

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE
CLEANING AGENT COMPOSITION AND PRECISION CLEANING
METHOD

Optical elements and other items are cleaned with the use of a cleaning agent consisting essentially of at least one saturated hydrocarbon having 8 to 12 carbon atoms whose 95% running point falls within 5°C of its initial boiling point and whose 99% running point falls within 10°C of its initial boiling point in distillation at 760 mmHg or with the use of a cleaning agent composition for hand wiping comprising 66 to 90% by weight of at least one aliphatic hydrocarbon with 6 carbon atoms containing at least 44% by weight of 2-methylpentane and 10 to 34% by weight of at least one lower alcohol with 1 to 3 carbon atoms containing at least 85% by weight of ethyl alcohol to thereby exhibit azeotropic or azeotrope-like characteristics. The above cleaning is advantageous from the viewpoint of nonhazardousness to human, smell, dirt removal, quality finishing, running cost and environmental protection.