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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to post foaming compositions which are dispensed from a container as a spray onto a surface, wherein the post foaming composition contacts the surface as a liquid and begins to foam within a few seconds without the mechanical action of running water or squeezing a sponge. The instant post foaming compositions are packaged in a pressurized fluid dispenser. In an aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition comprising by weight:

(a) at least about 2% of at least one sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of sodium or magnesium salt of a linear C8-C18 alkyl benzene sulfonate and sodium or magnesium salt of a C8-C18 paraffin sulfonate and mixtures thereof;

(b) at least about 2% of at least one ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate selected from the group consisting of sodium ethoxylated C8-C18 alkyl ether sulfate ammonium

ethoxylated C8-C18 alkyl ether sulfate and sodium ethoxylated C8-C18 alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;

(c) optionally a surfactant selected from the group consisting of betaine

surfactants and amine oxide surfactants and mixtures thereof;

(d) at least about 1% of an alkyl polyglucoside;

(e) optionally a mono- or di-alkanol amide;

(f) optionally an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant;

(g) optionally a fragrance;

(h) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and

(i) balance water.

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Invention Title:

Post foaming cleaning compositions

The following statement is a full description of this invention including the best method of performing it known to us:-

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a post foaming cleaning composition which is sprayed onto the
5 surface to be cleaned and the composition then foams on the surface being cleaned.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to novel light duty liquid detergent compositions with
10 post foaming properties, containing at least one surfactant, volatile hydrocarbon and water.

The prior art is replete with light duty liquid detergent compositions containing nonionic surfactants in combination with anionic and/or betaine surfactants wherein the
15 nonionic detergent is not the major active surfactant, as shown in U.S. Pat. No. 3,658,985 wherein an anionic based shampoo contains a minor amount of a fatty acid alkanolamide. U.S. Pat. No. 3,769,398 discloses a betaine-based shampoo containing minor amounts of nonionic surfactants. This patent states that the low foaming properties of nonionic detergents renders its use in shampoo compositions non-
20 preferred. U.S. Pat. No. 4,329,335 also discloses a shampoo containing a betaine surfactant as the major ingredient and minor amounts of a nonionic surfactant and of a fatty acid mono- or di-ethanolamide. U.S. Pat. No. 4,259,204 discloses a shampoo comprising 0.8-20% by weight of an anionic phosphoric acid ester and one additional surfactant which may be either anionic, amphoteric, or nonionic. U.S. Pat. No.
25 4,329,334 discloses an anionic-amphoteric based shampoo containing a major amount of anionic surfactant and lesser amounts of a betaine and nonionic surfactants.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,935,129 discloses a liquid cleaning composition based on the alkali metal silicate content and containing five basic ingredients, namely, urea, glycerin,
30 triethanolamine, an anionic detergent and a nonionic detergent. The silicate content determines the amount of anionic and/or nonionic detergent in the liquid cleaning composition. However, the foaming property of these detergent compositions is not discussed therein.

U.S. Patent No. 4,129,515 discloses a heavy duty liquid detergent for laundering fabrics comprising a mixture of substantially equal amounts of anionic and nonionic surfactants, alkanolamines and magnesium salts, and, optionally, zwitterionic surfactants as suds modifiers.

5 U.S. Patent No. 4,224,195 discloses an aqueous detergent composition for laundering socks or stockings comprising a specific group of nonionic detergents, namely, an ethylene oxide of a secondary alcohol, a specific group of anionic detergents, namely, a sulfuric ester salt of an ethylene oxide adduct of a secondary alcohol, and an amphoteric surfactant which may be a betaine, wherein either the
10 anionic or nonionic surfactant may be the major ingredient.

The prior art also discloses detergent compositions containing all nonionic surfactants as shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,154,706 and 4,329,336 wherein the shampoo compositions contain a plurality of particular nonionic surfactants in order to effect desirable foaming and deterative properties despite the fact that nonionic
15 surfactants are usually deficient in such properties.

U.S. Patent No. 4,013,787 discloses a piperazine based polymer in conditioning and shampoo compositions which may contain all nonionic surfactant or all anionic surfactant.

U.S. Patent 4,671,895 teaches a liquid detergent composition containing an
20 alcohol sulfate surfactant, a nonionic surfactant, a paraffin sulfonate surfactant, an alkyl ether sulfate surfactant and water.

U.S. Patent No. 4,450,091 discloses high viscosity shampoo compositions containing a blend of an amphoteric betaine surfactant, a polyoxybutylene polyoxyethylene nonionic detergent, an anionic surfactant, a fatty acid alkanolamide
25 and a polyoxyalkylene glycol fatty ester. But, none of the exemplified compositions contains an active ingredient mixture wherein the nonionic detergent is present in major proportion, probably due to the low foaming properties of the polyoxybutylene polyoxyethylene nonionic detergent.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,595,526 describes a composition comprising a nonionic surfactant, a betaine surfactant, an anionic surfactant and a C12 -C14 fatty acid monoethanolamide foam stabilizer.

U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,675,422; 4,698,181; 4,724,174; 4,770,815 and 4,921,942 disclose alkyl
5 succinamates but the compositions are non related to light duty liquid compositions.

However, none of these patents teach a composition which can be sprayed onto a surface, wherein the composition will then foam on the surface being cleaned.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the herein after described post foaming compositions
10 which are dispensed from a container as a spray onto a surface, wherein the post foaming composition contacts the surface as a liquid and begins to foam within a few seconds without the mechanical action or running water or squeezing a sponge.

The instant post foaming compositions are packaged in a pressurized fluid dispenser such as illustrated in U.S. Pat. No. 4,964,540, which is incorporated by reference herein
15 in its entirety. One pressurized fluid dispenser can be generally described as an expandable bag having a generally cylindrical shaped outer wall, said bag having a closed end and an open end, said outer wall including a plurality of substantially longitudinal pleats, said pleats defining a plurality of peaks and valleys; valve means coupled with said open end for selectively releasing the contents of the bag; an
20 expandable energy tube substantially surrounding said bag for maintaining pressure on the bag and its contents; a plurality of expandable longitudinal ribs disposed in said valleys of said pleats and at least partially filing said valleys, said longitudinal ribs controlling refolding of the pleats in the bag as fluid is released from the bag.

In an aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming light duty liquid cleaning
25 composition comprising by weight:

- (a) at least about 2% of at least one sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of sodium or magnesium salt of a linear C₈-C₁₈ alkyl benzene sulfonate and sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonate and mixtures thereof;
- 30 (b) at least about 2% of at least one ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate selected from the group consisting of sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate ammonium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;

(c) optionally a surfactant selected from the group consisting of betaine surfactants and amine oxide surfactants and mixtures thereof;

(d) at least about 1% of an alkyl polyglucoside;

5 (e) optionally a mono- or di-alkanol amide;

(f) optionally an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant;

(g) optionally a fragrance;

(h) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and

(i) balance water.

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In another aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition which comprises by weight:

(a) at least about 2% of a sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ linear alkyl benzene sulfonates and a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonates and mixtures thereof;

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(b) optionally a magnesium, sodium or ammonium salt of an ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;

(c) optionally a zwitterionic surfactant;

(d) optionally a glycol ether cosurfactant;

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(e) at least about 0.4% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms, a perfume and/or essential oil;

(f) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and

(g) balance water.

25 In a further aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition comprising by weight:

(a) at least about 0.2% of a magnesium, sodium or ammonium salt of a C₆-C₁₈ alkyl sulfosuccinate;

(b) at least about 10% of at least one nonionic surfactant containing
30 ethoxylate groups;

(c) at least about 1% of a glycol ether co-surfactant;

(d) at least about 1% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;

(e) optionally a perfume;

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(f) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and

(g) balance water.

In yet a further aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming super wetting cleaning composition comprising by weight:

- (a) at least about 1% of a nonionic surfactant containing ethoxylate groups;
- 5 (b) optionally of a perfume;
- (c) at least about 1% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;
- (d) at least about 1% of an amphipile which is the condensation product of an alkanol having about 4 to about 8 carbon atoms with about 2 to about 4 moles of
10 ethylene oxide;
- (e) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
- (f) balance water.

In still another aspect, the present invention provides a post foaming all purpose
15 cleaning composition comprising by weight:

- (a) at least about 10% of a tall oil fatty acid;
- (b) at least about 2% of potassium hydroxide;
- (c) at least about 0.1% of amine oxide;
- (d) at least about 0.1% of a sultaine;
- 20 (e) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
- (f) balance water.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition
25 comprising approximately by weight:

(a) 8% to 39% of at least one sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of sodium or magnesium salt of a linear C₈-C₁₈ alkyl benzene sulfonate and sodium magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonate and mixtures thereof;

5 (b) 2% to 24% of at least one ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate selected from the group consisting of sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate ammonium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;

(c) 0 to 10% of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of betaine surfactants and amine oxide surfactants and mixtures thereof;

10 (d) 1% to 16% of an alkyl polyglucoside;

(e) 0 to 4% of a mono- or di-alkanol amide;

(f) 0 to 20% of an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant;

(g) 0 to 0.6% of a fragrance;

(h) 7% to 14% of isopentane; and

15 (i) 60% to 80% of water.

The present invention also relates to a post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition which comprises approximately by weight:

20 (a) 2% to 12% of a sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ linear alkyl benzene sulfonates and a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonates and mixtures thereof;

(b) 0 to 8% of a magnesium, sodium or ammonium salt of an ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;

(c) 0 to 8% of a zwitterionic surfactant;

(d) 0 to 10% of a glycol ether cosurfactant;

25 (e) 0.4% to 8% of a perfume, essential oil or water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof;

(f) 7% to 14% of isopentane; and

(g) 75% to 95% of water.

The present invention also relates to a post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition comprising approximately by weight:

- (a) 0.2% to 10% of a sodium salt of a C₆-C₁₀ alkyl sulfosuccinate;
- (b) 10% to 16% of at least one nonionic surfactant containing ethoxylate groups;
- (c) 1% to 15% of a glycol ether cosurfactant;
- (d) 1% to 8% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;
- (e) 0 to 2% of a perfume;
- (f) 7% to 14% of isopentane; and
- (g) 70% to 90% of water.

The present invention also relates to a post foaming super wetting cleaning composition comprising approximately by weight:

- (a) 1% to 8% of a nonionic surfactant containing ethoxylate groups;
- (b) 0 to 4 wt. % of a perfume;
- (c) 1% to 8% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;
- (d) 1% to 12% of an amphipile which is the condensation product of an alkanol having about 4 to about 8 carbon atoms with about 2 to about 4 moles of ethylene oxide;
- (e) 7% to 14% of isopentane; and
- (f) 75% to 95% of water.

The present invention also relates to post foaming all purpose cleaning composition comprising approximately by weight:

- (a) 10% to 24% of a tall oil fatty acid;
- (b) 2% to 10% of potassium hydroxide;
- (c) 0.1% to 5% of amine oxide;
- (d) 0.1% to 5% of a sultaine;
- (e) 7% to 14% of isopentane; and

(f) 75% to 95% of water.

The C₈₋₁₈ ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate surfactants used in the instant compositions have the structure:



wherein n is about 1 to about 22 more preferably 1 to 3 and R is an alkyl group having about 8 to about 18 carbon atoms, more preferably 12 to 15 and natural cuts, for example, C₁₂₋₁₄; C₁₂₋₁₅ and M is an ammonium cation or an alkali metal cation, most preferably sodium or ammonium.

10 The ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate may be made by sulfating the condensation product of ethylene oxide and C₈₋₁₀ alkanol, and neutralizing the resultant product. The ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfates differ from one another in the number of carbon atoms in the alcohols and in the number of moles of ethylene oxide reacted with one mole of such alcohol. Preferred ethoxylated alkyl ether polyethenoxy sulfates contain
15 12 to 15 carbon atoms in the alcohols and in the alkyl groups thereof, e.g., sodium myristyl (3 EO) sulfate.

Ethoxylated C₈₋₁₈ alkylphenyl ether sulfates containing from 2 to 6 moles of ethylene oxide in the molecule are also suitable for use in the invention compositions. These surfactants can be prepared by reacting an alkyl phenol with 2 to 6 moles of
20 ethylene oxide and sulfating and neutralizing the resultant ethoxylated alkylphenol.

The linear alkyl benzene sulfonate contains from 10 to 16 carbon atoms in the alkyl group are used in the instant compositions wherein the alkyl benzene sulfonates has a high content of 3- (or higher) phenyl isomers and a correspondingly low content (well below 50%) of 2- (or lower) phenyl isomers, that is, wherein the benzene ring is
25 preferably attached in large part at the 3 or higher (for example, 4, 5, 6 or 7) position of the alkyl group and the content of the isomers in which the benzene ring is attached in the 2 or 1 position.

Other suitable anionic surfactants are the olefin sulfonates, including long-chain alkene sulfonates, long-chain hydroxyalkane sulfonates or mixtures of alkene

sulfonates and hydroxyalkane sulfonates. These olefin sulfonate detergents may be prepared in a known manner by the reaction of sulfur trioxide (SO₃) with long-chain olefins containing 8 to 25, preferably 12 to 21 carbon atoms and having the formula RCH=CHR₁ where R is a higher alkyl group of 6 to 23 carbons and R₁ is an alkyl group of 1 to 17 carbons or hydrogen to form a mixture of sultones and alkene sulfonic acids which is then treated to convert the sultones to sulfonates. Preferred olefin sulfonates contain from 14 to 16 carbon atoms in the R alkyl group and are obtained by sulfonating an alpha-olefin.

Other examples of suitable anionic sulfonate surfactants are the paraffin sulfonates containing about 10 to 20, preferably about 13 to 17, carbon atoms. Primary paraffin sulfonates are made by reacting long-chain alpha olefins and bisulfites and paraffin sulfonates having the sulfonate group distributed along the paraffin chain are shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,503,280; 2,507,088; 3,260,744; 3,372,188; and German Patent 735,096.

The alkyl polysaccharides surfactants, which are used in the instant compositions have a hydrophobic group containing from about 8 to about 20 carbon atoms, preferably from about 10 to about 16 carbon atoms, most preferably from about 12 to about 14 carbon atoms, and polysaccharide hydrophilic group containing from about 1.5 to about 10, preferably from about 1.5 to about 4, most preferably from about 1.6 to about 2.7 saccharide units (e.g., galactoside, glucoside, fructoside, glucosyl, fructosyl; and/or galactosyl units). Mixtures of saccharide moieties may be used in the alkyl polysaccharide surfactants. The number x indicates the number of saccharide units in a particular alkyl polysaccharide surfactant. For a particular alkyl polysaccharide molecule x can only assume integral values. In any physical sample of alkyl polysaccharide surfactants there will be in general molecules having different x values. The physical sample can be characterized by the average value of x and this average value can assume non-integral values. In this specification the values of x are to be understood to be average values. The hydrophobic group (R) can be attached at the 2-, 3-, or 4- positions rather than at the 1-position, (thus giving e.g. a glucosyl or

galactosyl as opposed to a glucoside or galactoside). However, attachment through the 1- position, i.e., glucosides, galactoside, fructosides, etc., is preferred. In the preferred product the additional saccharide units are predominately attached to the previous saccharide unit's 2-position. Attachment through the 3-, 4-, and 6- positions
 5 can also occur. Optionally and less desirably there can be a polyalkoxide chain joining the hydrophobic moiety (R) and the polysaccharide chain. The preferred alkoxide moiety is ethoxide.

Typical hydrophobic groups include alkyl groups, either saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched containing from about 8 to about 20, preferably
 10 from about 10 to about 18 carbon atoms. Preferably, the alkyl group is a straight chain saturated alkyl group. The alkyl group can contain up to 3 hydroxy groups and/or the polyalkoxide chain can contain up to about 30, preferably less than about 10, alkoxide moieties.

Suitable alkyl polysaccharides are decyl, dodecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl,
 15 hexadecyl, and octadecyl, di-, tri-, tetra-, penta-, and hexaglycosides, galactosides, lactosides, fructosides, fructosyls, lactosyls, glucosyls and/or galactosyls and mixtures thereof.

The alkyl monosaccharides are relatively less soluble in water than the higher alkyl polysaccharides. When used in admixture with alkyl polysaccharides, the alkyl
 20 monosaccharides are solubilized to some extent. The use of alkyl monosaccharides in admixture with alkyl polysaccharides is a preferred mode of carrying out the invention. Suitable mixtures include coconut alkyl, di-, tri-, tetra-, and pentaglycosides and tallow alkyl tetra-, penta-, and hexaglycosides.

The preferred alkyl polysaccharides are alkyl polyglucosides having the formula



wherein Z is derived from glucose, R is a hydrophobic group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkylphenyl, hydroxyalkylphenyl, and mixtures thereof in which said alkyl groups contain from about 10 to about 18, preferably from about 12 to about 14 carbon atoms; n is 2 or 3 preferably 2, r is from 0 to 10, preferably 0; and x is from 1.5

to 8, preferably from 1.5 to 4, most preferably from 1.6 to 2.7. To prepare these compounds a long chain alcohol (R₂OH) can be reacted with glucose, in the presence of an acid catalyst to form the desired glucoside. Alternatively the alkyl polyglucosides can be prepared by a two step procedure in which a short chain alcohol (R₁OH) can be

5 reacted with glucose, in the presence of an acid catalyst to form the desired glucoside. Alternatively the alkyl polyglucosides can be prepared by a two step procedure in which a short chain alcohol (C₁₋₆) is reacted with glucose or a polyglucoside (x=2 to 4) to yield a short chain alkyl glucoside (x=1 to 4) which can in turn be reacted with a longer chain alcohol (R₂OH) to displace the short chain alcohol and obtain the desired alkyl

10 polyglucoside. If this two step procedure is used, the short chain alkylglucoside content of the final alkyl polyglucoside material should be less than 50%, preferably less than 10%, more preferably less than about 5%, most preferably 0% of the alkyl polyglucoside.

The amount of unreacted alcohol (the free fatty alcohol content) in the desired

15 alkyl polysaccharide surfactant is preferably less than about 2%, more preferably less than about 0.5% by weight of the total of the alkyl polysaccharide. For some uses it is desirable to have the alkyl monosaccharide content less than about 10%.

The used herein, "alkyl polysaccharide surfactant" is intended to represent both the preferred glucose and galactose derived surfactants and the less preferred alkyl

20 polysaccharide surfactants. Throughout this specification, "alkyl polyglucoside" is used to include alkyl polyglycosides because the stereochemistry of the saccharide moiety is changed during the preparation reaction.

An especially preferred APG glycoside surfactant is APG 625 glycoside manufactured by the Henkel Corporation of Ambler, PA. APG25 is a nonionic alkyl

25 polyglycoside characterized by the formula:



wherein n=10 (2%); n=12 (65%); n=14 (21-28%); n=16 (4-8%) and n=18 (0.5%) and x (degree of polymerization) = 1.6. APG 625 has: a pH of 6 to 10 (10% of APG 625 in distilled water); a specific gravity at 25°C of 1.1 g/ml; a density at 25°C of 9.1 lbs/gallon;

a calculated HLB of 12.1 and a Brookfield viscosity at 35°C, 21 spindle, 5-10 RPM of 3,000 to 7,000 cps.

The water soluble nonionic surfactants utilized in this invention are commercially well known and include the primary aliphatic alcohol ethoxylates, secondary aliphatic
5 alcohol ethoxylates, alkylphenol ethoxylates and ethylene-oxide-propylene oxide condensates on primary alkanols, such as Plurafacs (BASF) and condensates of ethylene oxide with sorbitan fatty acid esters such as the Tweens (ICI). The nonionic synthetic organic detergents generally are the condensation products of an organic
10 aliphatic or alkyl aromatic hydrophobic compound and hydrophilic ethylene oxide groups. Practically any hydrophobic compound having a carboxy, hydroxy, amido, or amino group with a free hydrogen attached to the nitrogen can be condensed with ethylene oxide or with the polyhydration product thereof, polyethylene glycol, to form a water-soluble nonionic detergent. Further, the length of the polyethenoxy chain can be
15 adjusted to achieve the desired balance between the hydrophobic and hydrophilic elements.

The nonionic surfactant class includes the condensation products of a higher alcohol (e.g., an alkanol containing about 8 to 18 carbon atoms in a straight or branched chain configuration) condensed with about 5 to 30 moles of ethylene oxide, for example, lauryl or myristyl alcohol condensed with about 16 moles of ethylene oxide
20 (EO), tridecanol condensed with about 6 to moles of EO, myristyl alcohol condensed with about 10 moles of EO per mole of myristyl alcohol, the condensation product of EO with a cut of coconut fatty alcohol containing a mixture of fatty alcohols with alkyl chains varying from 10 to about 14 carbon atoms in length and wherein the condensate contains either about 6 moles of EO per mole of total alcohol or about 9 moles of EO
25 per mole of alcohol and tallow alcohol ethoxylates containing 6 EO to 11 EO per mole of alcohol.

A preferred group of the foregoing nonionic surfactants are the Neodol ethoxylates (Shell Co.), which are higher aliphatic, primary alcohol containing about 9-15 carbon atoms, such as C₉-C₁₁ alkanol condensed with 8 moles of ethylene oxide

(Neodol 91-8), C₁₂₋₁₃ alkanol condensed with 6.5 moles ethylene oxide (Neodol 23-6.5), C₁₂₋₁₅ alkanol condensed with 12 moles ethylene oxide (Neodol 25-12), C₁₄₋₁₅ alkanol condensed with 13 moles ethylene oxide (Neodol 45-13), and the like. Such ethoxamers have an HLB (hydrophobic lipophilic balance) value of about 8-15 and give good O/W emulsification, whereas ethoxamers with HLB values below 8 contain less than 5 ethyleneoxide groups and tend to be poor emulsifiers and poor surfactants.

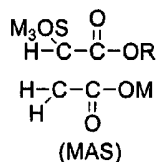
Additional satisfactory water soluble alcohol ethylene oxide condensates are the condensation products of a secondary aliphatic alcohol containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms in a straight or branched chain configuration condensed with 5 to 30 moles of ethylene oxide. Examples of commercially available nonionic detergents of the foregoing type are C₁₁₋₁₅ secondary alkanol condensed with either 9 EO (Tergitol 15-S-9) or 12 EO (Tergitol 15-S-12) marketed by Union Carbide.

Other suitable nonionic surfactants include the polyethylene oxide condensates of one mole of alkyl phenol containing from about 8 to 18 carbon atoms in a straight- or branched chain alkyl group with about 5 to 30 moles of ethylene oxide. Specific examples of alkyl phenol ethoxylates include nonyl phenol condensed with about 9.5 moles of EO per mole of nonyl phenol, dinonyl phenol condensed with about 12 moles of EO per mole of dinonyl phenol, dinonyl phenol condensed with about 15 moles of EO per mole of phenol and di-isooctylphenol condensed with about 15 moles of EO per mole of phenol. Commercially available nonionic surfactants of this type include Igepal CO-630 (nonyl phenol ethoxylate) marketed by GAF Corporation.

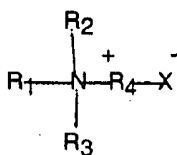
Condensates of 2 to 30 moles of ethylene oxide with sorbitan mono- and tri-C_{10-C₂₀} alkanolic acid esters having a HLB of 8 to 15 also may be employed as the nonionic detergent ingredient in the described shampoo. These surfactants are well known and are available from Imperial Chemical Industries under the Tween trade name. Suitable surfactants include polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan trioleate and polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan tristearate.

- The preferred long chain unsaturated fatty acids such as tall oil fatty acid of the instant invention have about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms, more preferably about 10 to about 20 carbon atoms. A preferred unsaturated fatty acid mixture is a refined tall oil fatty acid. A typical tall oil fatty acid contains a mixture of a mono unsaturated C₁₆₋₁₈ fatty acid;
- 5 a C₁₆₋₁₈ diene unsaturated fatty acid; a C₁₆₋₁₈ triene unsaturated fatty acid; and a C₁₆₋₁₈ saturated fatty acid. Other unsaturated fatty acids that are usable in the instant compositions are unsaturated vegetable oil fatty acids, including soy, peanut, corn, cottonseed, linseed and refined oleic fatty acids, and fatty acids consisting predominantly of C₁₈ (average) unsaturated fatty acids and mixtures thereof.
- 10 The volatile hydrocarbon is used to enhance the foam produced by the surfactant(s) and is a gas producing agent, which when exposed to air and ambient temperature will provide instant, copious lather. The volatile hydrocarbon preferably boils in the range of 25°C to 50° C at atmospheric pressure. Such volatile organic liquids include, but are not limited to saturated hydrocarbons such as n-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane,
- 15 isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers such as dimethyl ether, diethyl ether, methylethyl ether and diisopropyl ether and mixtures thereof. The amount of volatile hydrocarbon in the compositions will depend upon the type of product being formulated and the function to be served by the volatile hydrocarbon. Normally, however, the volatile hydrocarbon will be present in the amount from about 1 to about 20 weight percent by
- 20 weight of the final composition, preferably from about 7 to about 14 weight percent.

In the compositions of this invention, the sulfosuccinate is present as the monoalkylsuccinate which is depicted by the structure



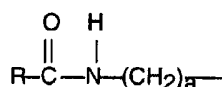
- where R is an aliphatic radical, preferably alkyl, of from 10 to 18 carbon atoms,
- 25 especially from 12 to 16 carbon atoms, and preferably lauryl (C₁₂), and M is a cation, such as an alkali metal, e.g. sodium or potassium, preferably sodium, ammonium, alkanolamine, e.g. ethanolamine, or magnesium. The alkyl radical may be ethoxylated with up to about 8 moles, preferably up to about 6 moles, on average, e.g. 2, 3, or 4 moles, of ethylene oxide, per mole of alkyl group.
- 30 The zwitterionic surfactant which are used in the instant compositions are water soluble betaines having the general formula:



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wherein X⁻ is selected from the group consisting of CO₂⁻ and SO₃⁻ and R₁ is an alkyl group having 10 to about 20 carbon atoms, preferably 12 to 16 carbon atoms, or the amido radical:

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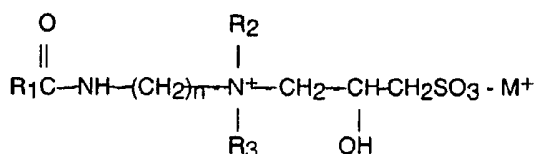
wherein R is an alkyl group having about 9 to 19 carbon atoms and a is the integer 1 to 4; R₂ and R₃ are each alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbons and preferably 1 carbon; R₄ is an alkylene or hydroxyalkylene group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and, optionally, one hydroxyl group. Typical alkyldimethyl betaines include decyl dimethyl betaine or 2-(N-decyl-N, N-dimethyl-ammonia) acetate, coco dimethyl betaine or 2-(N-coco N, N-dimethylammonia) acetate, myristyl dimethyl betaine, palmityl dimethyl betaine, lauryl dimethyl betaine, cetyl dimethyl betaine, stearyl dimethyl betaine, etc. The amidobetaines similarly include cocoamidoethylbetaine, cocoamidopropyl betaine and the like. A preferred betaine is coco (C₈-C₁₈) amidopropyl dimethyl betaine. Two preferred betaine surfactants are Rewoteric AMB 13 and Golmschmidt Betaine L7.

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The sultaine used in the instant composition can be depicted by the formula:

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wherein R₁ is a saturated or unsaturated alkyl group having about 6 to about 24 carbon atoms, R₂ is a methyl or ethyl group, R₃ is a methyl or ethyl group, n is about 1 to about 6, and M⁺ is an alkali metal cation. The most preferred hydroxysultaine is a potassium salt of cocoamidopropyl hydroxysultaine.

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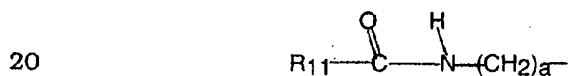
The amine oxides used in the instant composition are semi-polar nonionic surfactants which comprise compounds and mixtures of compounds having the formula



wherein R_5 is an alkyl, 2-hydroxyalkyl, 3-hydroxyalkyl, or 3-alkoxy-2-hydroxypropyl radical in which the alkyl and alkoxy, respectively, contain from 8 to 18 carbon atoms, R_6 and R_7 are each methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, or 3-hydroxypropyl, and n is from 0 to 10. Particularly preferred are amine oxides of the formula:



wherein R_8 is a C_{12-16} alkyl group or amido radical:



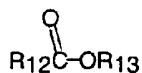
wherein R_{11} is an alkyl group having about 9 to 19 carbon atoms and a is an integer 1 to 4 and R_9 and R_{10} are methyl or ethyl. The above ethylene oxide condensates, amides, and amine oxides are more fully described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,316,824 which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

25 The water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compounds used in the instant compositions contain 4 to 30 carbon atoms and up to 4 different or identical functional groups. Examples of acceptable water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound include (but are not limited to) water insoluble hydrocarbons containing 0 to 4 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble aromatic hydrocarbons containing 0 to 4 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble heterocyclic compounds containing 0 to 4 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble ethers containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water

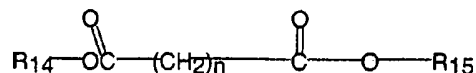
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- insoluble alcohols containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water
 insoluble amines containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water
 insoluble esters containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble
 carboxylic acids containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water
 5 insoluble amides containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water
 insoluble nitriles containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional group, water insoluble
 aldehydes containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble
 ketones containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble
 phenols containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble nitro
 10 compounds containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble
 halogens containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups, water insoluble
 sulfates or sulfonates containing 0 to 3 different or identical functional groups,
 limonene, dipentene, terpineol, essential oils, perfumes, water insoluble organic
 compounds containing up to 4 different or identical functional groups such as an alkyl
 15 cyclohexane having both three hydroxys and one ester group and mixture thereof.

- Typical heterocyclic compounds are 2,5-dimethylhydrofuran, 2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane, 2-ethyl 2-methyl 1,3 dioxolane, 3-ethyl 4-propyl tetrahydropyran, 3-morpholino-1,2-propanediol and N-isopropyl morpholine A typical amine is alpha-methyl benzyl dimethylamine. Typical halogens are 4-bromotoluene, butyl chloroform
 20 and methyl perchloropropane. Typical hydrocarbons are 1,3-dimethylcyclohexane, cyclohexyl-1 decane, methyl-3 cyclohexyl-9 nonane, methyl-3 cyclohexyl-6 nonane, dimethyl cycloheptane, trimethyl cyclopentane, ethyl-2 isopropyl-4 cyclohexane. Typical aromatic hydrocarbons are bromotoluene, diethyl benzene, cyclohexyl bromoxylene, ethyl-3 pentyl-4 toluene, tetrahydronaphthalene, nitrobenzene and
 25 methyl naphthalene. Typical water insoluble esters are benzyl acetate, dicyclopentadienylacetate, isononyl acetate, isobornyl acetate, isobutyl isobutyrate and, aliphatic esters having the formula of:



or



- wherein R₁₂, R₁₄ and R₁₅ are C₂ to C₈ alkyl groups, more preferably C₃ to C₇ alkyl groups and R₁₃ is a C₃ to C₈ alkyl group, more preferably C₄ to C₇ alkyl group and n is a number from 3 to 8, more preferably 4 to 7.

Typical water insoluble ethers are di(α-methyl benzyl) ether and diphenyl ether. Typical alcohols are phenoxyethanol and 3-morpholino-1,2-propanediol. Typical water insoluble nitro derivatives are nitro butane and nitrobenzene.

- 10 Suitable essential oils which can be used in the instant compositions are selected from the group consisting of: Anethole 20/21 natural, Aniseed oil china star, Aniseed oil globe brand, Balsam (Peru), Basil oil (India), Black pepper oil, Black pepper oleoresin 40/20, Bois de Rose (Brazil) FOB, Borneol Flakes (China), Camphor oil, White, Camphor powder synthetic technical, Cananga oil (Java), Cardamom oil, Cassia
- 15 oil (China), Cedarwood oil (China) BP, Cinnamon bark oil, Cinnamon leaf oil, Citronella oil, Clove bud oil, Clove leaf, Coriander (Russia), Coumarin 69°C (China), Cyclamen Aldehyde, Diphenyl oxide, Ethyl vanillin, Eucalyptol, Eucalyptus oil, Eucalyptus citriodora, Fennel oil, Geranium oil, Ginger oil, Ginger oleoresin (India), White grapefruit oil, Guaiacwood oil, Gurjun balsam, Heliotropin, Isobornyl acetate, Isolongifolene,
- 20 Juniper berry oil, L-methyl acetate, Lavender oil, Lemon oil, Lemongrass oil, Lime oil distilled, Litsea Cubeba oil, Longifolene, Menthol crystals, Methyl cedryl ketone, Methyl chavicol, Methyl salicylate, Musk ambrette, Musk ketone, Musk xylol, Nutmeg oil, Orange oil, Patchouli oil, Peppermint oil, Phenyl ethyl alcohol, Pimento berry oil, Pimento leaf oil, Rosalin, Sandalwood oil, Sandenol, Sage oil, Clary sage, Sassafras
- 25 oil, Spearmint oil, Spike lavender, Tagetes, Tea tree oil, Vanillin, Vetyver oil (Java), Wintergreen, Allocimene, Arbanex™, Arbanol®, Bergamot oils, Camphene, Alpha-Campholenic aldehyde, l-Carvone, Cineoles, Citral, Citronellol Terpenes, Alpha-Citronellol, Citronellyl Acetate, Citronellyl Nitrile, Para-Cymene, Dihydroanethole, Dihydrocarveol, d-Dihydrocarvone, Dihydrolinalool, Dihydromyrcene, Dihydromyrcenol,

- Dihydromyrcenyl Acetate, Dihydroterpineol, Dimethyloctanal, Dimethyloctanol, Dimethyloctanyl Acetate, Estragole, Ethyl-2 Methylbutyrate, Fenchol, Ferniol™, Florilys™, Geraniol, Geranyl Acetate, Geranyl Nitrile, Gildmint™ Mint oils, Glidox™, Grapefruit oils, trans-2-Hexenal, trans-2-Hexenol, cis-3-Hexenyl Isovalerate, cis-3-
- 5 Hexanyl-2-methylbutyrate, Hexyl Isovalerate, Hexyl-2-methylbutyrate, Hydroxycitronellal, Ionone, Isobornyl Methyl ether, Linalool, Linalool Oxide, Linalyl Acetate, Menthane Hydroperoxide, l-Methyl Acetate, Methyl Hexyl Ether, Methyl-2-methylbutyrate, 2-Methylbutyl Isovalerate, Myrcene, Nerol, Neryl Acetate, 3-Octanol, 3-Octyl Acetate, Phenyl Ethyl-2-methylbutyrate, Petitgrain oil, cis-Pinane, Pinane
- 10 Hydroperoxide, Pinanol, Pine Ester, Pine Needle oils, Pine oil, alpha-Pinene, beta-Pinene, alpha-Pinene Oxide, Plinol, Plinyl Acetate, Pseudo Ionone, Rhodinol, Rhodiny Acetate, Spice oils, alpha-Terpinene, gamma-Terpinene, Terpinene-4-OL, Terpineol, Terpinolene, Terpinyl Acetate, Tetrahydrolinalool, Tetrahydrolinalyl Acetate, Tetrahydromyrcenol, Tetralol®, Tomato oils, Vitalizair, Zestoral™.
- 15 The major class of compounds found to provide highly suitable cosurfactants for the instant cleaning compositions over temperature ranges extending from 5°C to 43°C for instance are water-soluble polyethylene glycols having a molecular weight of 150 to 1000, polypropylene glycol of the formula $\text{HO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{H}$ wherein n is a number from 2 to 18, mixtures of polyethylene glycol and polypropylene glycol
- 20 (Synalox) and mono and di C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and esters of ethylene glycol and propylene glycol having the structural formulas $\text{R}(\text{X})_n\text{OH}$, $\text{R}_1(\text{X})_n\text{OH}$, $\text{R}(\text{X})_n\text{OR}$, $\text{R}_1(\text{X})_n\text{OR}_1$ and $\text{R}_1(\text{X})_n\text{OR}$ wherein R is C₁-C₆ alkyl group, R₁ is C₂-C₄ acyl group, X is $(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)$ or $(\text{OCH}_2(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH})$ and n is a number from 1 to 4, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, an alkyl lactate, wherein the alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
- 25 1-methoxy-2-propanol, 1-methoxy-3-propanol, and 1-methoxy 2-, 3- or 4-butanol.

Representative members of the polypropylene glycol include dipropylene glycol and polypropylene glycol having a molecular weight of 150 to 1000, e.g., polypropylene glycol 400. Other satisfactory glycol ethers are ethylene glycol monobutyl ether (butyl cellosolve), diethylene glycol monobutyl ether (butyl carbitol), triethylene glycol

monobutyl ether, mono, di, tri propylene glycol monobutyl ether, tetraethylene glycol
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 monomethyl ether, ethylene glycol monohexyl ether, diethylene glycol monohexyl
 ether, propylene glycol tertiary butyl ether, ethylene glycol monoethyl ether, ethylene
 5 glycol monomethyl ether, ethylene glycol monopropyl ether, ethylene glycol monopentyl
 ether, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether,
 diethylene glycol monopropyl ether, diethylene glycol monopentyl ether, triethylene
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 monopropyl ether, triethylene glycol monopentyl ether, triethylene glycol monohexyl
 10 ether, mono, di, tripropylene glycol monoethyl ether, mono, di tripropylene glycol
 monopropyl ether, mono, di, tripropylene glycol monopentyl ether, mono, di,
 tripropylene glycol monohexyl ether, mono, di, tributylene glycol mono methyl ether,
 mono, di, tributylene glycol monoethyl ether, mono, di, tributylene glycol monopropyl
 ether, mono, di, tributylene glycol monobutyl ether, mono, di, tributylene glycol
 15 monopentyl ether and mono, di, tributylene glycol monohexyl ether, ethylene glycol
 monoacetate and dipropylene glycol propionate.

The low molecular weight amphiphile of the instant composition is a molecule
 composed of at least two parts which is capable of bonding with the polar solvent and
 the non-polar solvent. Increasing the molecular weight of the low molecular weight
 20 amphiphile increases its water/oil coupling ability which means less low molecular
 weight amphiphile is needed to couple the polar solvent and the non-polar solvent or
 weakly polar solvent. At least one part is essentially hydrophobic, with a Hansen partial
 polar and hydrogen bonding solubility parameters less than $5 \text{ (MPa)}^{1/2}$. At least one
 part is essentially water soluble, with Hansen partial hydrogen bonding solubility
 25 parameter equal or greater than $10 \text{ (MPa)}^{1/2}$.

To identify the hydrophilic and hydrophobic parts, the low molecular weight
 amphiphilic molecule (amphiphile) must be cut according to the following rules: The
 hydrophobic parts should not contain any nitrogen or oxygen atoms; the hydrophilic

parts generally contain the hetero-atoms including the carbon atoms directly attached to an oxygen or nitrogen atom.

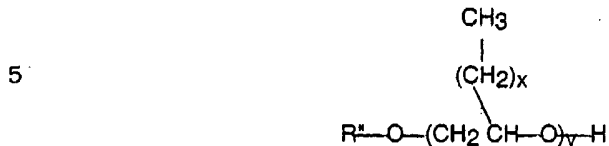
	Group	MW	d	p	H
5	-CH ₂ -OH	31	15.5	16.1	25.4
	-CH ₂ -NH ₂	30	13.8	9.3	16.7
	-CO-NH ₂	44	13	14.1	13.4
	-CH ₂ -NH-CO-NH ₂	73	13.7	11.4	13.6
	-CH ₂ -EO-OH	75	14.9	3.1	17.5
10	-CH ₂ -EO ₂ -OH	119	14.8	2.6	14.8
	-CH ₂ -EO ₃ -OH	163	14.7	2.1	13.3
	-CH ₂ -EO ₄ -OH	207	14.7	1.9	12.4
	-COO-CH ₃	59	13.7	8.3	8
15	-CO-CH ₃	43	16.5	17.9	6.8
	-C ₃ H ₇	43	13.7	0	0
	-C ₄ H ₉	57	14.1	0	0
	-C ₁₀ H ₂₁	141	15.8	0	0

This table shows the solubility parameters for different groups. The first series can be used as the hydrophilic part of an amphiphile molecule, as the hydrogen bonding solubility parameter is always greater than 10. The last group can be used as the hydrophobic part of an amphiphile, as their polar and hydrogen bonding parameters are below 1. The group in the middle (esters and ketones) cannot be used as a significant contribution to an amphiphile molecule. It is noteworthy that amphiphiles can contain ketone or ester functions, but these functions do not contribute directly to the amphiphile performance. d is the Hansen dispersion solubility parameter as measured at room temperature; p is the Hansen polar solubility parameter as measured at room temperature; H is the Hansen hydrogen bonding solubility parameter as measured at room temperature. In particular preferred low molecular weight amphiphiles, which are present at a concentration of about 5 to about 60 wt %, more preferably about 15 to about 40 wt %, are selected from the group consisting essentially of polyoxyethylene derivatives having the formula:



wherein x and/or y is 1 to 6, more preferably 1 to 6, polyols having 4 to 8 carbon atoms, polyamines having 5 to 7 carbon atoms, polyamides having 5 to 7 carbon atoms,

alkanols having 2 to 4 carbon atoms and alkylene glycol alkyl ethers having the formula:



wherein R'' is an alkylene group having about 1 to about 8 carbon atoms and x is 0 to 2 and y is about 1 to about 5. The molecular weight of the low molecular weight amphiphile is about 76 to about 300, more preferably about 100 to about 250. Especially preferred low molecular weight amphiphiles are propylene glycol n-butyl ether, tripropylene glycol n-butyl ether, propylene glycol t-butyl ether, propylene glycol methyl ether, hexanediol, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, triethylene glycol monohexyl ether and tetraethylene glycol monohexylether and mixtures thereof such as propylene glycol n-butyl ether and propylene glycol methyl ether in a ratio of about 2:1 to about 1.5:1.

The instant compositions contain at least one solubilizing agent which can be sodium xylene sulfonate, sodium cumene sulfonate, a C₂₋₃ mono or dihydroxy alkanols such as ethanol, isopropanol and propylene glycol and mixtures thereof. The solubilizing agents are included in order to control low temperature cloud clear properties. Urea can be optionally employed in the instant composition as a supplemental solubilizing agent at a concentration of 0 to about 10 wt. %, more preferably about 0.5 wt. % to about 8 wt. %.

The instant composition can contain a C₁₂₋₁₄ alkyl monoalkanol amide such as lauryl monoalkanol amide and/or a C₁₂₋₁₄ alkyl dialkanol amide such as lauryl diethanol amide or cocodiethanol amide.

The water is present at a concentration of 40 wt. % to 90 wt. %.

In addition to the previously mentioned essential and optional constituents of the light duty liquid detergent, one may also employ normal and conventional adjuvants, provided they do not adversely affect the properties of the detergent. Thus, there may be used various coloring agents and perfumes; ultraviolet light absorbers such as the

Uvinuls, which are products of GAF Corporation; sequestering agents such as ethylene diamine tetraacetates; magnesium sulfate heptahydrate; pH modifiers; etc. The proportion of such adjuvant materials, in total will normally not exceed 15% by weight of the detergent composition, and the percentages of most of such individual components will be a maximum of 5% by weight and preferably less than 2% by weight. Sodium formate or formalin can be included in the formula as a preservative at a concentration of 0.1 to 4.0 wt. %. Sodium bisulfite can be used as a color stabilizer at a concentration of 0.01 to 0.2 wt. %.

The present light duty liquid detergents such as dishwashing liquids are readily made by simple mixing methods from readily available components which, on storage, do not adversely affect the entire composition. Solubilizing agent such as ethanol, sodium chloride and/or sodium xylene or sodium xylene sulfonate are used to assist in solubilizing the surfactants. The viscosity of the light duty liquid composition desirably will be at least 100 centipoises (cps) at room temperature, but may be up to 4,000 centipoises as measured with a Brookfield Viscometer at 25°C using a number 21 spindle rotating at 20 rpm with a small sample adapter.

The following examples illustrate liquid cleaning compositions of the described invention. Unless otherwise specified, all percentages are by weight. The exemplified compositions are illustrative only and do not limit the scope of the invention. Unless otherwise specified, the proportions in the examples and elsewhere in the specification are by weight.

The compositions of Examples I to IV were made by mixing at 25°C by simple stirring all the ingredients of each formula except for the isopentane until a homogeneous solution was formed. Then 90 wt. % of the mixed formula and 10 wt. % of isopentane were chilled in separate ice baths and added together into a chilled beaker and stirred at 40°F to 45°F for about one minute until the uniform solutions as represented in the listed formulas for Examples I to IV were obtained. The formulas listed in Examples I to IV represent the final mixed formulas in wt. % which contain the isopentane. The chilled mixed formulas of Examples I to IV was added to the open

chamber of a Gaum Inc. laboratory bench top filler. The top of the filler is screwed on manually, and the filling stem is placed into the valve of the Exxel package (device of U.S. Patent 4,964,540) or CCL container/MonoBloc. A compressed air driven piston forces the liquid in the filler chamber into the Exxel package or CCL

- 5 container/MonoBloc. When filled, the Exxel package (or CCL container/MonoBloc) is removed from the filling stem. The Exxel valve assembly holds the liquid in the package (or bulb) until an actuator is applied and depressed.

- 10 The CCL container/MonoBloc is an ABS laminated pouch. The pouch is welded to a standard 1 inch aerosol valve. The laminated pouch and valve is inserted into an aluminum can. Compressed air or nitrogen is injected under the aerosol valve, then crimped. The compressed air or nitrogen surrounds the product filled pouch. When the actuator is depressed, the air exerts pressure on the pouch, providing the force required to discharge the product. All the air remains in the can, and is not released into the atmosphere.

- 15 After each filling operation, the Gaum filler was dis-assembled, cleaned, rinsed with cold tap water, dried, and re-assembled. The piston was lowered to its bottom position with vacuum. The open chamber was then ready to receive product/isopentane mixture for another filling operation.

Example I

- 20 The following post foaming light duty liquid cleaning compositions in wt. % were made by the previously defined procedure:

	A	B	C	D
NaLAS	2.7		24.04	5.54
MgLAS	8.12			5.54
NH ₄ AEOS 1.3EO	10.66		8	17.19
Na AEOS 1.3EO		13.23		
CAP Betaine		3.97		
CAP Amine Oxide	5.7			
APG 625	9	3.97	1.50	11.07
LMMEA		2.65	2.22	1.98
Neodol 1-9		13.23		
Fragrance	0.36	0.34	0.40	0.40
Salts and solubilizer	3.5	1.21	2.55	1.28
Isopentane	10	10	10	10
Water	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance

The filled PET bulbs for the Formulas of Examples I to IV were maintained in a lab at room temperature. After 24 hours the filled Exxel packages were used for spray and post foaming tests. An actuator was applied, and a clean dish plate was used as the test surface. Product was sprayed on the dish surface and it was observed

5 whether the sprayed liquid developed into a foam (post foaming) within 10 seconds and foamed to a minimum height of 0.5 cm. Experiments indicated that products with viscosity greater than 400 cps could not be sprayed through the Exxel package. High viscosity products would only ooze through the valve as a gel. Viscosities were measured at 25°C using a programmable Brookfield DV2+ viscometer with small

10 sample adapter.

Example II

The following post foaming superwetting cleaning compositions in wt. % was made by the previously defined procedure:

	E
Neodol 91-5	3.87
D-limonene	3.06
C4 Alcohol 2EO	7.47
Perfume	0.9
Water	Balance
Post Foaming	yes

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Example III

The following post foaming all purpose cleaning compositions in wt. % were made by the previously defined procedure:

	F
Tail oil fatty acid	13.66
CAP AO + CAP hydroxysultaine	1.366
Isopentane	10
Salts and solubilizer	6.75
45% KOH	10
Water	Balance
Post foaming	yes

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Example IV

The following post foam microemulsion cleaning compositions in wt. % were made by the previously defined procedure:

	G	H	I
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		7.2	7.2
		0.9	0.9
		0.9	0.9
10	0.59		
	2.22		
	8.89		
		3.6	
	4.5		
15			3.6
	10	10	10
	6.3		
		10	10
	0.45		
20	yes	yes	yes
	Balance	Balance	Balance

Throughout this specification the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or
 25 "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated element, integer or
 step, or group of elements, integers or steps, but not the exclusion of any other element,
 integer or step, or group of elements, integers or steps.

Any discussion of documents, acts, materials, devices, articles or the like which has
 30 been included in the present specification is solely for the purpose of providing a
 context for the present invention. It is not to be taken as an admission that any or all of
 these matters form part of the prior art base or were common general knowledge in the
 field relevant to the present invention as it existed before the priority date of each claim
 of this application.

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition comprising by weight:
 - (a) at least about 2% of at least one sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of sodium or magnesium salt of a linear C₈-C₁₈ alkyl benzene sulfonate and sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonate and mixtures thereof;
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 - (b) at least about 2% of at least one ethoxylated alkyl ether sulfate selected from the group consisting of sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate ammonium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and sodium ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate
10 and mixtures thereof;
 - (c) optionally a surfactant selected from the group consisting of betaine surfactants and amine oxide surfactants and mixtures thereof;
 - (d) at least about 1% of an alkyl polyglucoside;
 - (e) optionally a mono- or di-alkanol amide;
 - 15 (f) optionally an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant;
 - (g) optionally a fragrance;
 - (h) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
 - (i) balance water.
- 20 2. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises at least about 8% of (a).
3. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 39% of (a).
- 25 4. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 24% of (b).
- 30 5. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 10% of (c).
6. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of
35 the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 16% of (d).

7. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises at least about 4% of (e).
- 5 8. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 10% of (e).
9. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of
10 the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 20% of (f).
10. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises up to about 0.6% of (g).
- 15 11. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of preceding claims wherein the composition comprises no more than about 6% of (g).
12. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according any one of
20 the preceding claims, wherein the volatile hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of *n*-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane, isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and mixtures thereof.
13. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of
25 the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises by weight at least up to about 7% of (h).
14. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises by weight no more than about
30 20% of (h).
15. The post foaming light duty liquid cleaning composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the composition comprises by weight no more than about
35 14% of (h).

16. A post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition which comprises by weight:
- (a) at least about 2% of a sulfonate surfactant selected from the group consisting of a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ linear alkyl benzene sulfonates and a sodium or magnesium salt of a C₈-C₁₈ paraffin sulfonates and mixtures thereof;
 - (b) optionally a magnesium, sodium or ammonium salt of an ethoxylated C₈-C₁₈ alkyl ether sulfate and mixtures thereof;
 - (c) optionally a zwitterionic surfactant;
 - (d) optionally a glycol ether cosurfactant;
 - (e) at least about 0.4% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms, a perfume and/or essential oil;
 - (f) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
 - (g) balance water.
17. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to claim 16 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 12% of (a).
18. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to claim 16 or claim 17 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (b).
19. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 18 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (c).
20. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 19 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 10% of (d).
21. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 20 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (e).
22. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 21 wherein the composition comprises at least about 7% of (f).

23. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 22, wherein the composition comprises no more than about 20% of (f).
- 5 24. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any one of claims 16 to 23 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 14% of (f).
25. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning surface composition according to any
10 one of the claims 16 to 24, wherein the volatile hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of n-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane, isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and mixtures thereof.
26. A post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition comprising by weight:
15 (a) at least about 0.2% of a magnesium, sodium or ammonium salt of a C₆-C₁₈ alkyl sulfosuccinate;
(b) at least about 10% of at least one nonionic surfactant containing ethoxylate groups;
(c) at least about 1% of a glycol ether co-surfactant;
20 (d) at least about 1% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;
(e) optionally a perfume;
(f) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
(g) balance water.
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27. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to claim 26, wherein the composition comprises no more than about 10% of (a).
28. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to claim 26 or
30 claim 27 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 16% of (b).
29. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of claims 26 to 28 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 15% of (c).
- 35 30. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of claims 26 to 29 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (d).

31. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of claims 26 to 30 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 2% of (e).
32. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of
5 claims 26 to 31 wherein the composition comprises at least about 7% of (f).
33. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of claims 26 to 32 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 20% of (f).
- 10 34. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to claim 33 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 14% of (f).
35. The post foaming microemulsion cleaning composition according to any one of claims 26 to 34, wherein the volatile hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting
15 of *n*-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane, isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and mixtures thereof.
36. A post foaming super wetting cleaning composition comprising by weight:
20 (a) at least about 1% of a nonionic surfactant containing ethoxylate groups;
(b) optionally of a perfume;
(c) at least about 1% of a water insoluble saturated or unsaturated organic compound having about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms and/or an essential oil;
(d) at least about 1% of an amphipile which is the condensation product of an
25 alkanol having about 4 to about 8 carbon atoms with about 2 to about 4 moles of ethylene oxide;
(e) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
(f) balance water.
37. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to claim 36
30 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (a).
38. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to claim 36 or claim 37 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 4% of (b).
- 35 39. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of claims 36 to 38 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 8% of (c).

40. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of claims 36 to 39 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 12% of (d).
41. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of
5 claims 36 to 40 wherein the composition comprises at least about 7% of (e).
42. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of claims 36 to 41 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 20% of (e).
- 10 43. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of claims 36 to 42 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 14% of (e).
44. The post foaming super wetting cleaning composition according to any one of claims 36 to 43, wherein the volatile hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting
15 of *n*-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane, isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and mixtures thereof.
45. A post foaming all purpose cleaning composition comprising by weight:
20 (a) at least about 10% of a tall oil fatty acid;
(b) at least about 2% of potassium hydroxide;
(c) at least about 0.1% of amine oxide;
(d) at least about 0.1% of a sultaine;
(e) at least about 1% of volatile hydrocarbon; and
(f) balance water.
- 25 46. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to claim 45 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 24% of (a).
47. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to claim 45 or
30 claim 46 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 10% of (b).
48. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of claims 45 to 47 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 5% of (c).
- 35 49. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of claims 45 to 48 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 5% of (d).

50. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of claims 45 to 49 wherein the composition comprises at least about 7% of (e).

51. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of
5 claims 45 to 50 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 20% of (e).

52. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of claims 45 to 51 wherein the composition comprises no more than about 14% of (e).

10 53. The post foaming all purpose cleaning composition according to any one of claims 45 to 52, wherein the volatile hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of n-pentane, isopentane, *n*-butane, isobutane and C₁-C₆ alkyl ethers and mixtures thereof.

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