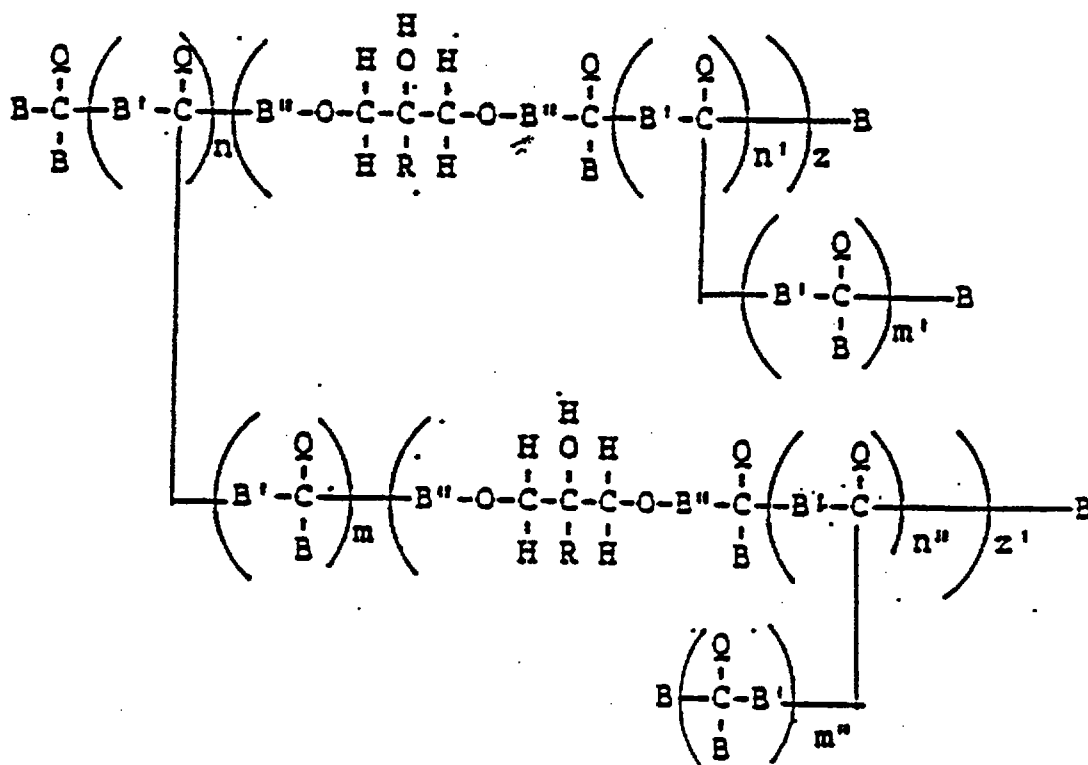
component (A) is component (A-1) represented by the following formulas I and II:



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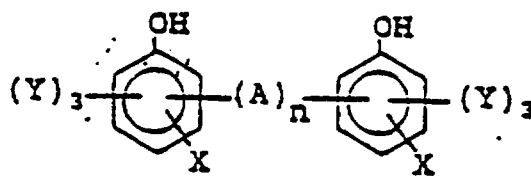


FORMULA II



wherein Q and R are hydrogen; B, B', B" n, n', n", m, m', m", z and z' are as defined in claim 1, q has an average value of from 0.1 to 2 and component (B) is represented by the following formula X:

FORMULA X

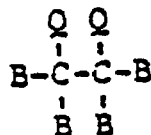


wherein Y is as defined in claim 1, A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, each X is bromine and n has a value of 1.

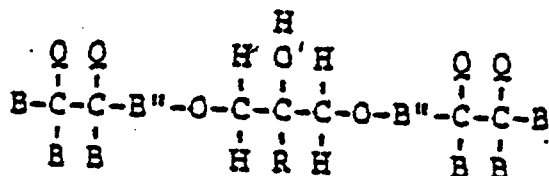
5. The process of claim 1
characterized in that
component (A) is component (A-1) represented by the following formulas IV or V:



FORMULA IV

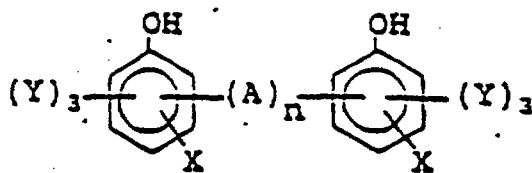


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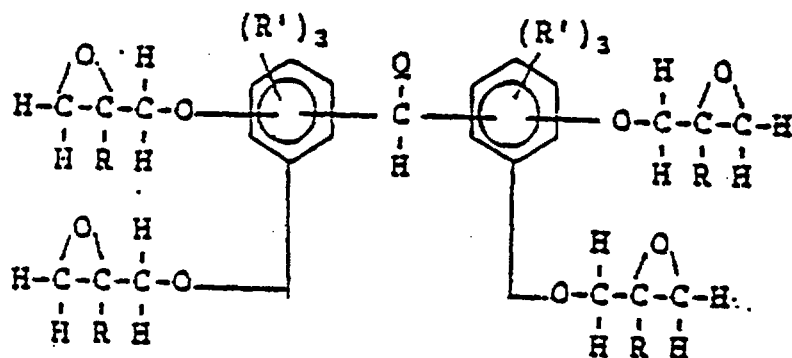
wherein each Q and R are hydrogen, B and B" are as defined in claim 1, and component (B) is represented by the following formula X:

FORMULA X



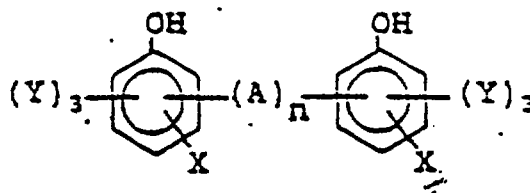
wherein Y is as defined in claim 1, A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1.

6. The process of claim 1 characterized in that component (A) is component (A-1) represented by the following formula VI:



wherein each Q,R and R' is hydrogen and component (B) is represented by the following formula X:



FORMULA X

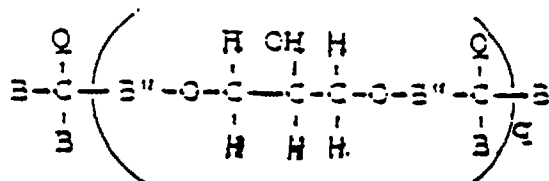
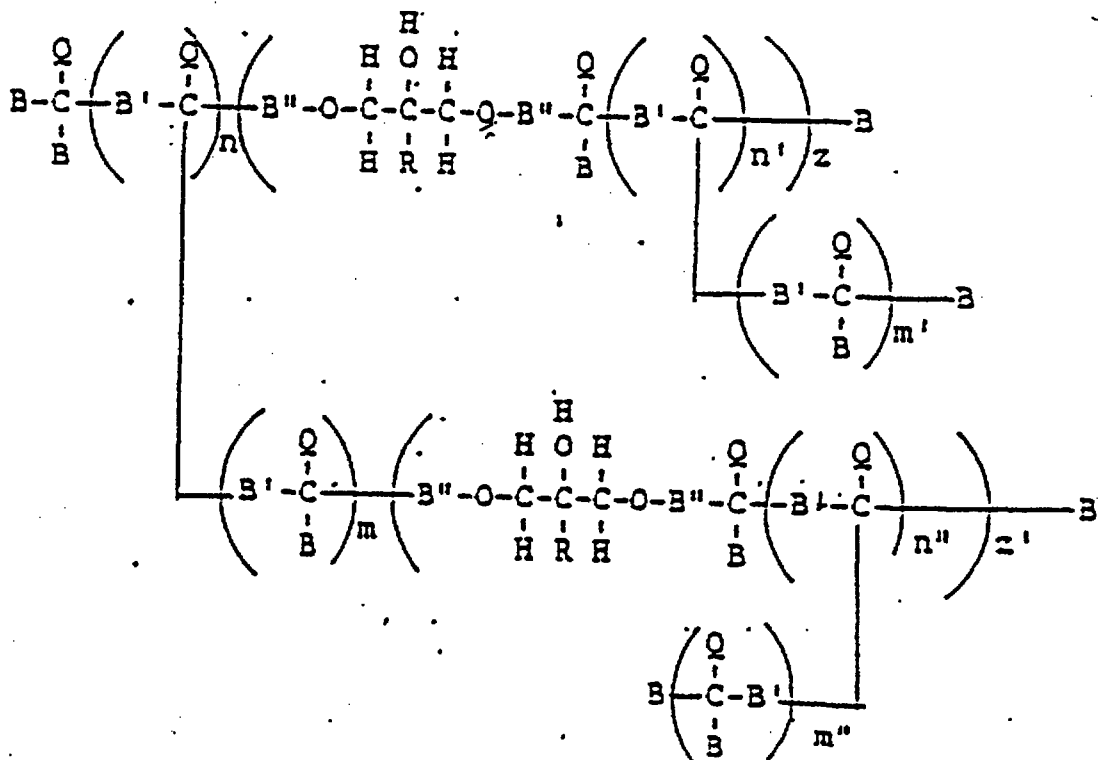
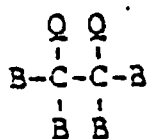
wherein Y is as defined in claim 1, A is a divalent hydrocarbyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; each X is bromine and n has a value of 1.

7. A method for making a substrate **characterized by** impregnating the substrate with a composition prepared of claim 2.
8. A method for making an electrical or structural laminate or composite **characterized by** pressing and curing one or more layers of an impregnated substrate or combination of substrates prepared of claim 7.
9. The process for making an electrical laminate according to claim 8 **characterized by** having at least one external layer of an electrical conductive material.

Revendications

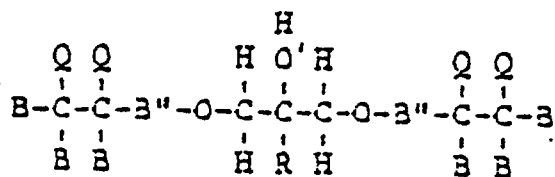
1. Composition durcissable, caractérisée par le fait qu'elle comprend
 (A) au moins un constituant parmi
 (1) au moins l'une des résines époxy représentées par les formules suivantes I, II, IV, V ou VI :



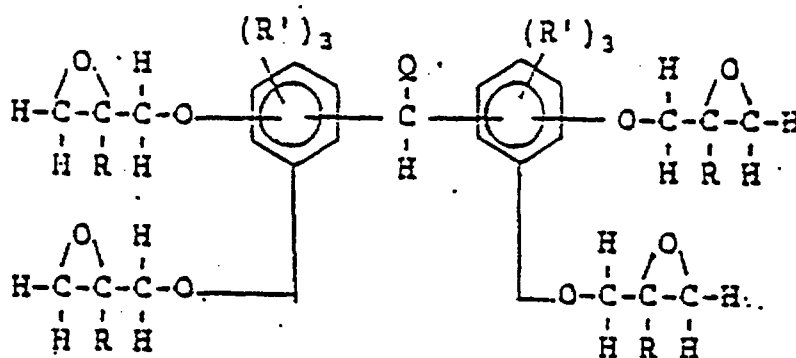
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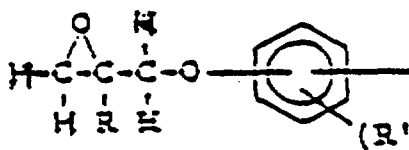
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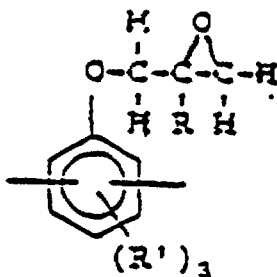
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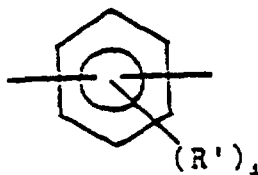
dans lesquelles chaque B est représenté par la formule



chaque B' est représenté par la formule



chaque B'' est représenté par la formule



et chaque Q représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone ; chaque R représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle comportant de 1 à 4 atomes de carbone ; chaque R' représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné ou hydrocarboné-oxy comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone ; m vaut n-1, m' vaut n'-1, m'' vaut

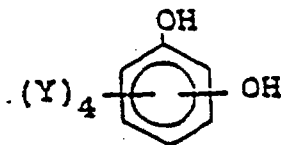
"-1 : chacun de n, n' et n" vaut indépendamment de 0 à 3 ; q vaut de 0 à 4, et chacun de z et z' vaut indépendamment de 0 à 3 ;

(2) le produit de réaction de

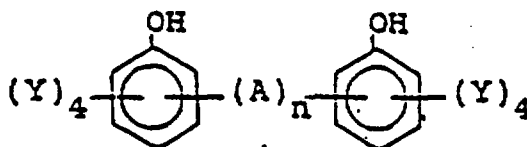
(a) au moins une résine époxy telle que définie à propos du constituant (A-1), et

(b) au moins un diphenol représenté par les formules suivantes VII ou VIII :

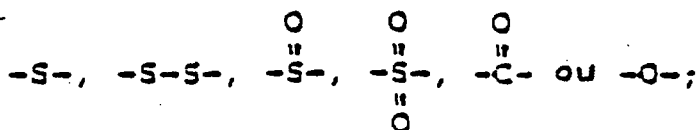
FORMULE VII



FORMULE VIII



dans lesquelles chaque Y représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné ou hydrocarboné-oxy comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone, et n vaut 0 ou 1, et chaque A représente indépendamment un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 12 atomes de carbone,

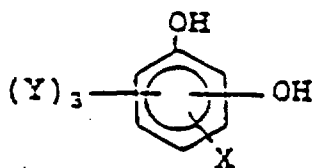


les composants (A-2-a) et (A-2-b) étant présents en des quantités telles que le rapport des groupes hydroxyles phénoliques aux groupes époxydes vaut de 0,01:1 à 0,5:1; ou

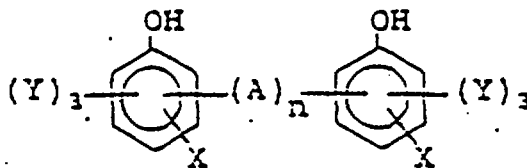
(3) des mélanges de ceux-ci ; et

(B) au moins un diphenol halogéné représenté par les formules suivantes IX ou X :

FORMULE IX



FORMULE X



dans lesquelles A, Y et n sont tels que définis ci-dessus ; chaque X représente un atome d'halogène



et les constituants (A) et (B) étant présents en des quantités telles que le rapport des groupes hydroxyles phénoliques aux groupes époxydes vaut de 0,7:1 à 1,1:1.

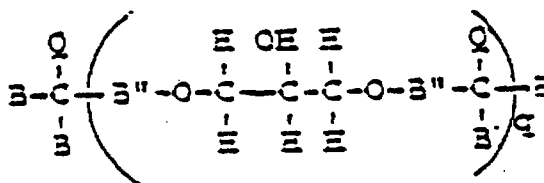
2. Composition selon la revendication 1, caractérisée par le fait qu'elle contient en outre (C) une quantité catalytique, représentant de 0,001 à 10 % en poids, par rapport au poids des réactifs, d'au moins un catalyseur permettant de réaliser la réaction entre les constituants (A) et (B), et (D) de 0 à 50 % en poids, par rapport au poids combiné des constituants (A), (B), (C) et (D), d'au moins un solvant.
3. Composition selon la revendication 1, caractérisée par le fait qu'elle contient en outre une quantité stabilisatrice, représentant de 0,001 à 10 % en poids, par rapport au poids du constituant résine époxy, d'un stabilisant représenté par la formule



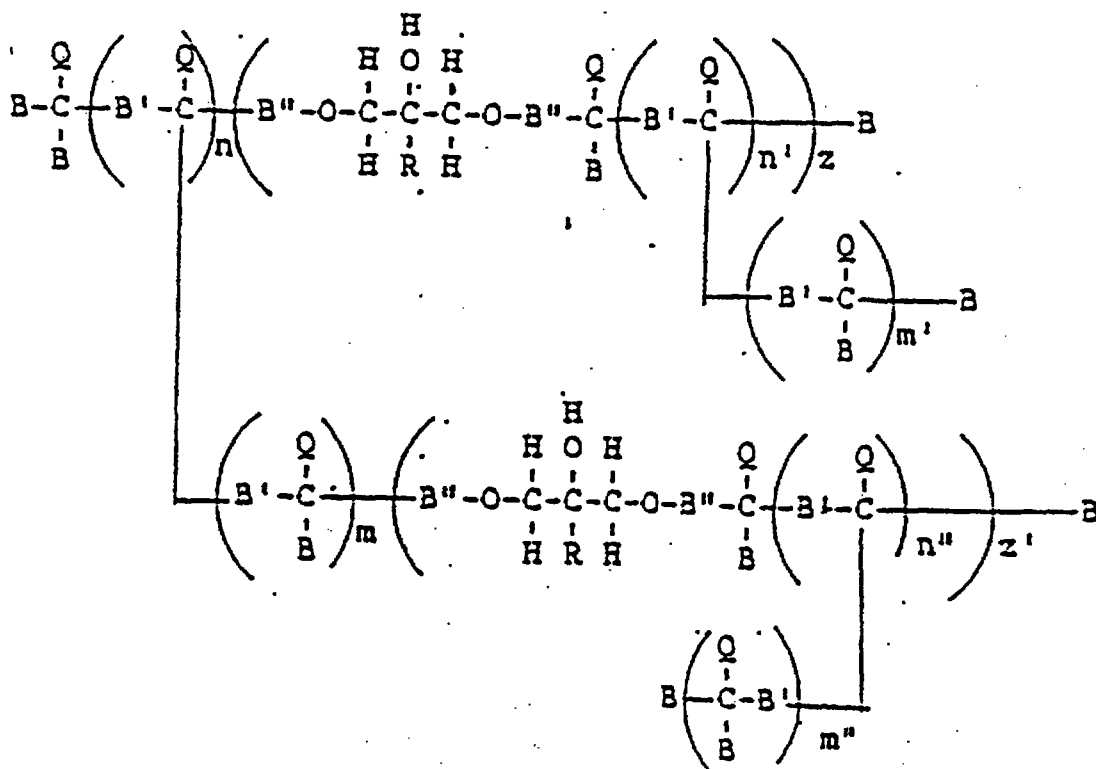
dans laquelle chaque R^1 représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone, et R^2 représente un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone.

4. Composition selon la revendication 1, caractérisée en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par les formules suivantes I et II :

FORMULE I

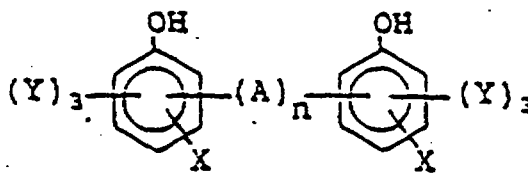


FORMULE II



dans lesquelles Q et R représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ; B, B', B'', n, n', n'', m, m', m'', z et z' sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, et q vaut en moyenne de 0,1 à 2 ;
et le constituant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :

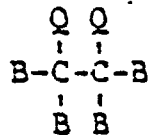
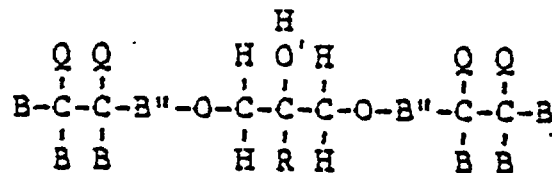
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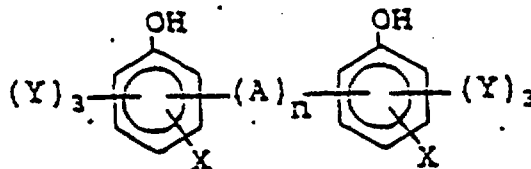
dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent, comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

5. Composition selon la revendication 1, caractérisée en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par les formules suivantes IV ou V :



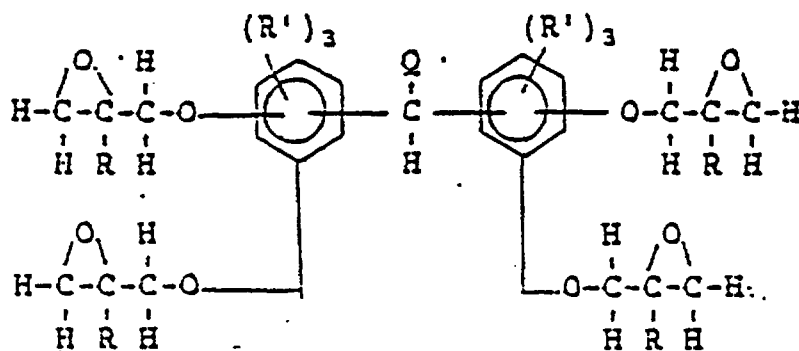
FORMULE IVFORMULE V

dans lesquelles chaque Q et R représentent un atome d'hydrogène, et B et B'' sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, et le composant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :

FORMULE X

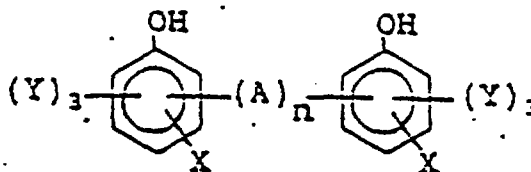
dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

6. Composition selon la revendication 1, caractérisée en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par la formule suivante VI :

FORMULE VI

dans laquelle chaque Q, R et R' représentent un atome d'hydrogène, et le composant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :



FORMULE X

dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

7. Substrat, caractérisé en ce qu'il est imprégné par une composition selon la revendication 2.

Matériau stratifié ou composite, électrique ou de structure, caractérisé par le fait qu'il contient une ou plusieurs couches d'un substrat durci imprégné selon la revendication 7, ou d'une combinaison de tels substrats.

9. Matériau stratifié électrique selon la revendication 8, caractérisé en ce qu'il comporte au moins une couche externe d'un matériau électroconducteur.

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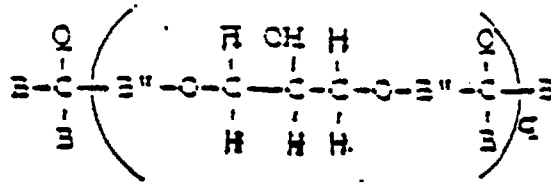
1. Procédé de fabrication d'une composition durcissable, caractérisé par le fait de mélanger un mélange contenant

(A) au moins un constituant parmi

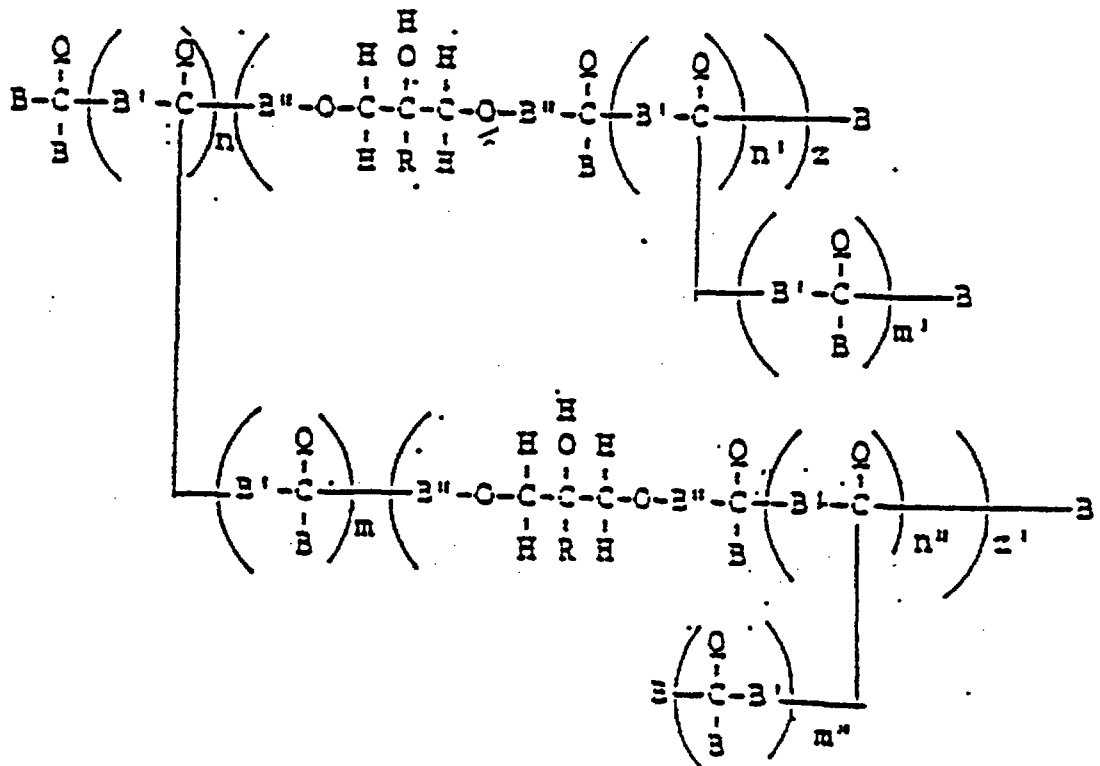
(1) au moins l'une des résines époxy représentées par les formules suivantes I, II, IV, V ou VI :



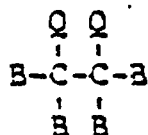
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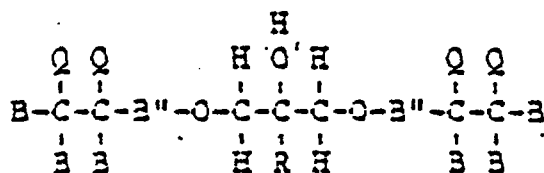
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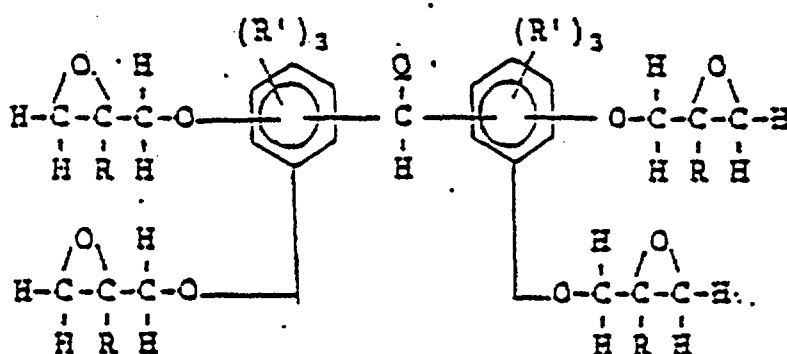
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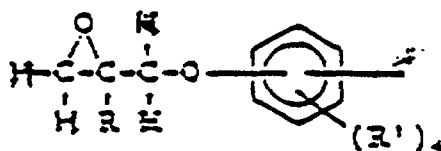
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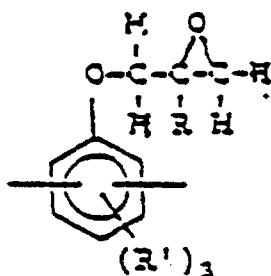
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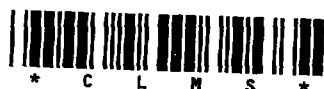
dans lesquelles chaque B est représenté par la formule

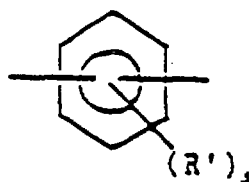


chaque B' est représenté par la formule



chaque B'' est représenté par la formule





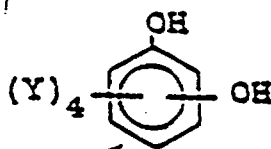
et chaque Q représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone ; chaque R représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle comportant de 1 à 4 atomes de carbone ; chaque R' représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné ou hydrocarboné-oxy comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone ; m vaut n-1, m' vaut n'-1, m'' vaut n''-1 ; chacun de n, n' et n'' vaut indépendamment de 0 à 3 ; q vaut de 0 à 4, et chacun de z et z' vaut indépendamment de 0 à 3 ;

(2) le produit de réaction de

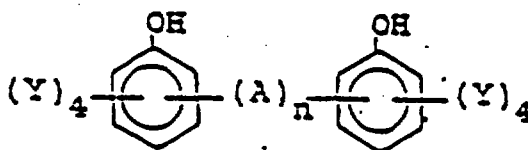
(a) au moins une résine époxy telle que définie à propos du constituant (A-1), et

(b) au moins un diphenol représenté par les formules suivantes VII ou VIII :

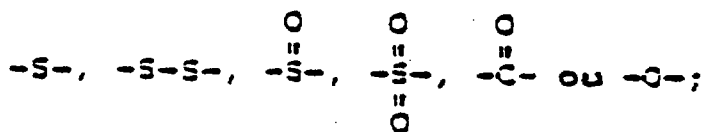
FORMULE VII



FORMULE VIII



dans lesquelles chaque Y représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné ou hydrocarboné-oxy comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone, et n vaut 0 ou 1, et chaque A représente indépendamment un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 12 atomes de carbone,



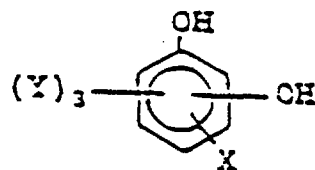
les composants (A-2-a) et (A-2-b) étant présents en des quantités telles que le rapport des groupes hydroxyles phénoliques aux groupes époxydes vaut de 0,01:1 à 0,5:1 ; ou

(3) des mélanges de ceux-ci ; et

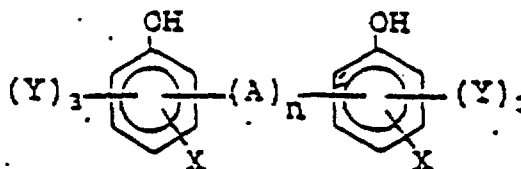
(B) au moins un diphenol halogéné représenté par les formules suivantes IX ou X :



FORMULE IX



FORMULE X



dans lesquelles A, Y et n sont tels que définis ci-dessus ; chaque X représente un atome d'halogène ; et les constituants (A) et (B) étant présents en des quantités telles que le rapport des groupes hydroxyles phénoliques aux groupes époxydes vaut de 0,7:1 à 1,1:1.

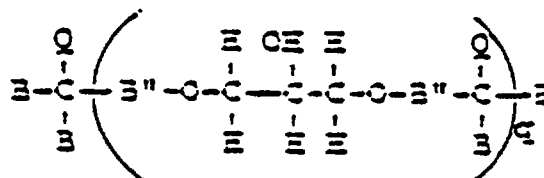
- Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé par le fait d'ajouter en outre (C) une quantité catalytique, représentant de 0,001 à 10 % en poids, par rapport au poids des réactifs, d'au moins un catalyseur permettant de réaliser la réaction entre les constituants (A) et (B), et (D) de 0 à 50 % en poids, par rapport au poids combiné des constituants (A), (B), (C) et (D), d'au moins un solvant.
- Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé par le fait d'ajouter en outre une quantité stabilisatrice, représentant de 0,001 à 10 % en poids, par rapport au poids du constituant résine époxy, d'un stabilisant représenté par la formule



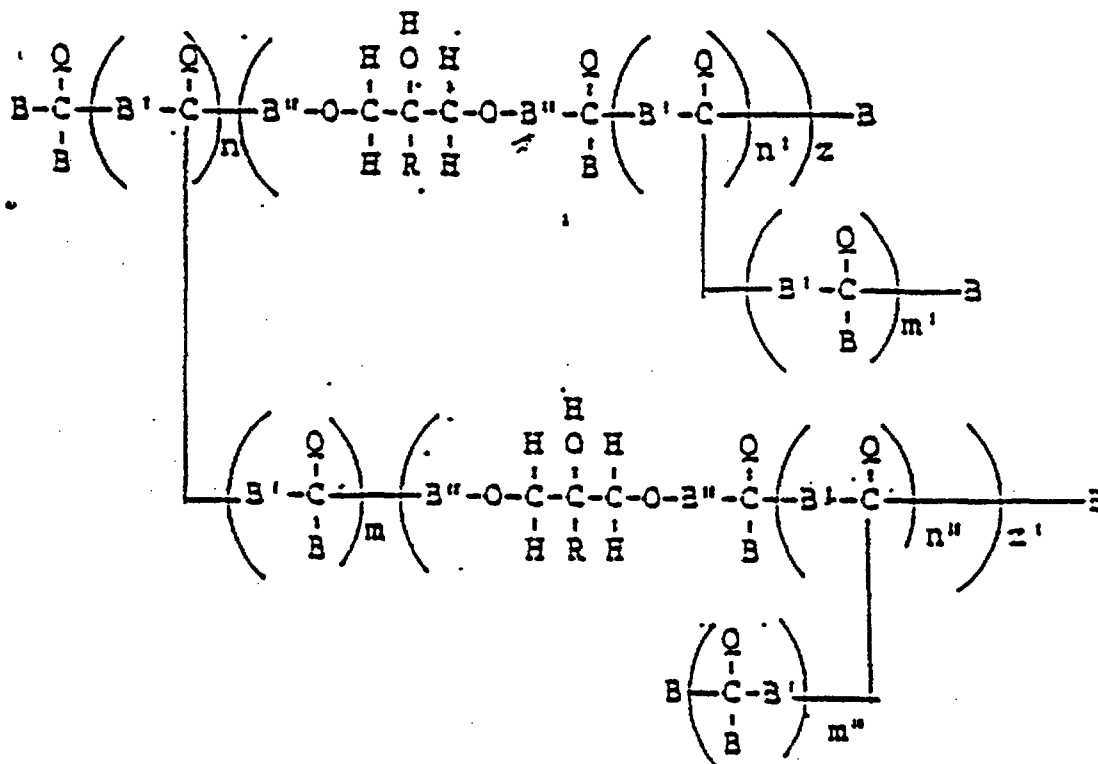
dans laquelle chaque R^1 représente indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone, et R^2 représente un groupe hydrocarboné comportant de 1 à 10 atomes de carbone.

- Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par les formules suivantes I et II :

FORMULE I

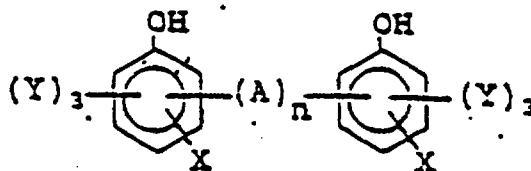


FORMULE II



dans lesquelles Q et R représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ; B, B', B'', n, n', n'', m, m', m'', z et z' sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, et q vaut en moyenne de 0,1 à 2 ; et le constituant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :

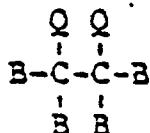
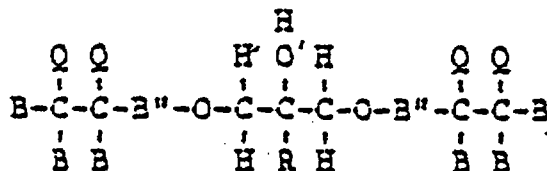
FORMULE X



dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent, comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

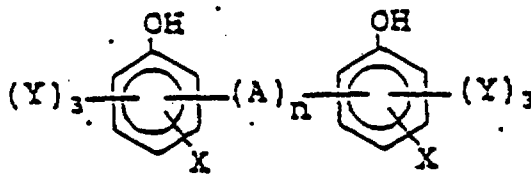
5. Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par les formules suivantes IV ou V :



FORMULE IVFORMULE V

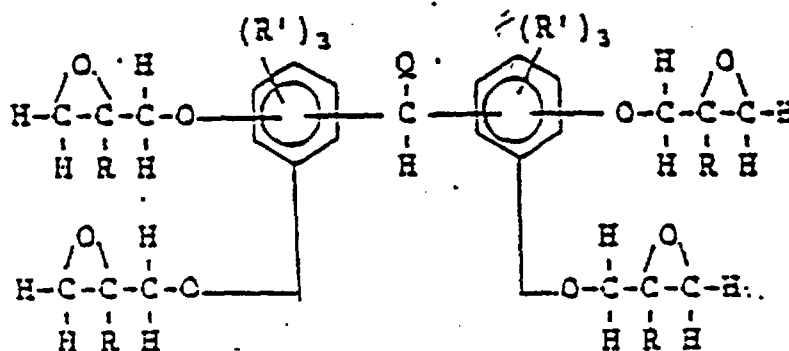
dans lesquelles chaque Q et R représentent un atome d'hydrogène, et B et B'' sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1,

et le composant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :

FORMULE X

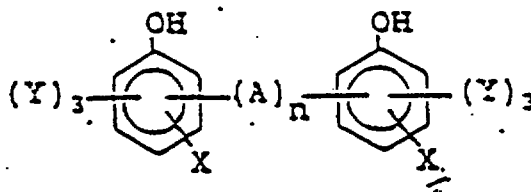
dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

6. Procédé selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que le constituant (A) est le constituant (A-1) représenté par la formule suivante VI :

FORMULE VI

dans laquelle chaque Q, R et R' représentent un atome d'hydrogène, et le composant (B) est représenté par la formule suivante X :



FORMULE X

dans laquelle Y est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, A représente un groupe hydrocarboné divalent comportant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, chaque X représente un atome de brome et n vaut 1.

7. Procédé de fabrication d'un substrat, caractérisé en ce qu'on imprègne le substrat d'une composition préparée selon la revendication 2.
8. Procédé de fabrication d'un matériau stratifié ou composite, électrique ou de structure, caractérisé par le fait que ce matériau contient une ou plusieurs couches d'un substrat durci imprégné préparé selon la revendication 7, ou d'une combinaison de tels substrats.
9. Procédé de fabrication d'un matériau stratifié électrique selon la revendication 8, caractérisé en ce que ce matériau comporte au moins une couche externe d'un matériau électroconducteur.

Ansprüche

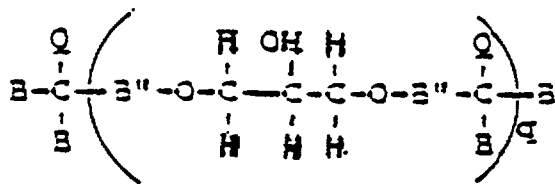
1. Härtbare Zusammensetzung,
gekennzeichnet, daß
diese enthält

(A) wenigstens eine der Komponenten

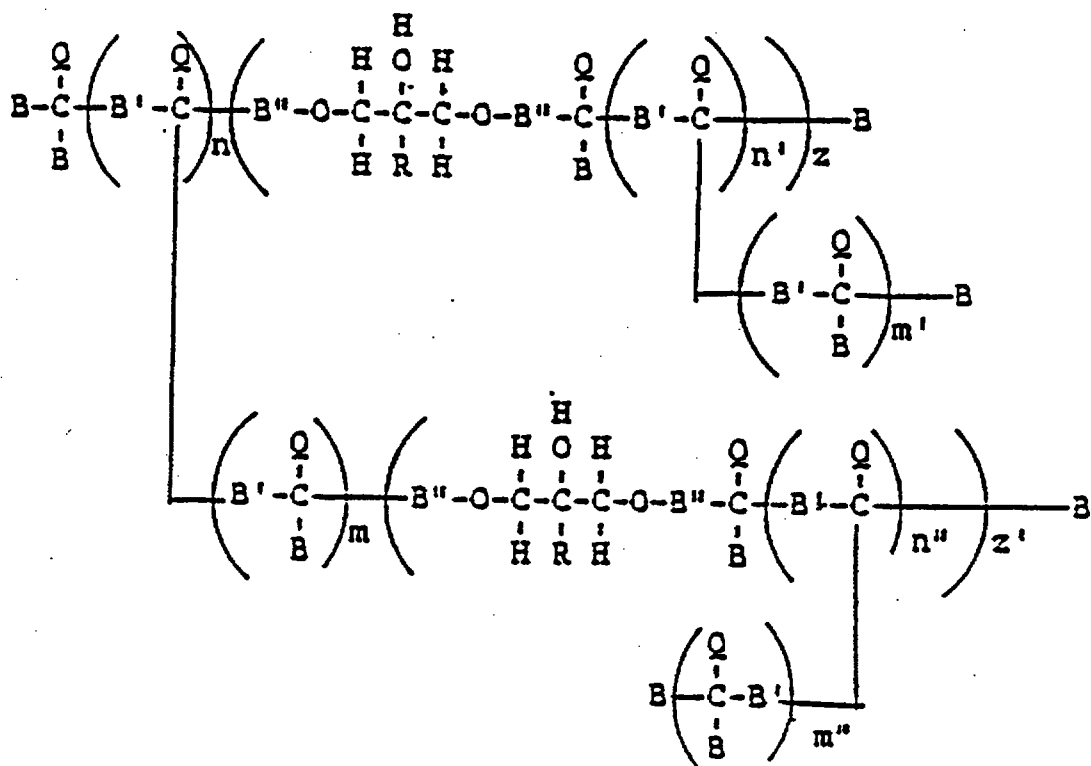
(1) wenigstens ein Epoxiharz der Formeln I, II, IV, V oder VI:

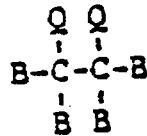
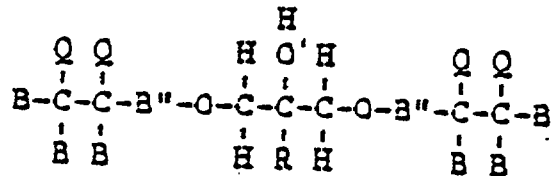
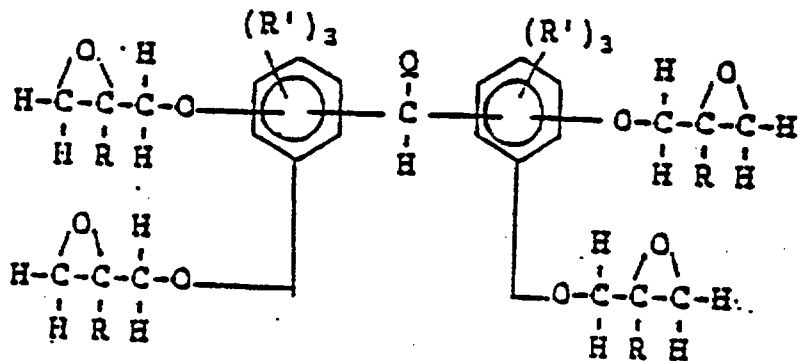


FORMEL I

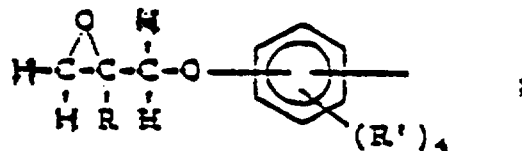


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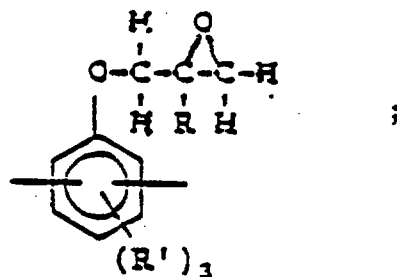


FORMEL IVFORMEL VFORMEL VI

wobei B dargestellt wird durch die Formel

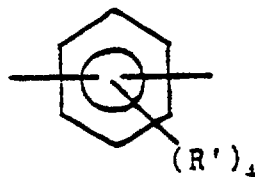


wobei B' dargestellt wird durch die Formel



wobei B'' dargestellt wird durch die Formel



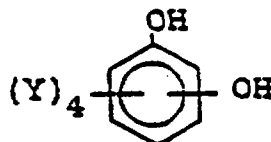


und jedes Q unabhängig Wasserstoff oder eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes R unabhängig Wasserstoff oder eine Alkylgruppe mit 1 bis 4 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes R' unabhängig Wasserstoff, eine Kohlenwasserstoff- oder Kohlenwasserstoffoxygruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen oder ein Halogen ist; m einen Wert von n-1 aufweist; m' einen Wert von n'-1 aufweist; m'' einen Wert von n''-1 aufweist; jedes n, n' und n'' unabhängig einen Wert von Null bis 3 aufweist; q einen Wert von Null bis 4 aufweist und jedes z und z' unabhängig einen Wert von Null bis 3 aufweist;

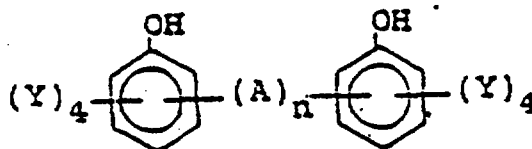
(2) das Reaktionsprodukt von

- (a) wenigstens einem Epoxyharz, wie es für Komponente (A-1) definiert worden ist und
- (b) wenigstens einem Dihydroxyphenol der folgenden Formeln VII oder VIII:

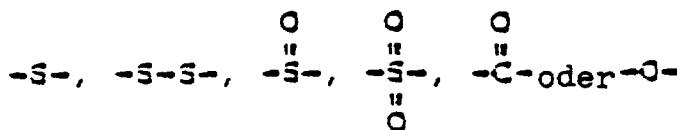
FORMEL VII



FORMEL VIII



wobei jedes Y unabhängig Wasserstoff, ein Halogen oder eine Kohlenwasserstoff- oder Kohlenwasserstoffoxygruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist und n einen Wert von Null oder 1 aufweist und jedes A unabhängig eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 12 Kohlenstoffatomen,

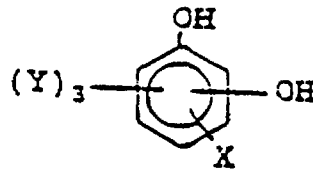
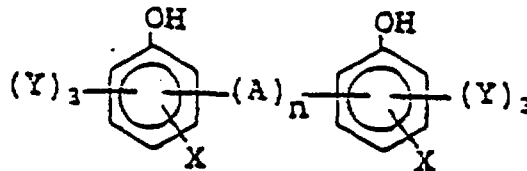


ist, und wobei die Komponenten (A-2-a) und (A-2-b) in solchen Mengen vorhanden sind, daß das Verhältnis der phenolischen Hydroxygruppen zu den Epoxidgruppen 0,01:1 bis 0,5:1 beträgt, oder

(3) Mischungen hiervon; und

(B) wenigstens ein halogeniertes Dihydroxyphenol der folgenden Formeln IX oder X:



FORMEL IXFORMEL X

wobei A, Y und n die zuvor angegebene Bedeutung haben;

jedes X ein Halogen ist;

und wobei die Komponenten (A) und (B) in solchen Mengen vorhanden sind, daß das Verhältnis der phenolischen Hydroxylgruppen zu den Epoxidgruppen von 0,7:1 bis 1,1:1 beträgt.

2. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

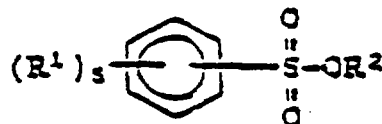
dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß diese weiterhin (C) eine katalytische Menge von 0,001 bis 10 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gewicht der Ausgangsstoffe, wenigstens eines Katalysators enthält, um die Reaktion zwischen den Bestandteilen (A) und (B) zu bewirken und (D) 0 bis 50 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gesamtgewicht der Bestandteile (A), (B), (C) und (D), wenigstens eines Lösemittels.

3. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß diese zusätzlich eine stabilisierende Menge von 0,001 bis 10 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gewicht des Epoxyharzbestandteils, eines Stabilisators der Formel enthält:



wobei jeweils R¹ unabhängig Wasserstoff, eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen oder ein Halogen ist und R² eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist.

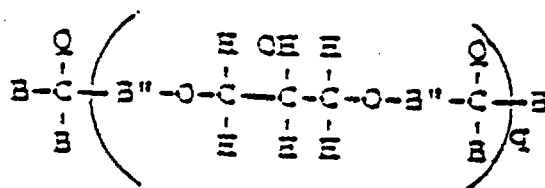
4. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

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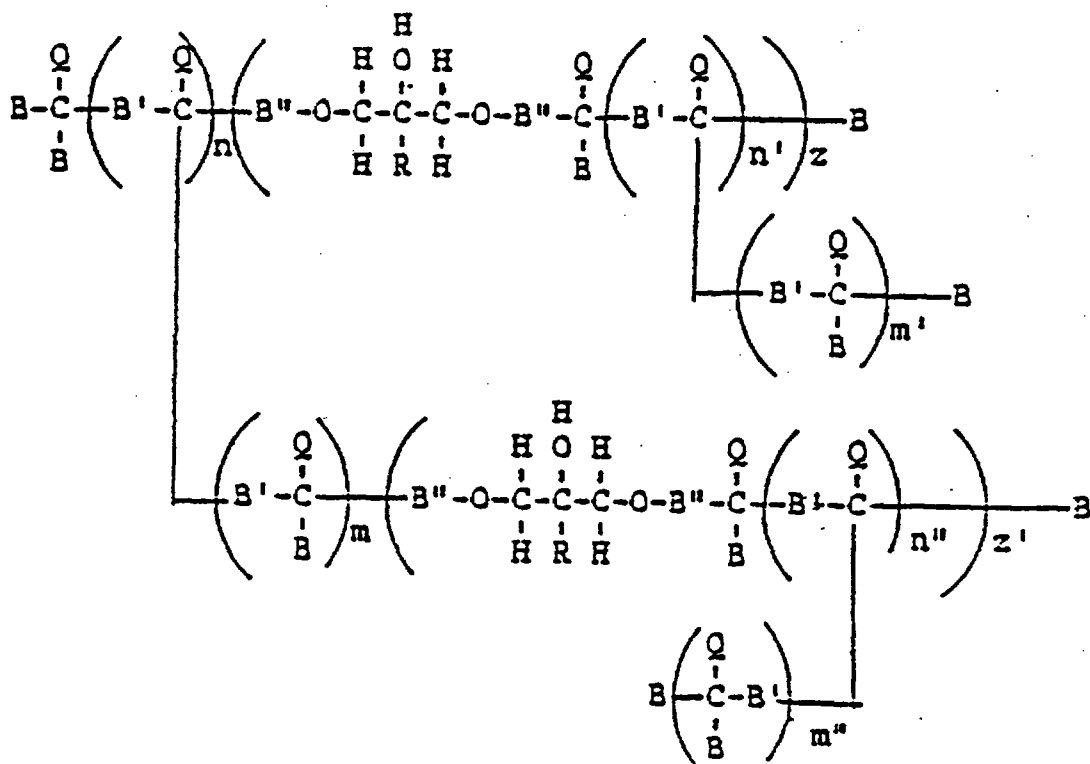
daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, der durch die folgenden Formeln I und II dargestellt ist:



FORMEL I

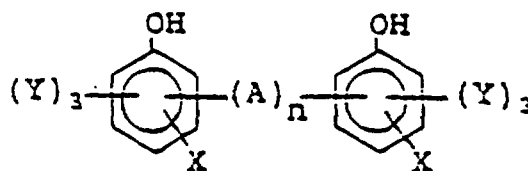


FORMEL II



wobei Q und R Wasserstoff sind; B, B', B'', n, n', n'', m, m', m'', z und z' wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind, q einen durchschnittlichen Wert von 0,1 bis 2 aufweist und Bestandteil (B) dargestellt ist durch die folgende Formel X:

FORMEL X



wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist, jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 aufweist.

5. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

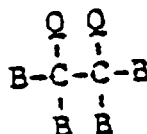




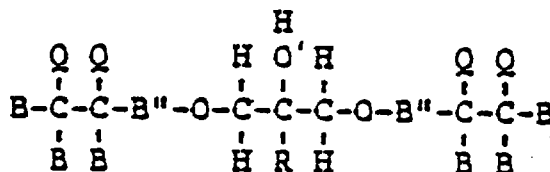
dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, dargestellt durch die folgenden Formeln IV oder V:

FORMEL IV

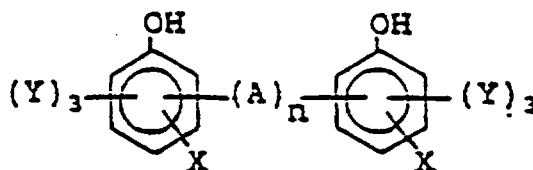


FORMEL V



wobei jedes Q und R Wasserstoff ist, B und B'' wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind und Bestandteil (B) durch die folgende Formel X dargestellt ist:

FORMEL X



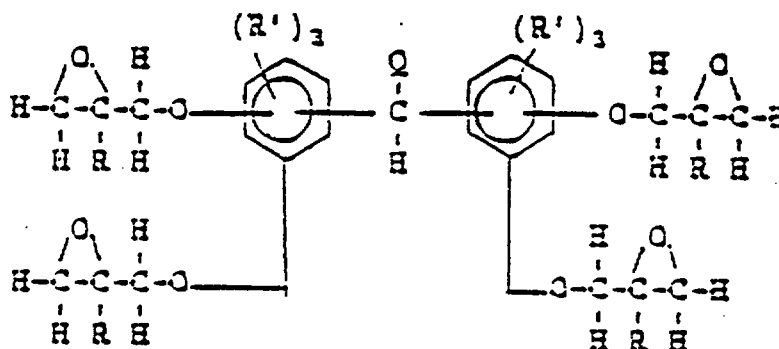
wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist, jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 hat.

6. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

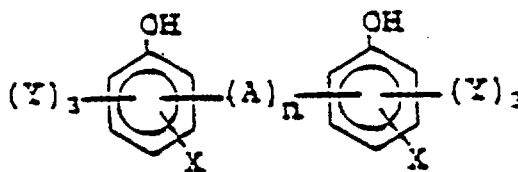
daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, dargestellt durch die folgende Formel VI:

FORMEL VI



wobei jedes Q, R und R' Wasserstoff ist und Bestandteil (B) durch die folgende Formel X dargestellt

ist:

FORMEL I

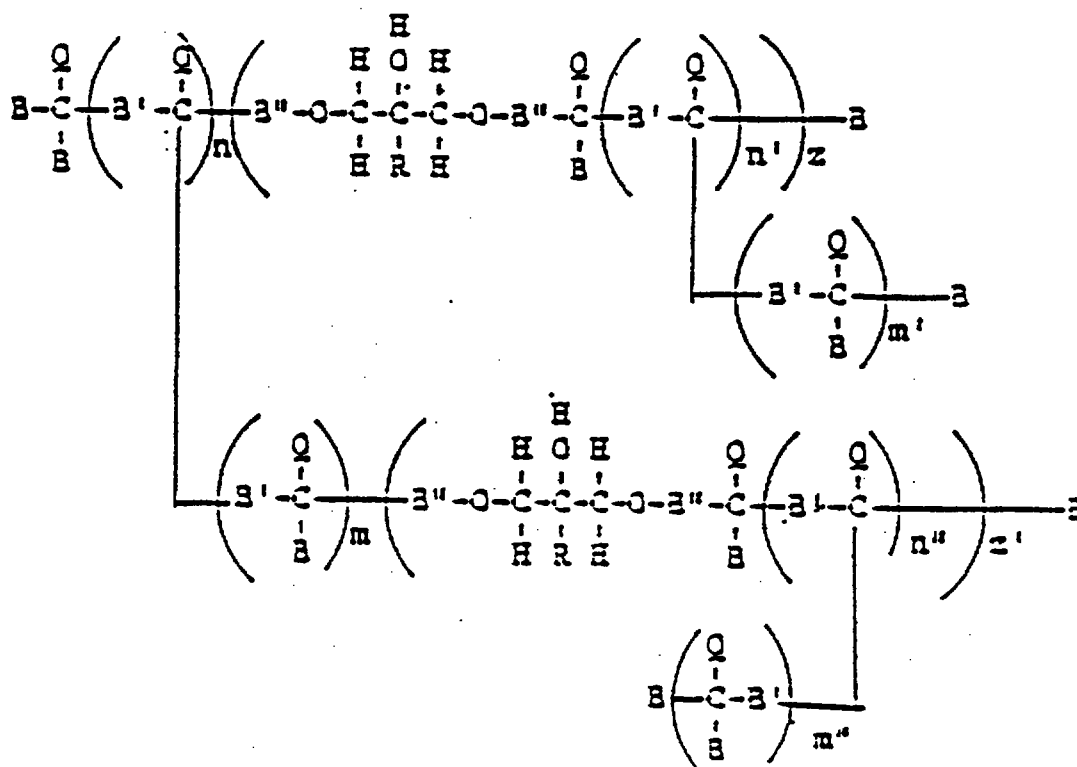
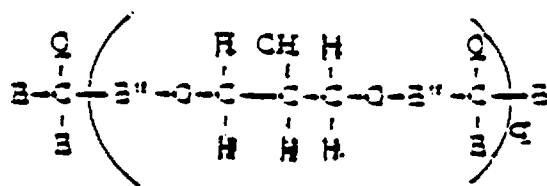
wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 hat.

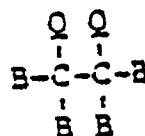
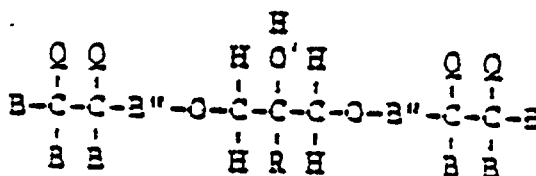
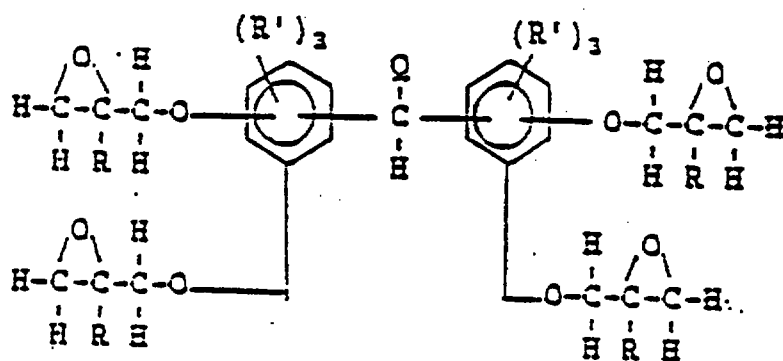
7. Trägermaterial,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß es mit der Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 2 imprägniert ist.
8. Elektrisches Laminat oder laminiertes Bauteil oder Verbundmaterial,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß es eine oder mehrere Schichten aus gehärtetem, imprägnierten Trägermaterial oder Kombinationen von Trägermaterialien nach Anspruch 7 enthält.
9. Elektrisches Laminat nach Anspruch 8,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß es wenigstens eine äußere Schicht aus einem elektrisch leitenden Material aufweist.

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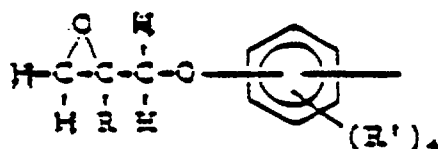
1. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer härtbaren Zusammensetzung,
gekennzeichnet durch
Vermischen einer Mischung enthaltend
 - (A) wenigstens eine der Komponenten
 - (1) wenigstens ein Epoxyharz der Formeln I, II, IV, V oder VI:

FORMEL II

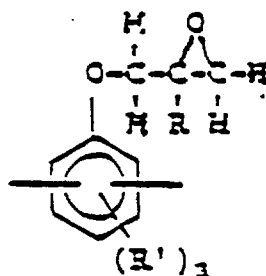


FORMEL IVFORMEL VFORMEL VI

wobei B dargestellt wird durch die Formel



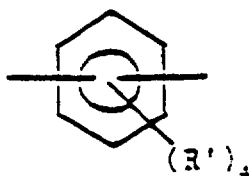
wobei B' dargestellt wird durch die Formel



wobei B'' dargestellt wird durch die Formel



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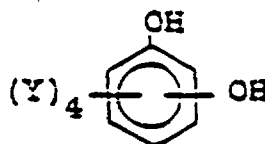
und jedes Q unabhängig Wasserstoff oder eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes R unabhängig Wasserstoff oder eine Alkylgruppe mit 1 bis 4 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes R' unabhängig Wasserstoff, eine Kohlenwasserstoff- oder Kohlenwasserstoffoxygruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen oder ein Halogen ist; m einen Wert von n-1 aufweist; m' einen Wert von n'-1 aufweist; m'' einen Wert von n''-1 aufweist; jedes n, n' und n'' unabhängig einen Wert von Null bis 3 aufweist; q einen Wert von Null bis 4 aufweist und jedes z und z' unabhängig einen Wert von Null bis 3 aufweist;

(2) das Reaktionsprodukt von

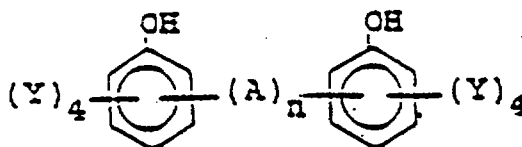
(a) wenigstens einem Epoxyharz, wie es für Komponente (A-1) definiert worden ist und

(b) wenigstens einem Dihydroxyphenol der folgenden Formeln VII oder VIII:

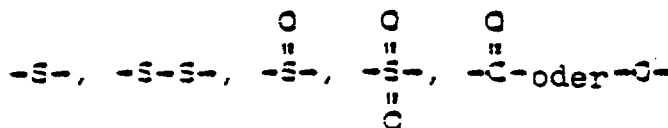
FORMEL VII



FORMEL VIII



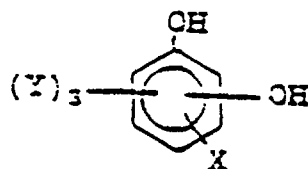
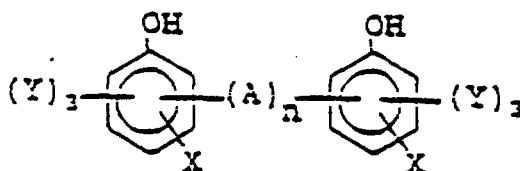
wobei jedes Y unabhängig Wasserstoff, ein Halogen oder eine Kohlenwasserstoff- oder Kohlenwasserstoffoxygruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist und n einen Wert von Null oder 1 aufweist und jedes A unabhängig eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 12 Kohlenstoffatomen,



ist, und wobei die Komponenten (A-2-a) und (A-2-b) in solchen Mengen vorhanden sind, daß das Verhältnis der phenolischen Hydroxygruppen zu den Epoxidgruppen 0,01:1 bis 0,5:1 beträgt, oder

(3) Mischungen hiervon; und

(B) wenigstens ein halogeniertes Dihydroxyphenol der folgenden Formeln IX oder X:

FORMEL IXFORMEL X

wobei A, Y und n die zuvor angegebene Bedeutung haben;

jedes X ein Halogen ist;

und wobei die Komponenten (A) und (B) in solchen Mengen vorhanden sind, daß das Verhältnis der phenolischen Hydroxylgruppen zu den Epoxidgruppen von 0,7:1 bis 1,1:1 beträgt.

2. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

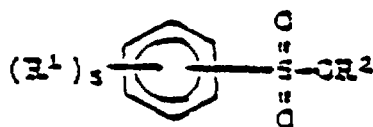
daß diese weiterhin (C) eine katalytische Menge von 0,001 bis 10 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gewicht der Ausgangsstoffe, wenigstens eines Katalysators enthält, um die Reaktion zwischen den Bestandteilen (A) und (B) zu bewirken

und (D) 0 bis 50 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gesamtgewicht der Bestandteile (A), (B), (C) und (D), wenigstens eines Lösemittels.

3. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß diese zusätzlich eine stabilisierende Menge von 0,001 bis 10 Gew.-%, bezogen auf das Gewicht des Epoxyharzbestandteils, eines Stabilisators der Formel enthält:



wobei jeweils R¹ unabhängig Wasserstoff, eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen oder ein Halogen ist und R² eine Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 10 Kohlenstoffatomen ist.

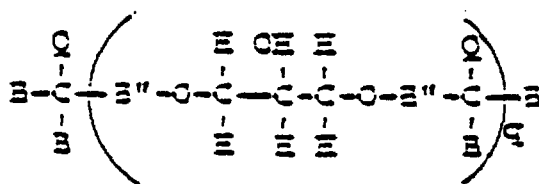
4. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

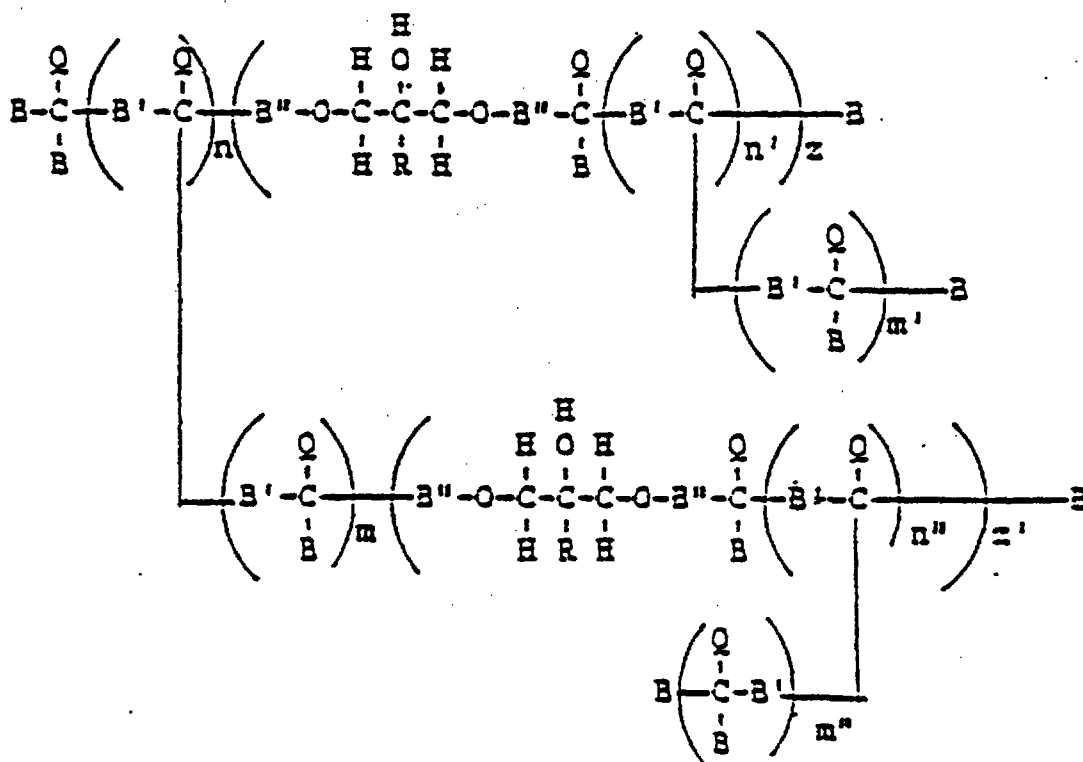
daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, der durch die folgenden Formeln I und II dargestellt ist:



FORMEL I

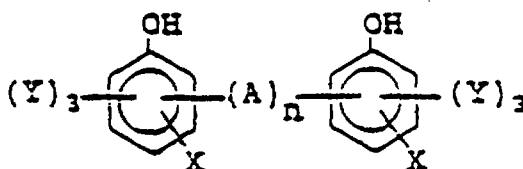


FORMEL II



wobei Q und R Wasserstoff sind; B, B', B'', n, n', n'', m, m', m'', z und z' wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind, q einen durchschnittlichen Wert von 0,1 bis 2 aufweist und Bestandteil (B) dargestellt ist durch die folgende Formel X:

FORMEL X



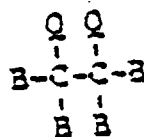
wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist, jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 aufweist.

5. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet,

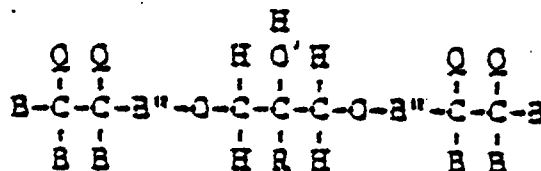


daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, dargestellt durch die folgenden Formeln IV oder V:

FORM EL 17

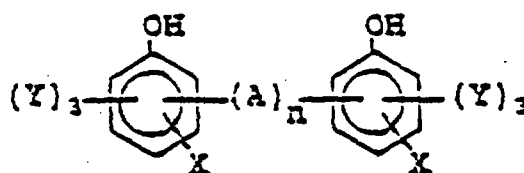


FORMEL. V



wobei jedes Q und R Wasserstoff ist, B und B" wie in Anspruch 1 definiert sind und Bestandteil (B) durch die folgende Formel X dargestellt ist:

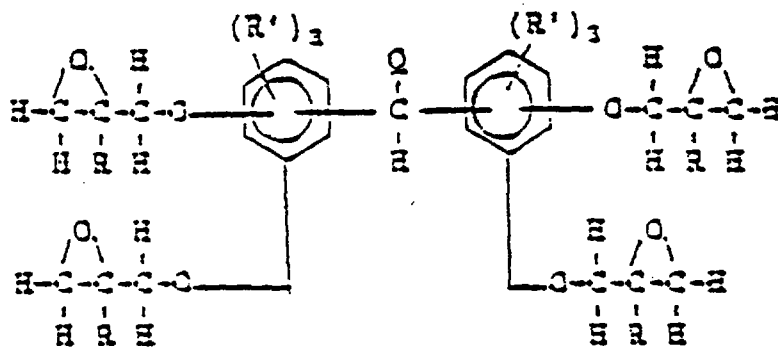
FORMEL. X



wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist, jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 hat.

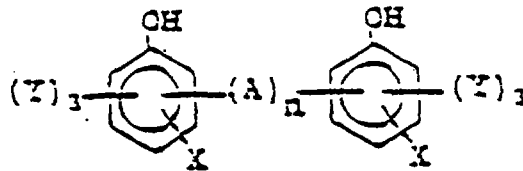
6. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß Bestandteil (A) Bestandteil (A-1) ist, dargestellt durch die folgende Formel VI:

FORMEL VI



wobei jedes Q, R und R' Wasserstoff ist und Bestandteil (B) durch die folgende Formel X dargestellt ist:



FORMEL I

wobei Y wie in Anspruch 1 definiert ist, A eine zweiwertige Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe mit 1 bis 6 Kohlenstoffatomen ist; jedes X Brom ist und n einen Wert von 1 hat.

7. Verfahren zum Herstellen eines Trägermaterials,
gekennzeichnet durch
Imprägnieren des Trägermaterials mit der Zusammensetzung erhalten nach Anspruch 2.
8. Verfahren zum Herstellen eines elektrischen Laminats oder laminierten Bauteils oder Verbundmaterials,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß es eine oder mehrere Schichten aus gehärtetem, imprägnierten Trägermaterial oder Kombinationen von Trägermaterialien erhalten nach Anspruch 7 enthält.
9. Verfahren zum Herstellen eines elektrischen Laminats erhalten nach Anspruch 8,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß es wenigstens eine äußere Schicht aus einem elektrisch leitenden Material aufweist.

