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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

Fluorine-containing nanocomposite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol R_F -A-OH [I] (R_F is a perfluoroalkyl group or a polyfluoroalkyl group having a portion of the fluorine atoms thereof substituted with hydrogen atoms, and A is a C_{1-6} alkylene group) and alkoxy silane; and fluorine-containing nanocomposite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol R_F' -A-OH [Ia] or HO-A- R_F'' -A-OH [Ib] (R_F' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl group including an O, S, or N atom; R_F'' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkylene group including an O, S, or N atom; and A is a C_{1-6} alkylene group) and alkoxy silane.



ABSTRACT

Fluorine-containing nano composite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



wherein R_F is a perfluoroalkyl group or a polyfluoroalkyl group in which some of the fluorine atoms of the perfluoroalkyl group are replaced by hydrogen atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and an alkoxysilane,
or fluorine-containing nano composite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



or the general formula:



wherein R_F' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl group containing an O, S, or N atom, R_F'' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkylene group containing an O, S, or N atom, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and an alkoxysilane.

DESCRIPTION
FLUORINE-CONTAINING NANO COMPOSITE PARTICLES
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001]

The present invention relates to fluorine-containing nano composite particles and a method for producing the same. More particularly, the present invention relates to fluorine-containing nano composite particles using a fluorine-containing alcohol, and a method for producing the same.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002]

Patent Document 1 discloses a liquid, fluorine-containing and single-component composition for the permanent oil- and water-repellent surface treatment of porous and nonporous substrates, wherein the composition comprises a suitable stabilizing component and a hydrophilic silane component in combination, and has excellent storage stability, and hydrophobic, oleophobic and dust proof properties.

[0003]

However, in the preparation of a surface treating agent for mineral and non-mineral substrates, a highly toxic isocyanate compound is used to introduce a silyl group into a fluorine compound. Therefore, its implementation requires the regulation of the production environment. Moreover, perfluorooctanoic acid and a fluorine-containing alcohol containing a perfluoroalkyl group having 8 or more carbon atoms, which is a precursor of perfluorooctanoic acid, are used, although less use of them is currently desired in terms of the current state of the environment.

PRIOR ART DOCUMENTS

PATENT DOCUMENTS

[0004]

Patent Document 1: JP-A-2011-511113

Patent Document 2: JP-B-4674604

Patent Document 3: WO 2007/080949 A1

Patent Document 4: JP-A-2008-38015

Patent Document 5: USP 3,574,770

OUTLINE OF THE INVENTION

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

[0005]

An object of the present invention is to provide fluorine-containing nano composite particles having excellent water- and oil-repellency, and using a fluorine-containing alcohol which does not produce perfluorooctanoic acid and the like, even when released into the environment, in the case of a perfluoroalkyl group having less than 8 carbon atoms, and to provide a method for producing the same.

MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEM

[0006]

The present invention provides fluorine-containing nano composite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



wherein R_F is a perfluoroalkyl group or a polyfluoroalkyl group in which some of the fluorine atoms of the perfluoroalkyl group are replaced by hydrogen atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and an alkoxy silane.

[0007]

The fluorine-containing nano composite particles are produced by a method comprising subjecting the above fluorine-containing alcohol [I] and an alkoxy silane to a condensation reaction in the presence of an alkaline or acidic catalyst. The obtained

fluorine-containing nano composite particles are used as an active ingredient of surface treating agents, such as water- and oil-repellents.

[0008]

Moreover, the present invention provides fluorine-containing nano composite particles comprising a condensate of a fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



or the general formula:



wherein R_F' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl group containing an O, S, or N atom, R_F'' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkylene group containing an O, S, or N atom, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and an alkoxysilane.

[0009]

The fluorine-containing nano composite particles are produced by a method comprising subjecting the above fluorine-containing alcohol [Ia] or [Ib] and an alkoxysilane to a condensation reaction in the presence of an alkaline or acidic catalyst. The obtained fluorine-containing nano composite particles are used as an active ingredient of surface treating agents, such as water- and oil-repellents.

EFFECT OF THE INVENTION

[0010]

A thin film comprising the fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to the present invention not only has excellent water- and oil-repellency, but also can be stably dispersed in polar solvents such as water, alcohol, and tetrahydrofuran. The fluorine-containing nano composite particles also have excellent heat resistance at a high temperature (e.g., 800°C). Specifically, the increase of the composite particle diameter and the value of weight loss at a high temperature are reduced. Moreover, a terminal perfluoroalkyl group having less than

8 carbon atoms do not lead to environmental pollution because they do not produce perfluorooctanoic acid and the like when released into the environment.

EMBODIMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0011]

The fluorine-containing alcohol [I] is, for example, a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula:



n: 1 to 10, preferably 1 to 6

j: 1 to 6, preferably 2

[0012]

The alkylene group A is, for example, a $-CH_2-$ group, $-CH_2CH_2-$ group, or the like. Examples of perfluoroalkyl alcohols having such an alkylene group include 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (CF_3CH_2OH), 3,3,3-trifluoropropanol ($CF_3CH_2CH_2OH$), 2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropanol ($CF_3CF_2CH_2OH$), 3,3,4,4,4-pentafluorobutanol ($CF_3CF_2CH_2CH_2OH$), 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,5-nonafluoropentanol ($CF_3CF_2CF_2CF_2CH_2OH$), 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-nonafluorohexanol ($CF_3CF_2CF_2CF_2CH_2CH_2OH$), 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctanol ($CF_3CF_2CF_2CF_2CF_2CF_2CH_2CH_2OH$), and the like.

[0013]

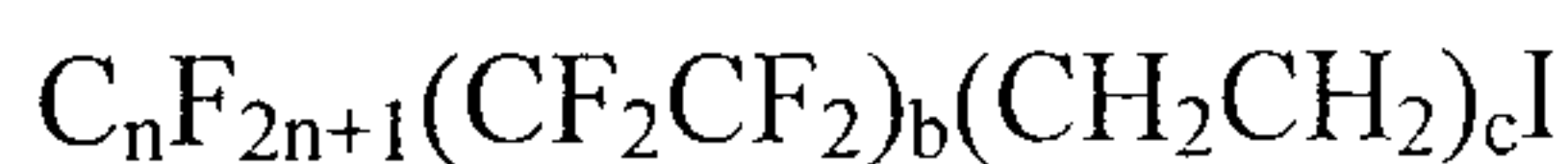
Moreover, a polyfluoroalkyl group refers to a group in which the terminal $-CF_3$ group of a perfluoroalkyl group is replaced by, for example, a $-CF_2H$ group. Examples thereof include 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoropropanol ($HCF_2CF_2CH_2OH$), 2,2,3,4,4,4-hexafluorobutanol ($CF_3CHFCF_2CH_2OH$), 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentanol ($HCF_2CF_2CF_2CF_2CH_2OH$), and the like.

[0014]

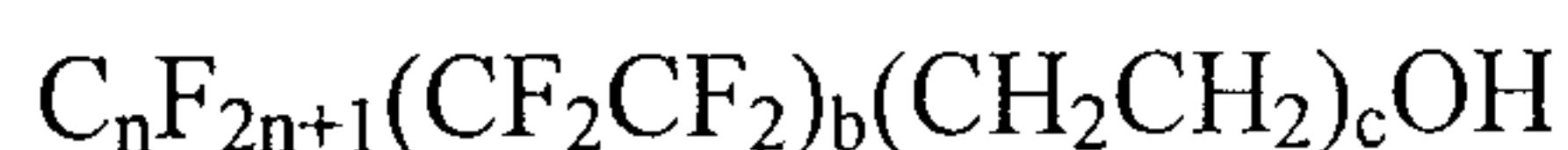
The polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula [II] is described, for example, in Patent Document 2, and is synthesized through the following series of

steps.

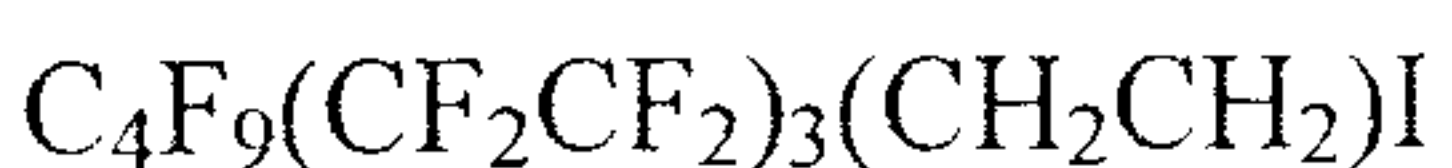
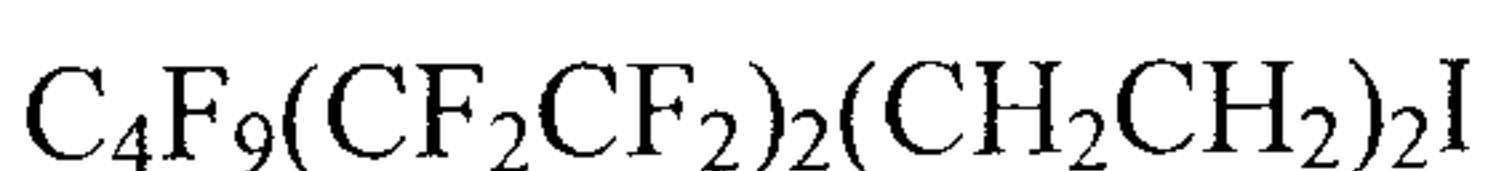
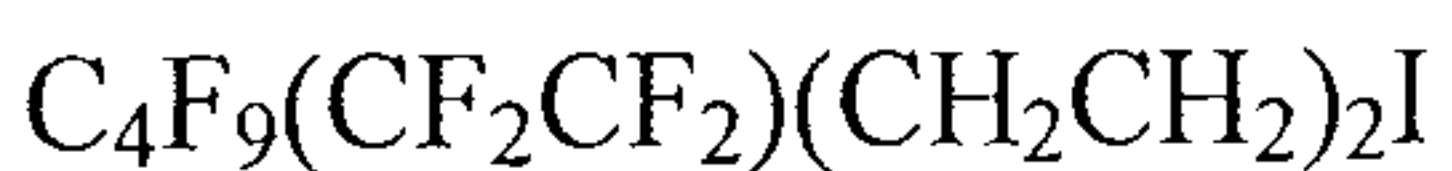
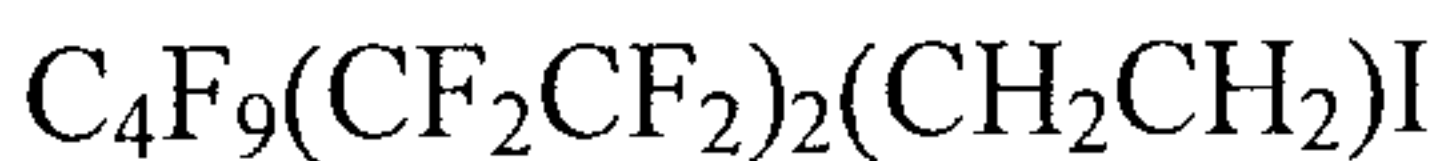
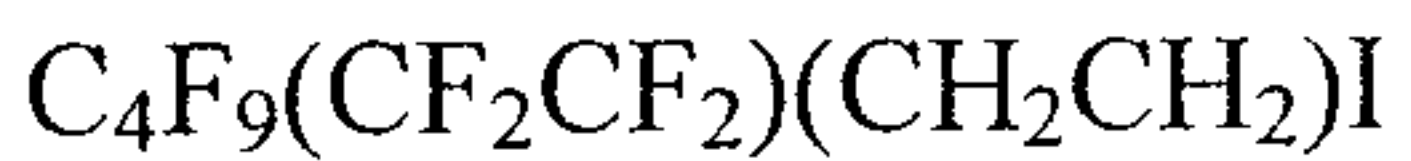
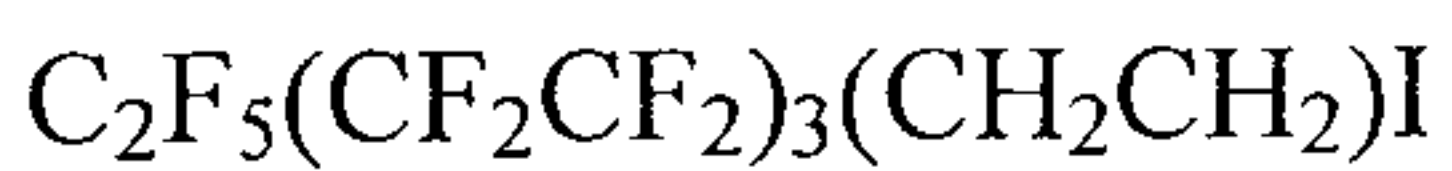
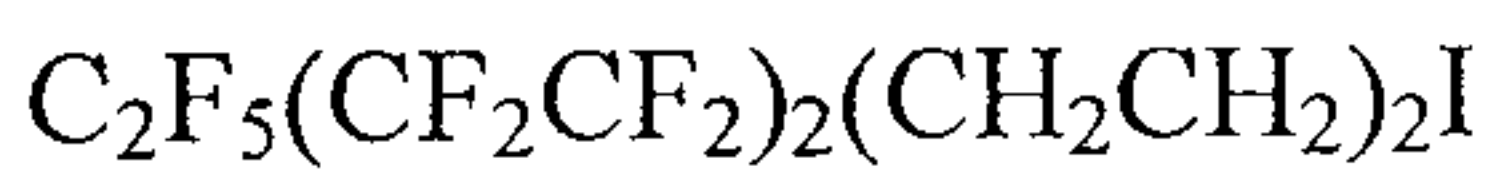
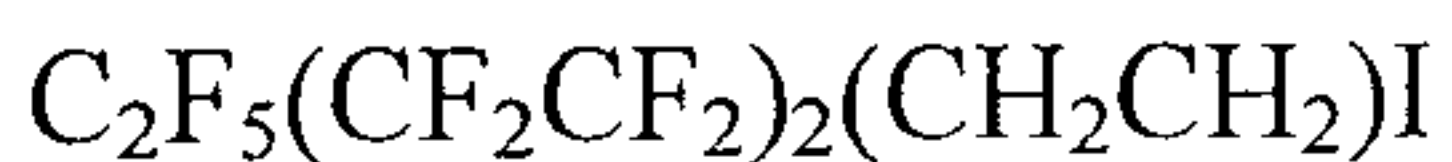
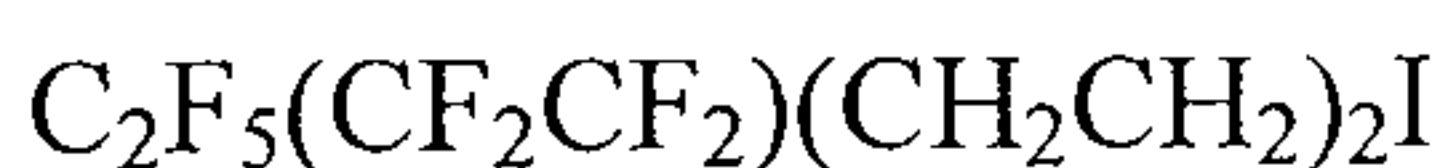
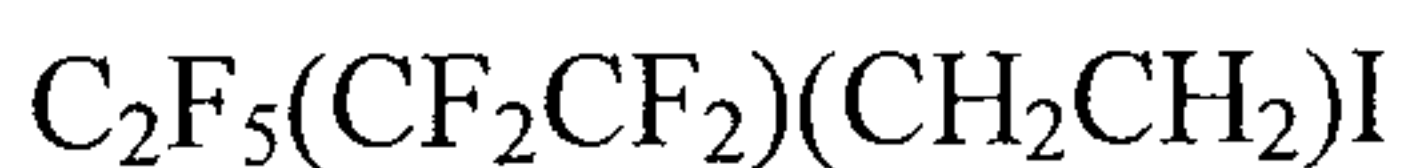
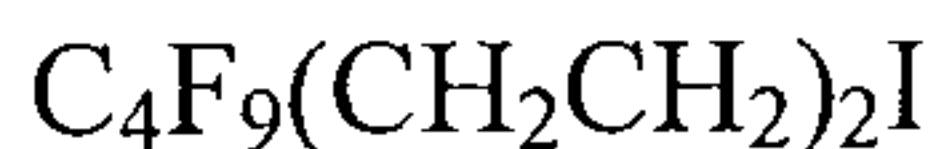
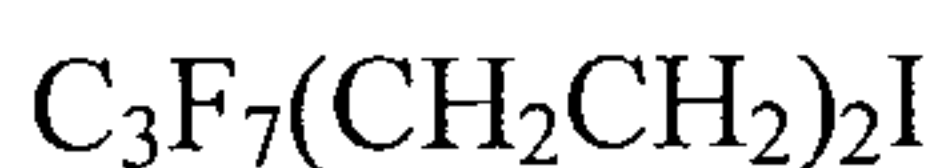
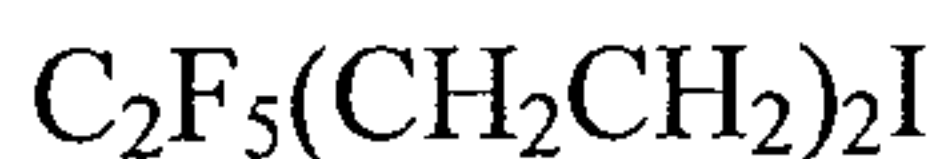
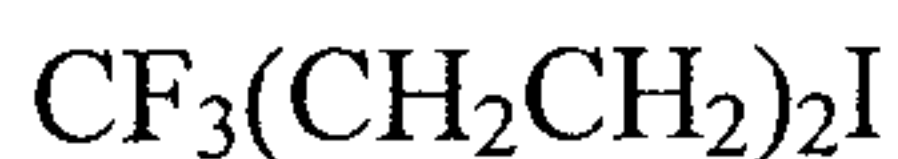
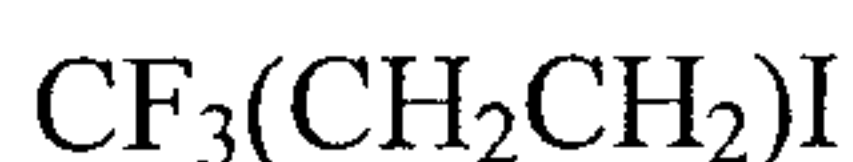
First, a polyfluoroalkyl iodide represented by the general formula:



is reacted with N-methylformamide $\text{HCONH}(\text{CH}_3)$ to form a mixture of polyfluoroalkyl alcohol and its formate. Then, the mixture is hydrolyzed in the presence of an acid catalyst, thereby forming a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol of the formula:

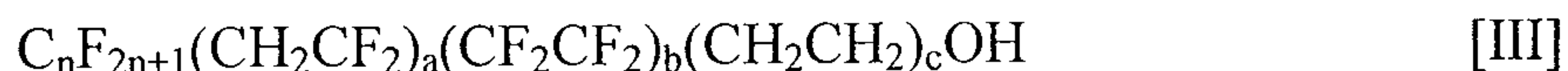


Examples of the polyfluoroalkyl iodide include the following:



[0015]

The fluorine-containing alcohol [I] may also be a fluorine-containing alcohol wherein the R_F group is a polyfluoroalkyl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms, preferably 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, preferably 2 carbon atoms. Examples thereof include a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula:



n: 1 to 6, preferably 2 to 4

a: 1 to 4, preferably 1

b: 0 to 3, preferably 1 or 2

c: 1 to 3, preferably 1

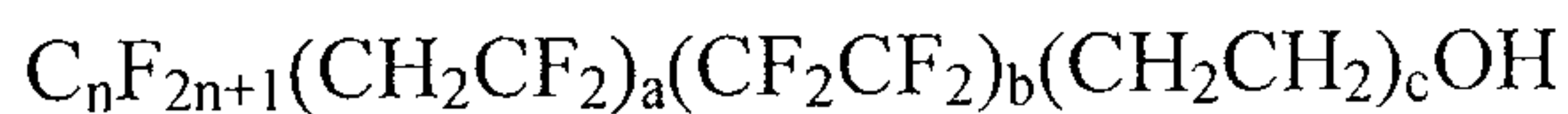
[0016]

The polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula [III] is disclosed in Patent Document 2, and synthesized through the following series of steps.

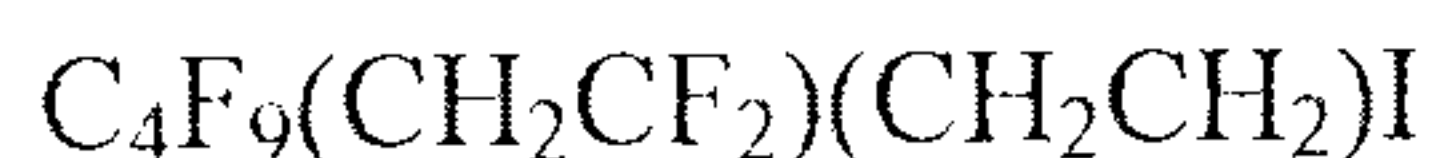
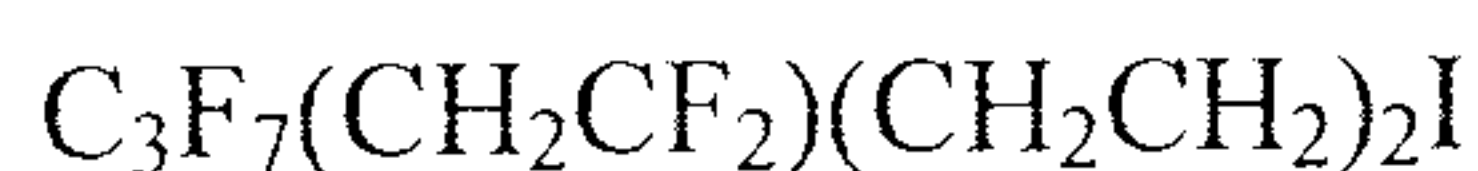
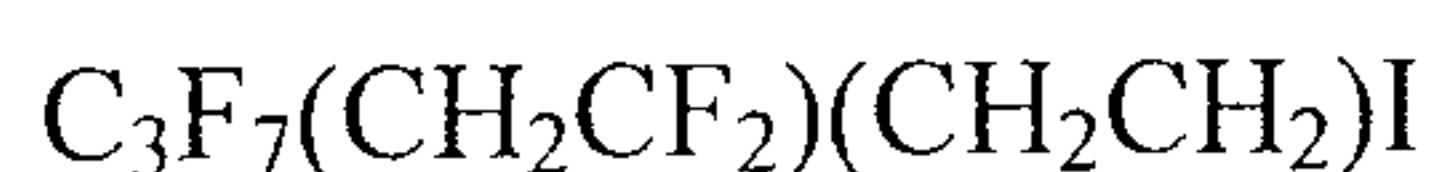
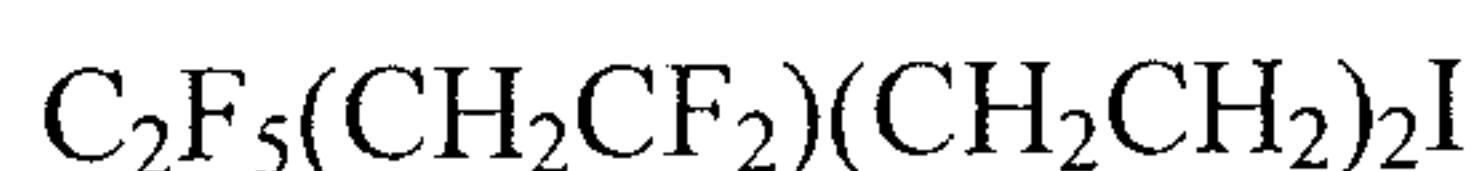
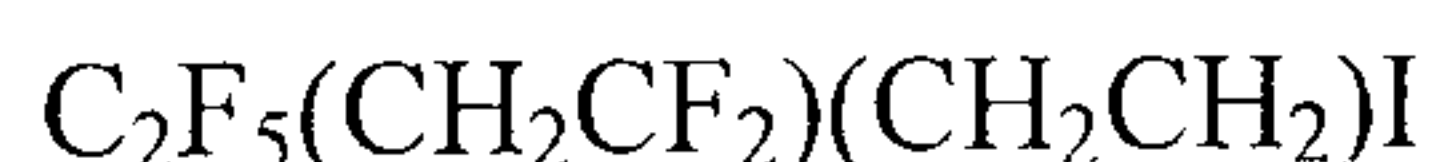
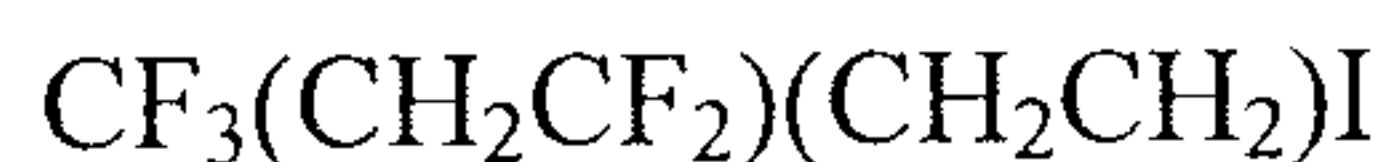
First of all, a polyfluoroalkyl iodide represented by the general formula:



is reacted with N-methylformamide $HCONH(CH_3)$ to form a mixture of polyfluoroalkyl alcohol and its formate. The mixture is then subjected to a hydrolysis reaction in the presence of an acid catalyst to form a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol of the formula:



Examples of the polyfluoroalkyl iodide include the following:





[0017]

The fluorine-containing alcohol [Ia] is, for example, a fluorine-containing alcohol wherein the R_F' group is a perfluoroalkyl group having 3 to 305 carbon atoms, preferably 8 to 35 carbon atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, preferably 1 carbon atom. Examples thereof include a hexafluoropropene oxide oligomer alcohol represented by the general formula:



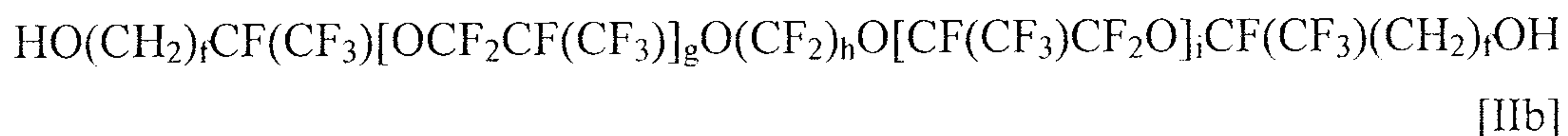
m: 1 to 3, preferably 3

d: 0 to 100, preferably 1 to 10

e: 1 to 3, preferably 1

[0018]

Moreover, the fluorine-containing alcohol [Ib] may be a fluorine-containing alcohol wherein the R_F'' group is a perfluoroalkylene group having 5 to 160 carbon atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, preferably 1 carbon atom. Examples thereof include a perfluoroalkylene ether diol represented by the general formula:



f: 1 to 3, preferably 1

g+i: 0 to 50, preferably 2 to 50

h: 1 to 6, preferably 2

[0019]

Among hexafluoropropene oxide oligomer alcohols represented by the general formula [IIa], a compound wherein m is 1 and e is 1 is described in Patent Document 3, and synthesized through the following step.

A fluorine-containing ether carboxylic acid alkyl ester represented by the general formula: $\text{CF}_3\text{O}[\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{O}]_n\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{COOR}$ (R: an alkyl group, n: an integer of 0 to 12) is subjected to a reduction reaction using a reducing agent, such as sodium boron hydride.

[0020]

Moreover, a perfluoroalkylene ether diol represented by the general formula [IIc] wherein $f = 1$ is disclosed in Patent Documents 4 and 5, and synthesized via the following series of steps:



[0021]

Such a fluorine-containing alcohol and an alkoxy silane are reacted in the presence of an alkaline or acidic catalyst, thereby forming fluorine-containing nano composite particles.

[0022]

The alkoxy silane is represented by the general formula:



R_1, R_3 : H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl group, or aryl group

R_2 : $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl group or aryl group,

with the proviso that not all of $\text{R}_1, \text{R}_2,$ and R_3 are aryl groups

$p + q + r: 4$, with the proviso that q is not 0

and examples thereof include trimethoxysilane, triethoxysilane, trimethoxymethylsilane, triethoxymethylsilane, trimethoxyphenylsilane, triethoxyphenylsilane, tetramethoxysilane, tetraethoxysilane, and the like.

[0023]

The proportion of these components is such that about 10 to 200 parts by weight, preferably about 50 to 150 parts by weight, of alkoxysilane is used based on 100 parts by weight of fluorine-containing alcohol. When the amount of alkoxysilane used is less than this range, dispersibility into a solvent becomes poor. In contrast, when the amount of alkoxysilane used is greater than this range, water- and oil-repellency is deteriorated.

[0024]

The reaction between these components is performed in the presence of an alkaline or acid catalyst, such as aqueous ammonia, an aqueous solution of a hydroxide of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal (e.g., sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, or calcium hydroxide), hydrochloric acid, or sulfuric acid, at a temperature of about 0 to 100°C, preferably about 10 to 30°C, for about 0.5 to 48 hours, preferably about 1 to 10 hours.

[0025]

The amount of fluorine-containing alcohol in the obtained fluorine-containing nano composite particles is about 1 to 50 mol%, preferably about 5 to 30 mol%. The composite particle size (measured by a dynamic light scattering method) is about 30 to 200 nm.

[0026]

In the production of such a fluorine-containing nano composite, when a condensation reaction is performed by making organo nano-silica particles coexist in the reaction system, fluorine-containing nano-silica composite particles can be

produced as a condensate comprising three components, i.e., a fluorine-containing alcohol, an alkoxysilane, and nano-silica particles.

EXAMPLES

[0027]

The following describes the present invention with reference to Examples.

[0028]

Reference Example 1

$\text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_3(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{OH}$ [FA-4] (0.25 g) was added and dissolved in 30 ml of methanol. To the resulting solution, 1.67 g (0.50 g as nano-silica) of silica sol (Methanol Silica Sol, a product of Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd.; nano-silica content: 30 wt.%, average particle diameter: 11 nm) and 0.25 ml of tetraethoxysilane (a product of Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.; density: 0.93 g/ml) were added. While stirring the mixture with a magnetic stirrer, 0.25 ml of 25 wt.% aqueous ammonia was added, and the mixture was reacted for 5 hours.

[0029]

After completion of the reaction, the methanol and aqueous ammonia were removed using an evaporator under reduced pressure, and the resulting powder was redispersed in approximately 20 ml of methanol overnight. The next day, centrifugation was performed using a centrifuge tube, the supernatant was removed, and fresh methanol was added to perform rinsing. After rinsing was performed 3 times, the opening of the centrifuge tube was covered with aluminum foil, and the tube was placed in an oven at 70°C overnight. The next day, the tube was placed and dried in a vacuum dryer at 50°C overnight, thereby obtaining 0.582 g (yield: 71%) of white powder.

[0030]

The particle size of the obtained white powdery fluorine-containing nano-silica

composite particles, and the variation of the particle size were measured in a methanol dispersion having a solid matters content of 1 g/L at 25°C by a dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurement method. Further, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed before calcining and after calcining up to 800°C. The heating rate in this case was 10°C/min. Moreover, the percentage of the weight loss due to calcining with respect to the initial weight was also calculated.

[0031]

Further, the dispersibility of the composite particles dispersed with a solid matters content of 1 wt.% in water [H₂O], methanol [MeOH], ethanol [EtOH], 1,2-dichloroethane [DCE], and tetrahydrofuran [THF] was visually observed, and the results were evaluated according to the following evaluation criteria.

○: Uniformly dispersed, transparent dispersion

△: Slightly dispersed, cloudy dispersion

×: Not dispersed, precipitated in dispersion medium

[0032]

Reference Examples 2 to 5

In Reference Example 1, the amount of 25 wt.% aqueous ammonia was variously changed.

[0033]

Reference Examples 6 to 10

In Reference Examples 1 to 5, the same amount (0.25g) of CF₃(CF₂)₅(CH₂)₂OH [FA-6; C₂F₅(CF₂CF₂)₂(CH₂CH₂)OH] was used as the fluorine-containing alcohol.

[0034]

Reference Examples 11 to 15

In Reference Examples 1 to 5, the same amount (0.25g) of CF₃(CF₂)₇(CH₂)₂OH [FA-8; C₂F₅(CF₂CF₂)₃(CH₂CH₂)OH] was used as the fluorine-containing alcohol.

[0035]

Reference Examples 16 to 20

In Reference Examples 1 to 5, the same amount (0.25g) of $\text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_3\text{CH}_2(\text{CF}_2)_5(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{OH}$ [DTFA; $\text{C}_4\text{F}_9(\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2)(\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{OH}$] was used as the fluorine-containing alcohol.

[0036]

Reference Examples 21 to 25

In Reference Example 2, the same amount (0.25 g) of each of the following compounds was used as the fluorine-containing alcohol.

- Ref. Ex.21 : $\text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ [PO-3-OH]
 Ref. Ex.22 : $\text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_2\text{O} [\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{O}]_4\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ [PO-6-OH]
 Ref. Ex.23 : $\text{HOCH}_2 [\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{OCF}_2]_2\text{CF}_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ [OXF3PO-OH]
 Ref. Ex.24 : $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3) [\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)]_n\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{O} [\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{O}]_m -$
 $\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \quad (n+m=6) \quad [\text{OXF8PO-OH}]$
 Ref. Ex.25 : $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3) [\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)]_n\text{OCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{O} [\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{O}]_m -$
 $\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \quad (n+m=12) \quad [\text{OXF14PO-OH}]$

[0037]

Table 1 below shows the amount of aqueous ammonia, recovered amount, yield, and various measurement results in the above Reference Examples. Further, Table 2 shows the evaluation of dispersibility.

The yield was calculated by the following formula on the assumption that tetraalkoxysilane underwent a self-condensation reaction to form three-dimensional siloxane bonds Si-O and generate a -O-Si-O- [SiO_2] skeleton among them. When silica is not used, the yield is calculated based on $C = 0$.

$$\text{Yield (\%)} = A/[B + C + (D \times E \times F / G)] \times 100$$

A: weight of produced composite (g)

B: weight of fluorine-containing alcohol (g)

C: weight of silica (g)

D: volume of tetraalkoxysilane (ml)

E: density of tetraalkoxysilane (g/ml)

F: molar weight (g/mol) of SiO₂ derived from tetraalkoxysilane

G: molar weight (g/mol) of tetraalkoxysilane

Table 1

Reference	aq. NH ₃	Recovery	Yield	Fluorine-containing nano-silica		Weight
				<u>composite particle size (nm)</u>		
<u>Ex.</u>	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>amount(g)</u>	<u>(%)</u>	<u>Before</u>	<u>After calcining</u>	<u>loss(%)</u>
				<u>calcining</u>	<u>up to 800°C</u>	
1	0.25	0.582	71	36.8± 9.9	39.0± 3.1	7
2	0.50	0.559	68	30.1± 7.3	39.5± 9.9	7
3	1.0	0.352	43	69.1±13.9	45.3±10.9	7
4	2.0	0.419	51	41.5±10.2	42.6± 9.2	7
5	4.0	0.571	70	34.0± 7.6	139.8±25.5	7
6	0.25	0.500	61	35.3± 8.3	53.3±11.4	8
7	0.50	0.580	71	40.5±11.3	40.5±12.0	6
8	1.0	0.590	72	40.5±13.0	62.3±18.5	6
9	2.0	0.488	60	105.3±19.0	97.5±30.2	7
10	4.0	0.426	52	45.4±13.2	60.9±17.1	6
11	0.25	0.521	64	41.7±13.7	81.7±21.6	7
12	0.50	0.481	59	28.2± 6.0	32.2± 9.8	6
13	1.0	0.475	58	56.6±11.5	53.7±10.2	6
14	2.0	0.516	63	53.6±11.4	55.1±14.5	6
15	4.0	0.565	69	39.7± 9.2	35.4±12.8	7
16	0.25	0.580	71	54.5±19.3	71.9±15.3	7
17	0.50	0.604	74	44.3±13.8	46.2±10.4	7

18	1.0	0.523	64	55.6±12.3	53.1±14.7	8
19	2.0	0.504	62	53.6±10.3	54.0±12.9	6
20	4.0	0.578	71	63.6±14.1	72.0±15.5	6
21	0.5	0.556	68	42.2± 4.2	35.2± 8.4	5
22	0.5	0.580	71	130.5±27.5	29.8± 5.8	7
23	0.5	0.466	57	55.5± 7.9	23.7± 7.1	5
24	0.5	0.359	44	96.9±10.9	30.0± 6.9	11
25	0.5	0.507	62	90.8±14.8	47.2± 9.7	20

Table 2

<u>Ex.</u>	<u>H₂O</u>	<u>MeOH</u>	<u>EtOH</u>	<u>DCE</u>	<u>THF</u>
Ref. Ex. 1	△	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 2	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 3	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 4	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 5	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 6	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 7	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 8	△	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 9	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 10	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 11	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 12	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 13	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 14	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 15	○	○	○	○	○
Ref. Ex. 16	○	○	○	○	○

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[0038]

Examples 1 to 3

In Reference Examples 13 to 15, methanol silica sol was not used.

[0039]

Examples 4 to 6

In Reference Examples 18 to 20, methanol silica sol was not used.

[0040]

Examples 7 to 9

In Reference Example 21, methanol silica sol was not used, and the amount of 25% aqueous ammonia was variously changed.

[0041]

Examples 10 to 12

In Reference Example 22, methanol silica sol was not used, and the amount of 25% aqueous ammonia was variously changed.

[0042]

Example 13

In Reference Example 23, methanol silica sol was not used, and the amount of 25% aqueous ammonia was changed to 4.0ml.

[0043]

Example 14

In Reference Example 24, methanol silica sol was not used, and the amount of 25% aqueous ammonia was changed to 4.0ml.

[0044]

Example 15

In Reference Example 25, methanol silica sol was not used, and the amount of 25% aqueous ammonia was changed to 4.0ml.

[0045]

Table 3 below shows the amount of aqueous ammonia, produced fluorine-containing nano composite particle, recovered amount, yield, and various measurement results in the above Examples. Further, Table 4 shows the evaluation of dispersibility.

Table 3

Ex.	aq. NH ₃ (ml)	Recovery amount(g)	Yield (%)	Fluorine-containing nano <u>composite particle size (nm)</u>		Weight loss(%)
				Before calcining	After calcining up to 800°C	
1	1.0	0.065	20	54.5±12.0	16.6± 3.8	18
2	2.0	0.059	19	21.1± 6.0	26.4± 6.0	17
3	4.0	0.065	20	37.3± 8.1	49.6±11.2	17
4	1.0	0.072	23	41.0± 8.7	16.3± 3.9	17
5	2.0	0.044	14	47.5±10.1	24.4± 5.7	20
6	4.0	0.069	22	81.5±14.5	24.2± 5.6	25
7	1.0	0.073	23	48.3± 4.8	34.2± 4.4	16
8	2.0	0.073	23	53.1± 5.1	38.0± 9.2	12
9	4.0	0.067	21	45.1± 6.5	51.1±16.8	12
10	1.0	0.070	22	141.5±31.8	26.6± 6.3	16

11	2.0	0.048	15	80.2±31.2	80.5±21.2	13
12	4.0	0.063	20	69.2±10.1	69.4±12.5	12
13	4.0	0.051	16	60.5±12.4	55.1±12.1	12
14	4.0	0.063	20	55.7± 8.9	65.4±12.1	13
15	4.0	0.171	54	63.2± 6.7	53.5± 7.8	—

Table 4

Ex.	H ₂ O	MeOH	EtOH	DCE	THF
1	○	○	○	○	○
2	○	○	○	○	○
3	△	○	○	○	○
4	○	○	○	○	○
5	○	○	○	○	○
6	○	○	○	○	○
7	○	○	○	○	○
8	○	○	○	○	○
9	○	○	○	○	○
10	○	○	○	○	○
11	△	○	○	○	○
12	○	○	○	○	○
13	○	○	○	○	○
14	△	○	○	○	○
15	○	○	○	○	○

[0046]

Reference Examples 31 to 55

Prepared glass slides were dipped in methanol dispersions (particle concentration: 5 g/L) of the fluorine-containing nano-silica composite particles before

calcining obtained in Reference Examples 1 to 25, and then dried at room temperature. Droplets (4 μ l) were gently brought into contact with the obtained thin layer surfaces at room temperature, and the contact angle (unit: $^{\circ}$) of the droplets adhering to n-dodecane or water was measured by the $\theta/2$ method using a contact angle meter (Drop Master 300, produced by Kyowa Interface Science Co., Ltd.). The contact angle with water was measured with time. Table 5 below shows the obtained results.

Table 5

Example	Composite	Dodecane	Water (elapsed time: min.)						
			0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Ref. Ex.31	Ref. Ex. 1	35	21	10	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.32	Ref. Ex. 2	7	22	17	15	13	11	10	7
Ref. Ex.33	Ref. Ex. 3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.34	Ref. Ex. 4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.35	Ref. Ex. 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.36	Ref. Ex. 6	49	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.37	Ref. Ex. 7	46	48	27	26	24	20	20	17
Ref. Ex.38	Ref. Ex. 8	16	19	19	16	14	13	10	8
Ref. Ex.39	Ref. Ex. 9	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.40	Ref. Ex.10	19	16	7	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.41	Ref. Ex.11	114	37	34	33	31	30	30	28
Ref. Ex.42	Ref. Ex.12	108	61	58	52	49	46	45	41
Ref. Ex.43	Ref. Ex.13	123	59	17	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.44	Ref. Ex.14	125	23	13	10	8	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.45	Ref. Ex.15	127	91	18	4	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.46	Ref. Ex.16	82	30	21	20	14	9	0	-
Ref. Ex.47	Ref. Ex.17	71	64	61	58	56	55	52	52
Ref. Ex.48	Ref. Ex.18	55	79	77	75	68	61	58	52
Ref. Ex.49	Ref. Ex.19	80	95	75	63	57	50	47	42
Ref. Ex.50	Ref. Ex.20	47	113	82	72	64	57	53	49
Ref. Ex.51	Ref. Ex.21	72	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.52	Ref. Ex.22	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.53	Ref. Ex.23	49	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref. Ex.54	Ref. Ex.24	51	24	11	0	0	0	0	0

Ref. Ex.55 Ref. Ex.25 66 17 0 0 0 0 0 0

[0047]

Examples 21 to 35

The contact angle of the fluorine-containing nano composite particles before calcining obtained in Examples 1 to 15 was measured in the same way as in Reference Examples 31 to 55. Table 6 below shows the obtained results.

Table 6

Ex.	Composite	Dodecane	Water (elapsed time: min.)						
			0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Ex. 21	Ex. 1	50	52	48	45	38	34	29	25
Ex. 22	Ex. 2	45	62	54	47	44	37	33	25
Ex. 23	Ex. 3	43	35	29	26	22	18	14	9
Ex. 24	Ex. 4	98	81	69	61	57	53	50	44
Ex. 25	Ex. 5	73	86	69	51	45	36	28	22
Ex. 26	Ex. 6	43	61	51	48	44	36	29	24
Ex. 27	Ex. 7	42	27	17	17	17	15	15	14
Ex. 28	Ex. 8	51	30	25	23	23	22	20	19
Ex. 29	Ex. 9	34	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ex. 30	Ex. 10	59	43	18	15	13	13	12	11
Ex. 31	Ex. 11	64	51	37	35	35	34	31	31
Ex. 32	Ex. 12	61	34	28	27	24	24	23	23
Ex. 33	Ex. 13	54	33	12	11	10	10	9	8
Ex. 34	Ex. 14	63	90	42	40	40	38	37	37
Ex. 35	Ex. 15	64	91	47	45	44	42	42	42

CLAIMS

[1] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles, the method comprising subjecting the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



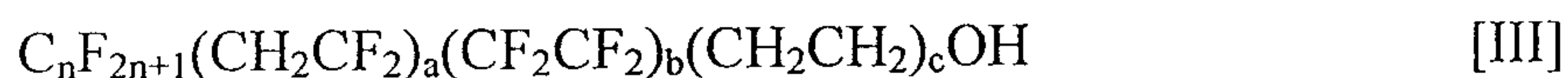
wherein R_F is a perfluoroalkyl group or a polyfluoroalkyl group in which some of the fluorine atoms of the perfluoroalkyl group are replaced by hydrogen atoms, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and an alkoxysilane to a condensation reaction in the presence of an aqueous ammonia catalyst.

[2] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula [I] is a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula:



wherein n is an integer of 1 to 10, and j is an integer of 1 to 6.

[3] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula [I] is a polyfluoroalkyl alcohol represented by the general formula:



wherein n is an integer of 1 to 6, a is an integer of 1 to 4, b is an integer of 0 to 3, and c is an integer of 1 to 3.

[4] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 1, wherein the alkoxysilane is a silane derivative represented by the general formula:



wherein R_1 and R_3 are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or an aryl group; R_2 is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an aryl group, with the proviso that not all of R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 are aryl groups; and $p + q + r$ is 4,

with the proviso that q is not 0.

[5] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol [I] and an alkoxy silane are subjected to a condensation reaction at a reaction temperature of 10 to 30°C.

[6] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles, the method comprising subjecting the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula:



or the general formula:



wherein R_F' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl group that may contain an O, S, or N atom, R_F'' is a linear or branched perfluoroalkylene group containing an O, S, or N atom, and A is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and alkoxy silane to a condensation reaction in the presence of an aqueous ammonia catalyst.

[7] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 6, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula [Ia] is a hexafluoropropene oxide oligomer alcohol represented by the general formula:



wherein m is an integer of 1 to 3, d is an integer of 0 to 100, and e is an integer of 1 to 3.

[8] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 6, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol represented by the general formula [Ib] is a perfluoroalkylene ether diol represented by the general formula:



[IIb]

wherein f is an integer of 1 to 3, g + i is an integer of 0 to 50, and h is an integer of 1 to 6.

[9] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles according to claim 6, wherein the alkoxy silane is a silane derivative represented by the general formula:



wherein R₁ and R₃ are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or an aryl group; R₂ is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an aryl group, with the proviso that not all of R₁, R₂, and R₃ are aryl groups; and p + q + r is 4, with the proviso that q is not 0.

[10] (Amended) Method for producing fluorine-containing nano composite particles, wherein the fluorine-containing alcohol [Ia] or [Ib] and an alkoxy silane are subjected to a condensation reaction at a reaction temperature of 10 to 30°C.

[11] (Amended) Water- and oil-repellent comprising the fluorine-containing nano composite particles produced by the method according to claim 6 as an active ingredient.