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(54) **Additive for plating bath**

(57) A plating bath additive and a plating bath using the said additive are provided, which plating bath contains a hydroxyalkanesulfonic acid and which even when applied to an electronic part such as a semiconductor device does not give rise to a problem such as circuit-to-circuit insulation becoming defective. The plating bath

additive contains a hydroxyalkanesulfonic acid as a main component and has an alkali metal content of less than 0.05 mass% relative to the hydroxyalkanesulfonic acid. The plating bath incorporates the said additive therein.

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