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(54) Liquid detergent compositions.

(57) An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising water, electrolyte and detergent active material in amounts sufficient to form a structuring system capable of suspending particulate solids, said composition further comprising a functional polymer ingredient having an average molecular weight below 2000, provided that when the composition comprises:

(a) at least 15% by weight of the detergent active material and from 1 to 30% by weight of a salting-out electrolyte; or

(b) contains 5% or more of a swelling clay; and then the average molecular weight of the polymer ingredient is less than 1000; and when the functional polymer material comprises 0.5% by weight or less, relative to the total composition, of an acrylate or methacrylate polymer having a molecular weight of 500 or greater, the detergent active material comprises a synthetic anionic surfactant and a soap and the composition is free from pentasodium triphosphate; then the composition is also substan-

tially free from insoluble abrasive; said composition yielding no more than 2% phase separation by volume upon storage at 25° C for 21 days.

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