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FUEL OILS HAVING IMPROVED VISCOSITY AND LUBRICATING CHARACTERISTICS

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The hydrocarbon fuel base stocks to be used in preparing the compositions of this invention include the distillate fuels containing at least 95 volume percent of a liquid hydrocarbon boiling within the range between about 250° and 580° F. These fuels include aviation turbine engine fuels such as JP-1, JP-4 and JP-5 fuels, and diesel fuels such as marine, stationary and automotive diesel engine fuels. The preferred fuel oil additive of this invention is a mono-alkyl or di-alkyl benzene, more preferably the mono-alkylated benzenes and may contain from about 6 to about 30 carbon atoms. It is most preferred, however, that the additive be a mono-alkyl benzene containing from about 10 to about 20 carbon atoms in the alkyl group. The boiling range of the alkyl benzene may be within the range between about 430° and 650° F. Specific examples of alkyl and acyl substituted cyclic hydrocarbons useful herein include, 1-methyl naphthalene, 2-butyl-5-hexyl-indan, 2-propyl-keto-5-hexyl-indan, 2-cyclo-hexyloctane, 2,2-dimethyl-propyl-cyclohexane, 9(2-cyclohexyl-ethyl) heptadecane, etc.