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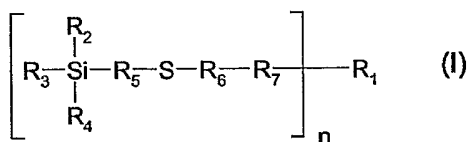
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(54) Title: COUPLING AGENTS BETWEEN FILLER AND ELASTOMER



(57) Abstract: The invention describes a composition comprising a) a naturally occurring or synthetic elastomer susceptible to oxidative, thermal, dynamic, light-induced and/or ozone-induced degradation, b) a white reinforcing filler, and c) as coupling agent, at least one compound of the formula (I) wherein the general symbols are as defined in claim 1, or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula (I).

Coupling agents between filler and elastomer

The present invention relates to compositions comprising an elastomer susceptible to oxidative, thermal, dynamic, or light- and/or ozone-induced degradation, a white reinforcing filler, and as coupling agent at least a thio substituted silane or an oligomeric hydrolysis product thereof; to new coupling agents; and to a process for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler to elastomer compositions reinforced by a white filler, which comprises incorporating into the elastomer at least a thio substituted silane or an oligomeric hydrolysis product thereof and vulcanizing the composition.

For the reinforcing of elastomers with for example silica fillers a coupling agent is preferably added. A widely used coupling agent for this purpose is bis-triethoxysilylpropyl-tetrasulfane (TESPT; or Si 69 from Degussa) as disclosed for example in U.S. 3,873,489.

U.S. 6,313,205 disclosed a sulfur-vulcanizable rubber composition comprising at least one diene elastomer, a white reinforcing filler, and a coupling agent selected from the group of polyorganosiloxanes.

U.S.-A-2003/0199619 discloses blocked mercaptosilane condensates as coupling agents in mineral filled elastomer compositions. Among the advantages in the use of these blocked mercaptosilane condensates over the use of previously described blocked mercaptosilanes are the release of less volatile organic compounds during the elastomer compounding process and lower coupling agent loading requirements.

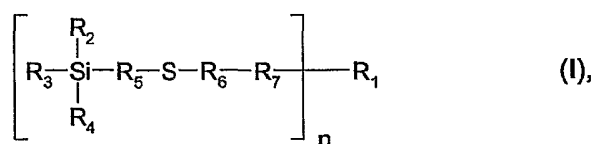
The known coupling agents for mineral filled elastomers do not satisfy in every respect the high requirements which a coupling agent is required to meet, especially with regard to the final mechanical properties of the elastomer such as for example elongation at break, modulus, compression set and heat buildup. Furthermore, good processing safety during the mixing of the elastomer with the filler and the coupling agent is also highly sought.

It has now been found that a specific group of thio substituted silanes or oligomeric hydrolysis products thereof are particularly suitable as coupling agents for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler with an elastomer.

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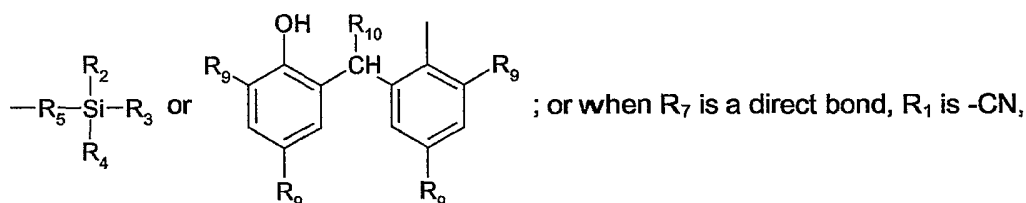
The present invention therefore provides compositions comprising

- a) a naturally occurring or synthetic elastomer susceptible to oxidative, thermal, dynamic, light-induced and/or ozone-induced degradation,
- b) a white reinforcing filler, and
- c) as coupling agent, at least one compound of the formula I



wherein, when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄di-alkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₇-C₁₂phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



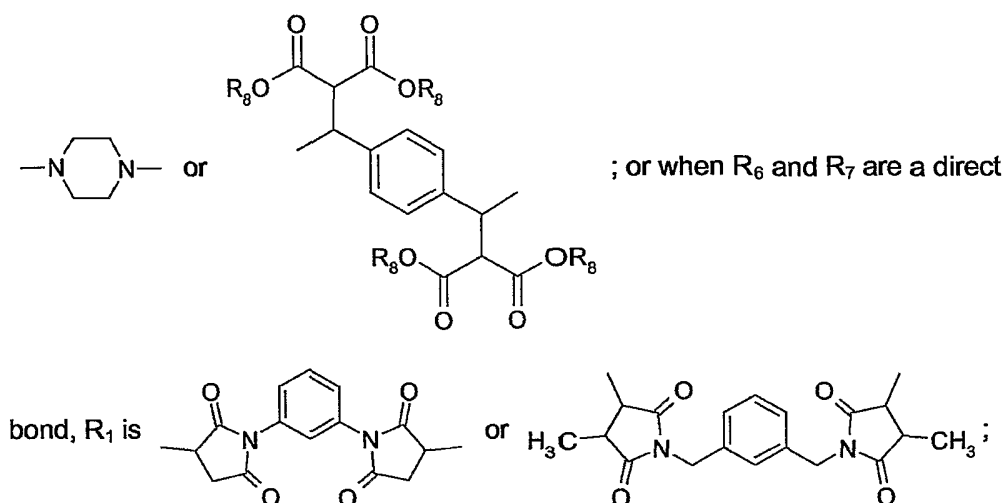
-SOR₈, -SO₂R₈, -NO₂ or -COR₈,

when n is 2,

R₁ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; C₂-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₂-C₂₅alkylene interrupted by



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R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are each independently of the others C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, halogen, C_2 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, halogen, C_2 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

R_5 is C_1 - C_{25} alkylene, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted phenylene;

R_6 is a direct bond, C_1 - C_{25} alkylene; C_1 - C_{25} alkylene substituted with C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R_7 is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R_7 is a direct bond and

n is 1, R_6 is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R_7 is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, R_6 is not a direct bond;

R_8 is C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkinyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R_9 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl,

R_{10} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

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R_{11} and R_{12} are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF_3 , C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or phenyl, or R_{11} and R_{12} , together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C_5 - C_8 cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C_1 - C_4 alkyl groups,

R_{13} is oxygen or $-N(R_{14})-$,

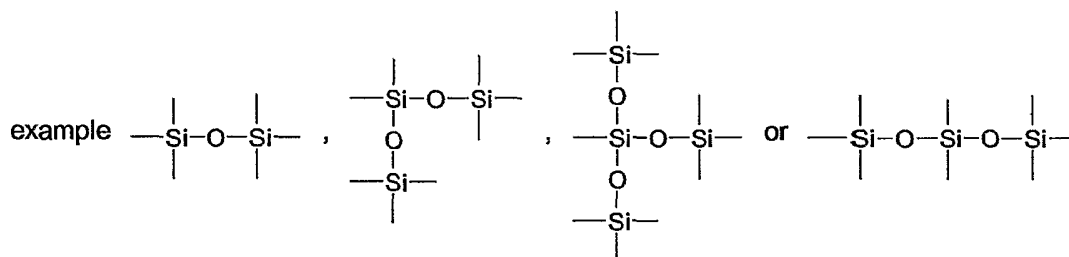
R_{14} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl,

M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula I.

Oligomeric hydrolysis products of the compounds of the formula I are those in which at least one of the radicals at the silicium atom (R_2 , R_3 or R_4) is replaced by an OH group. $\begin{array}{c} | \\ -Si-OH \\ | \end{array}$

groups can then easily condensate with, for example, another $\begin{array}{c} | \\ -Si-Oalkyl \\ | \end{array}$ group to form oligomeric compounds. Such condensates or oligomeric hydrolysis products are therefore for



Alkyl having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, 2-ethylbutyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, 1-methylpentyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, n-hexyl, 1-methylhexyl, n-heptyl, isoheptyl, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl, 1-methylheptyl, 3-methylheptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, 1,1,3-trimethylhexyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, 1-methylundecyl, dodecyl, 1,1,3,3,5,5-hexamethylhexyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl or eicosyl.

C_1 - C_{25} Alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C_1 - C_4 dialkylamino, C_1 - C_4 trialkylammonium or $M^+ \cdot O_3S-$ is a branched or unbranched radical, such as furylmethyl, furylethyl, furylpropyl, 2,4-difuryl-hexyl, N-morpholinylethyl, N-morpholinylbutyl, N-morpholinylhexyl, 3-dimethylaminopropyl, 4-dimethylaminobutyl, 5-dimethylaminopentyl, 6-diethylaminoethyl, trimethylammoniumpropyl or potassium sulfoxylpropyl.

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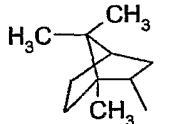
C₂-C₁₈Alkyl interrupted by oxygen is, for example, CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-,
 CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-, CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂)₂O-CH₂CH₂-,
 CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂)₃O-CH₂CH₂- or CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂)₄O-CH₂CH₂-.

Alkenyl having 2 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, vinyl, propenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, isobutenyl, n-2,4-pentadienyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, n-2-octenyl, n-2-dodecenyl, iso-dodecenyl, oleyl, n-2-octadecenyl or n-4-octadecenyl.

C₁-C₄Alkyl-substituted phenyl, which contains preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylphenyl, 2,3-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-methyl-6-ethylphenyl, 4-tert-butylphenyl, 2-ethylphenyl or 2,6-diethylphenyl.

C₇-C₁₂Phenoxyalkyl is, for example, phoxymethyl, phoxylethyl, phoxypentyl, phoxybutyl, phoxypentyl, or phoxyhexyl.

C₇-C₈Bicycloalkylene is, for example, bicycloheptylene or bicyclooctylene

C₁-C₄Alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl is, for example, .

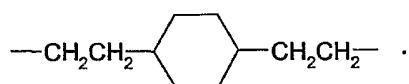
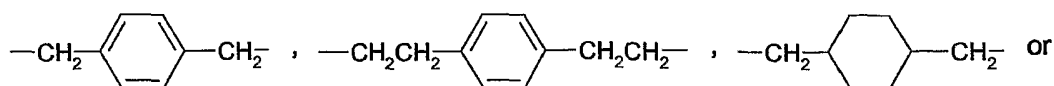
C₁-C₂₅Alkylene or C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl containing preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, branched or unbranched alkyl group radicals, is a branched or unbranched radical, for example methylene, ethylene, propylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, pentamethylene, hexamethylene, heptamethylene, octamethylene, decamethylene, dodecamethylene, octadecamethylene, 1-methylethylene or 2-methylethylene.

C₂-C₂₅Alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen is, for example, -CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-.

C₂-C₂₅Alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur, phenylene or cyclohexylene is, for example, -CH₂-O-CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-S-CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂-(O-CH₂CH₂)₂O-CH₂-,

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$-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-(\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-)_2\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-)_3\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-)_4\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$,
 $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-(\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-)_4\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$



$\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{12}$ Cycloalkyl is, for example, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or cyclooctyl. Preference is given to cyclohexyl.

$\text{C}_7\text{-C}_9$ Phenylalkyl is, for example, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, α,α -dimethylbenzyl or 2-phenylethyl.

Alkoxy containing up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical, for example methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, pentyloxy, isopentyloxy, hexyloxy, heptyloxy, octyloxy, decyloxy, tetradecyloxy, hexadecyloxy or octadecyloxy.

$\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{25}$ Alkoxy interrupted by oxygen is, for example, $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$,
 $\text{CH}_3\text{-O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $\text{CH}_3\text{-(O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{)-}_2\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$,
 $\text{CH}_3\text{-(O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{)-}_3\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ or $\text{CH}_3\text{-(O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{)-}_4\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$.

$\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{12}$ Cycloalkoxy is, for example, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cycloheptyloxy, cyclooctyloxy, cyclononyloxy, cyclodecyloxy, cycloundecyloxy or cyclododecyloxy. Preference is given to cyclohexyloxy.

Alkenyloxy containing from 2 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical, for example vinyloxy, propenyloxy, 2-butenyloxy, 3-butenyloxy, isobutenyloxy, n-2,4-pentadienyloxy, 3-methyl-2-butenyloxy, n-2-octenyloxy, n-2-dodecenyloxy, isododecenyloxy, oleyloxy, n-2-octadecenyloxy or n-4-octadecenyloxy.

$\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ Alkyl-substituted phenoxy, which contains preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylphenoxy, 2,3-dimethylphenoxy, 2,4-dimethylphen-

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oxy, 2,5-dimethylphenoxy, 2,6-dimethylphenoxy, 3,4-dimethylphenoxy, 3,5-dimethylphenoxy, 2-methyl-6-ethylphenoxy, 4-tert-butylphenoxy, 2-ethylphenoxy or 2,6-diethylphenoxy.

C₇-C₉Phenylalkoxy is, for example, benzyloxy, α -methylbenzyloxy, α,α -dimethylbenzyloxy or 2-phenylethoxy.

Halogen is, for example, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Preference is given to chlorine.

Alkanoyloxy containing from 2 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical, for example acetoxy, propionyloxy, butanoyloxy, pentanoyloxy, hexanoyloxy, heptanoyloxy, octanoyloxy, nonanoyloxy, decanoyloxy, undecanoyloxy, dodecanoyloxy, tridecanoyloxy, tetradecanoyloxy, pentadecanoyloxy, hexadecanoyloxy, heptadecanoyloxy, octadecanoyloxy, eicosanoyloxy or docosanoyloxy.

C₁-C₄Alkyl substituted benzoyloxy which contains preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylbenzoyloxy, 2,3-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,4-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,5-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,6-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 3,4-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 3,5-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2-methyl-6-ethylbenzoyloxy, 4-tert-butylbenzoyloxy, 2-ethylbenzoyloxy or 2,6-diethylbenzoyloxy.

C₁-C₄Alkyl substituted phenylene which contains preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, alkyl groups, is, for example, 2-methylphenylene, 2-ethylphenylene, 2-propylphenylene, 2-butylphenylene, 2,6-dimethylphenylene, 2,5-dimethylphenylene or 2,3-dimethylphenylene.

C₁-C₂₅Alkylene substituted with C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl is a branched or unbranched radical, for example -CH₂(COOCH₃)-, -CH₂(COOCH₂CH₃)-, 2-methylethylene or 2-phenylethylene.

Alkynyl having 2 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, acetylyl, propargyl, 2-butylyl, 3-butylyl, isobutylyl, n-2,4-pentadiynyl, 3-methyl-2-butylyl, n-2-octynyl, n-2-dodecynyl, iso-dodecynyl, n-2-octadecynyl or n-4-octadecynyl.

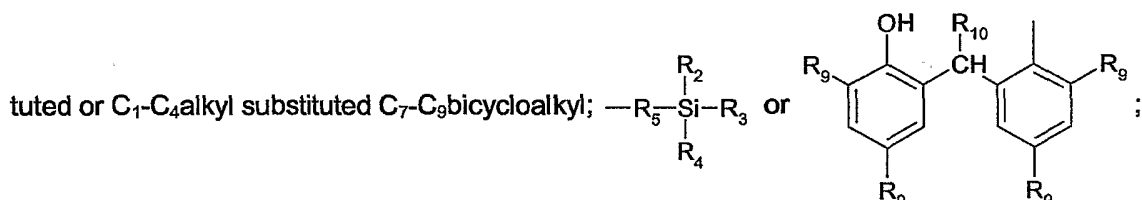
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C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene is for example cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene, cycloheptylene, cyclooctylene, cyclononylene, cyclodecylene, cycloundecylene or cyclododecylene. Cyclohexylene is preferred.

A C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring substituted by C₁-C₄alkyl, which contains preferably from 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2, branched or unbranched alkyl group radicals, is, for example, cyclopentylidene, methylcyclopentylidene, dimethylcyclopentylidene, cyclohexylidene, methylcyclohexylidene, dimethylcyclohexylidene, trimethylcyclohexylidene, tert-butylcyclohexylidene, cycloheptylidene or cyclooctylidene. Preference is given to cyclohexylidene and tert-butylcyclohexylidene.

Interesting compositions comprise, as component I, at least one compound of the formula I wherein
when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ · O₃S⁻; C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₇-C₁₀phenoxyalkyl, unsubsti-

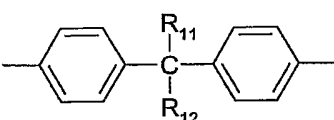
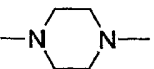


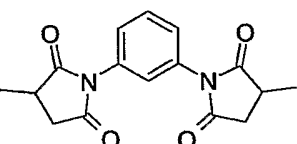
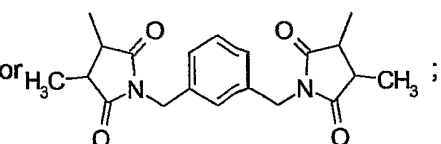
or when R₇ is a direct bond, R₁ is —CN, —SOR₈, —SO₂R₈, —NO₂ or —COR₈,

when n is 2,

R₁ is C₁-C₁₈alkylene, C₁-C₁₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; C₂-C₁₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₂-C₁₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur,

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phenylene or cyclohexylene;  or  ; or when R₆

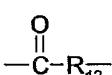
and R₇ are a direct bond, R₁ is  or  ;

R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, C₃-C₁₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₁₈alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₁₈alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, C₃-C₁₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₁₈alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₁₈alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₁-C₁₈alkylene, C₅-C₈cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₁₈alkylene; or C₁-C₁₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or  , with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is  , R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkinyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R₉ is C₁-C₈alkyl,

R₁₀ is hydrogen or methyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₈alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C₁-C₄alkyl groups,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

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M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and
n is 1 or 2.

Preferred compositions comprise, as component (c), at least one compound of the formula I wherein R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are each independently of the others C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is C_1 - C_4 alkoxy.

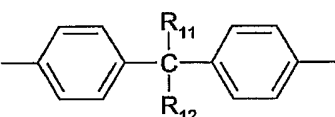
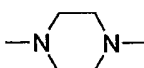
Preference is also given to compositions comprising, as component (c), at least one compound of the formula I wherein R_5 is C_2 - C_4 alkylene.

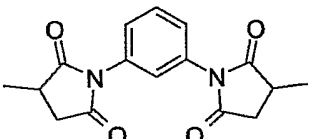
Particular preference is given to compositions comprising, as component (c), at least one compound of the formula I wherein
when n is 1,

R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C_1 - C_4 dialkylamino, C_1 - C_4 trialkylammonium or $M^+ \text{ } ^-O_3S-$; C_2 - C_{12} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C_4 - C_{12} alkenyl, phenyl, C_7 - C_{10} phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted C_7 - C_9 bicycloalkyl; $-\text{R}_5-\text{Si}(\text{R}_2)(\text{R}_4)-\text{R}_3$, or when R_7 is a direct bond, R_1 is $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{SOR}_8$ or $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}_8$;

when n is 2,

R_1 is C_2 - C_{12} alkylene, C_2 - C_{12} alkylene substituted with methyl; C_2 - C_{12} alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C_4 - C_{12} alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur, phenylene or

cyclohexylene;  or ; or when R_6 and R_7 are a

direct bond, R_1 is ;

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R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₈alkyl, C₄-C₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, benzyl, C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₈alkylene, cyclohexylene or phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₈alkylene; or C₁-C₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl, C₂-C₈alkoxy-carbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}_{13}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkinyl, benzyl or phenyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a cyclohexylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 methyl groups,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

M is sodium or potassium, and

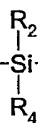
n is 1 or 2.

Of interest are compositions comprising, as component (c), at least one compound of the formula I wherein

when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₈alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₄-C₁₀alkenyl, phenyl, C₇-C₁₀phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;

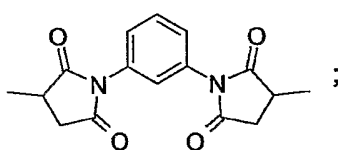
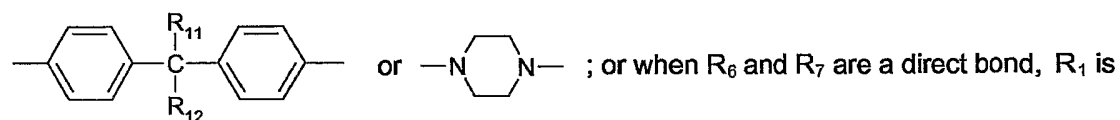
or when R₇ is a direct bond, R₁ is -CN, -SOR₈ or -SO₂R₈;



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when n is 2,

R₁ is C₂-C₈alkylene, C₂-C₈alkylene substituted with methyl; C₂-C₁₀alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₁₂alkylene interrupted by oxygen or sulfur;



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl, cyclohexyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, benzyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₆alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, C₂-C₄alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy, cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₆alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, C₂-C₄alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₆alkylene or cyclohexylene,

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₆alkylene; or C₁-C₆alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₆alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₈alkyl or C₂-C₁₂alkenyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or methyl,

M is sodium or potassium, and

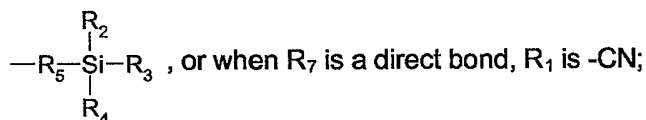
n is 1 or 2.

Also of interest are compositions comprising, as component (c), at least one compound of the formula I wherein

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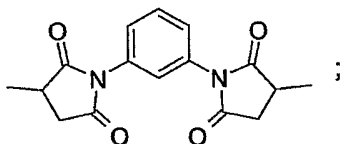
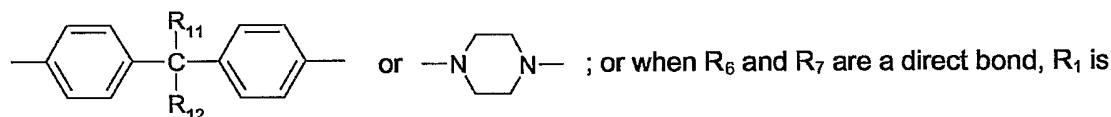
when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₆alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₄-C₁₀alkenyl, phenyl; C₇-C₉phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



when n is 2,

R₁ is C₂-C₆alkylene, C₂-C₄alkylene substituted with methyl; C₄-C₈alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen;



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₄alkylene,

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₃alkylene; or C₁-C₃alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₃alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ || \\ \text{---C---R}_{13} \end{array}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ || \\ \text{---C---R}_{13} \end{array}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

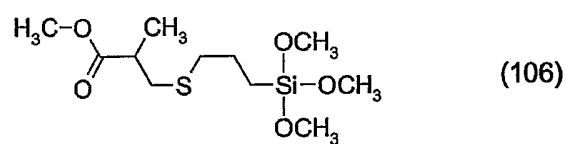
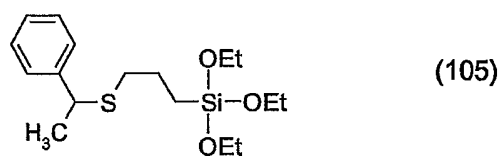
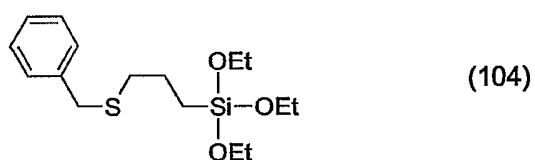
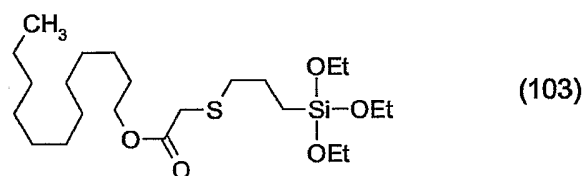
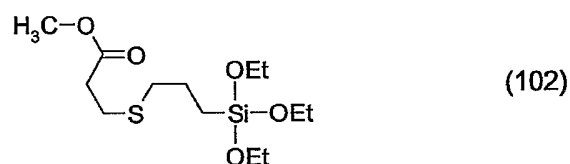
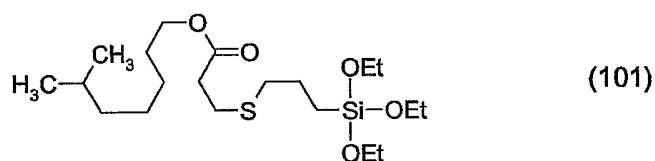
R₁₄ is hydrogen,

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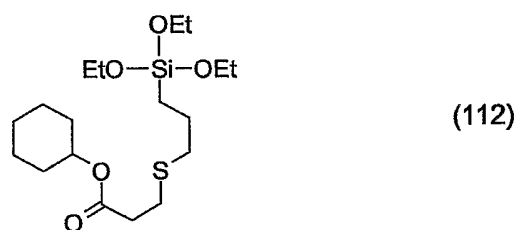
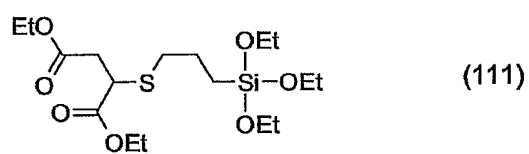
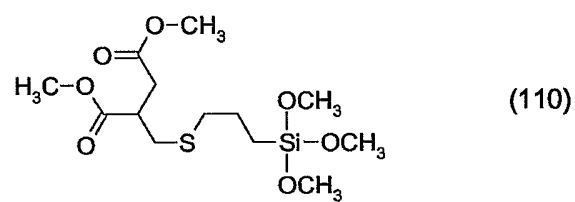
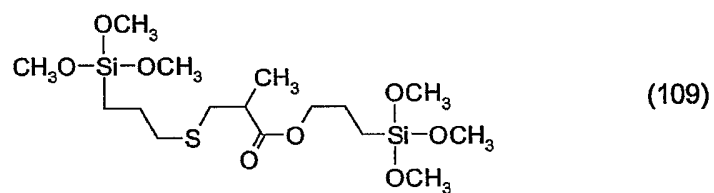
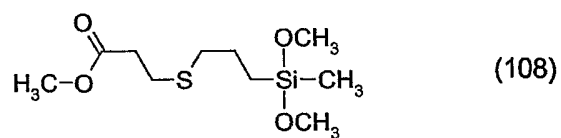
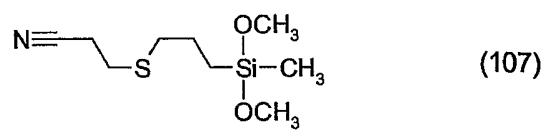
M is potassium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

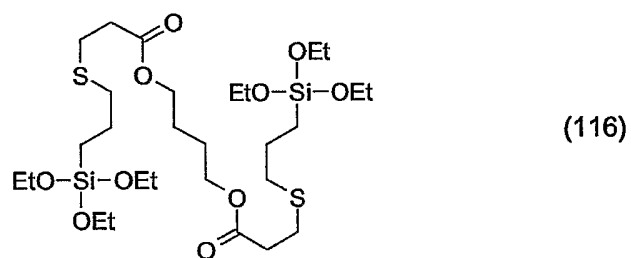
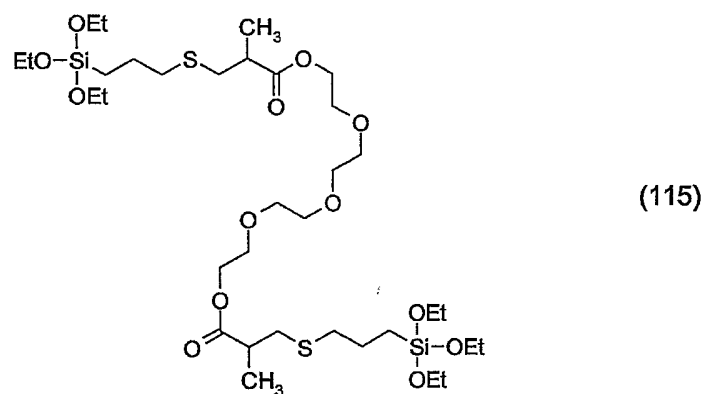
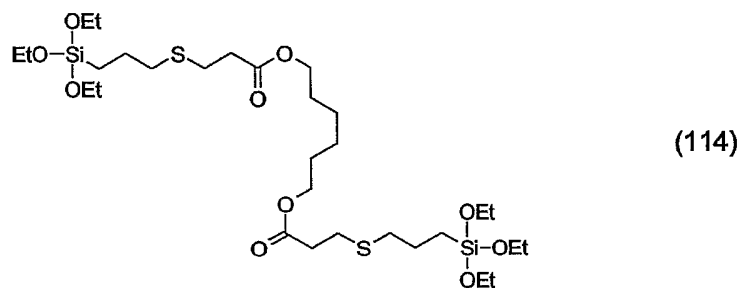
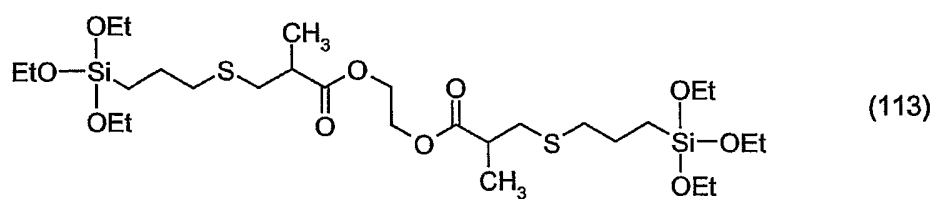
Of very special interest are compositions comprising, as component (c), the compounds 101 to 159.



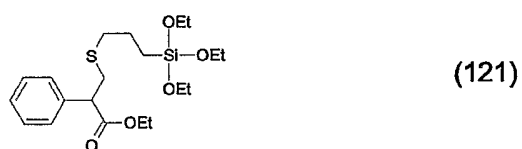
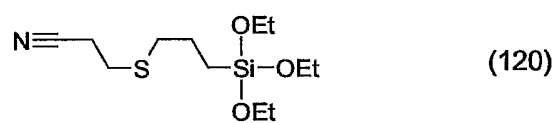
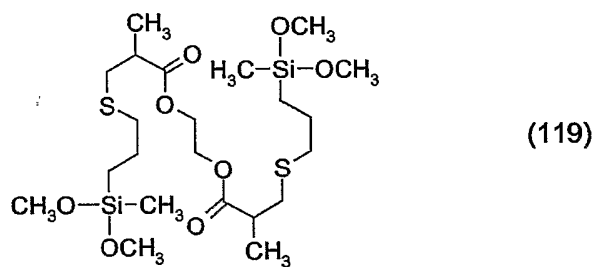
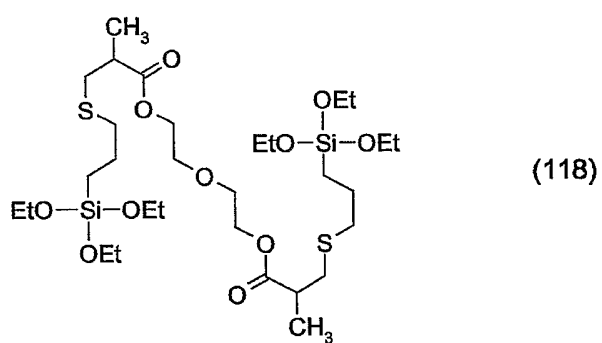
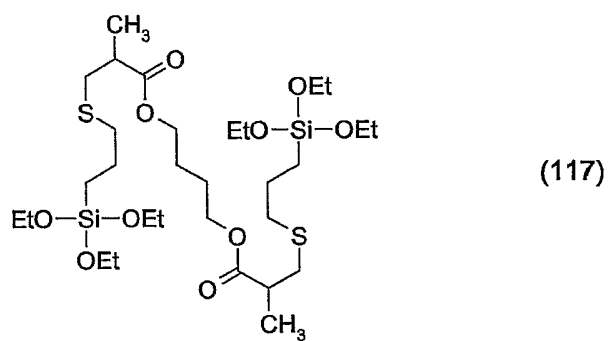
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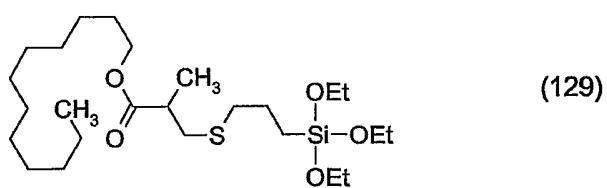
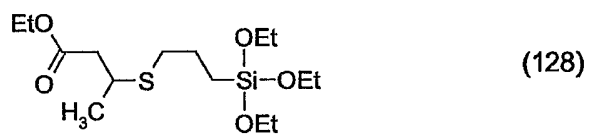
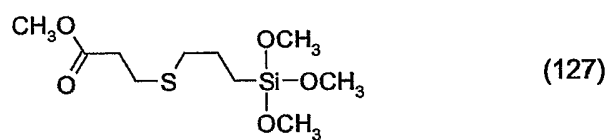
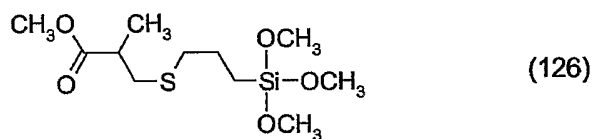
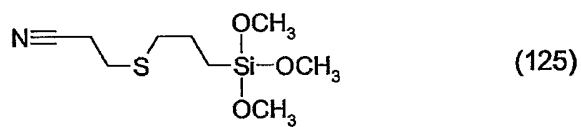
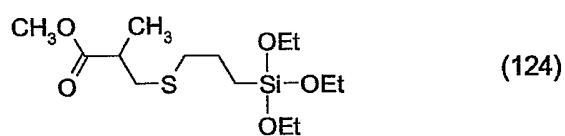
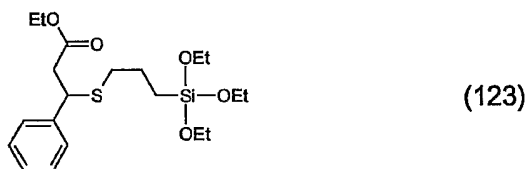
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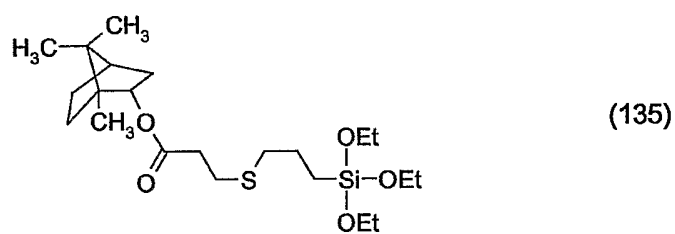
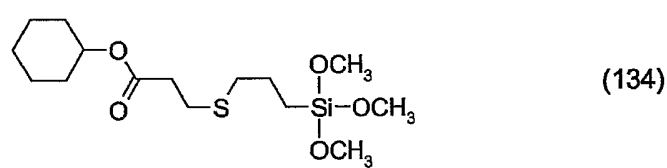
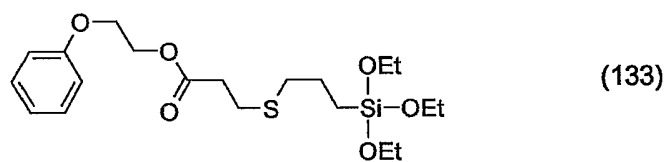
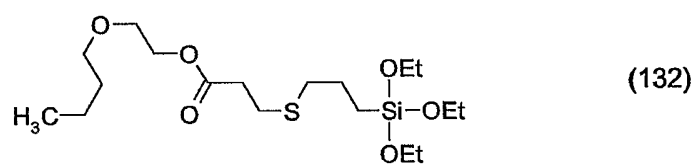
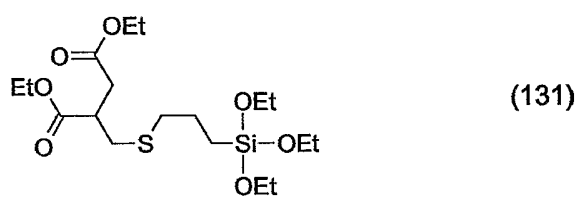
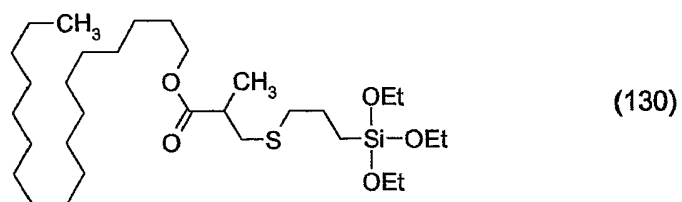
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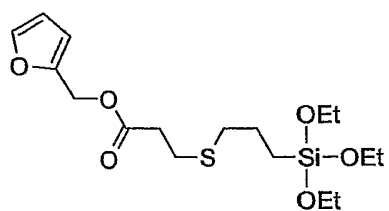
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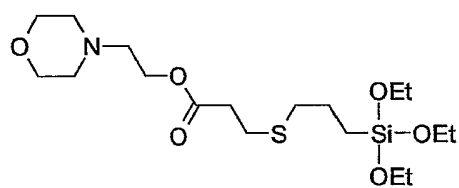
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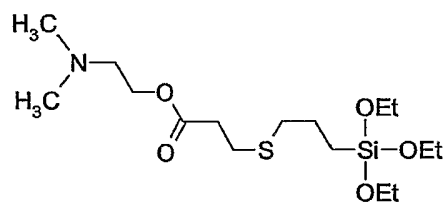
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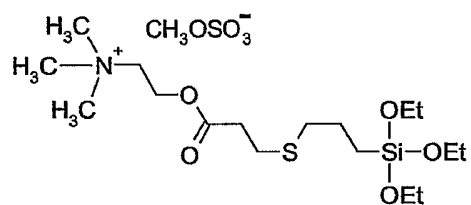
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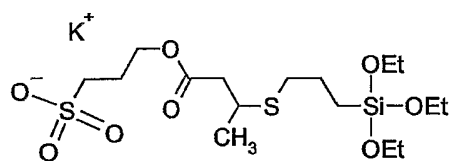
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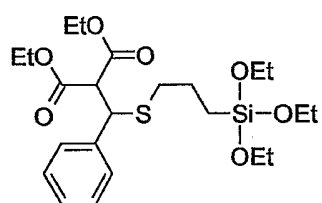
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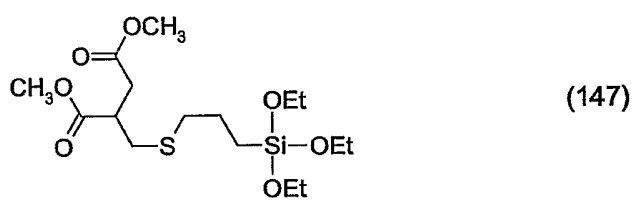
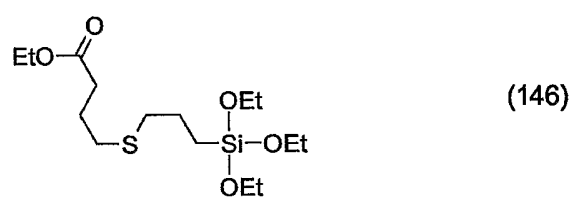
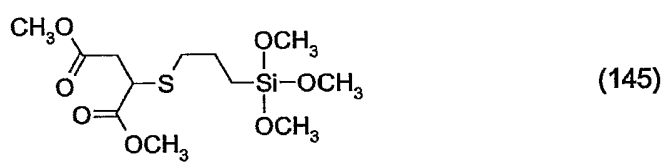
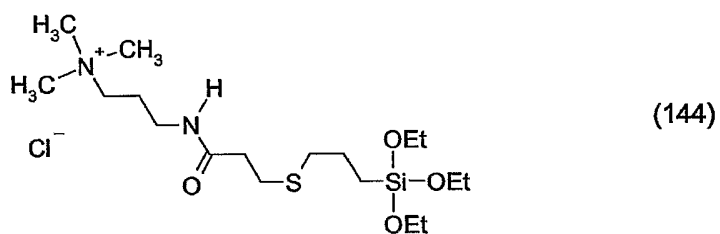
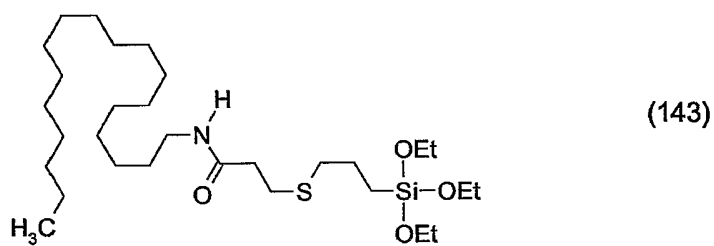
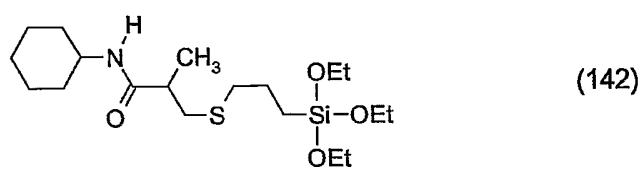


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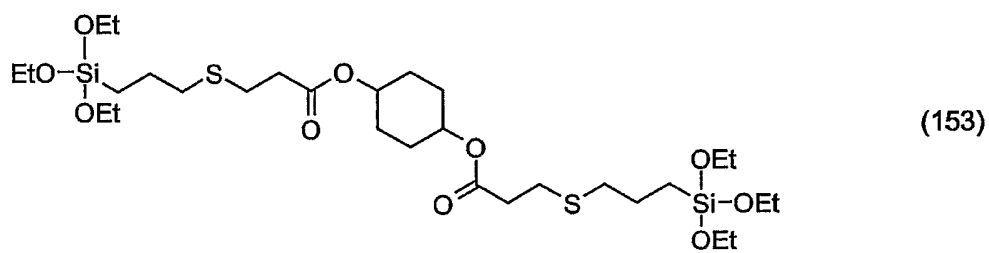
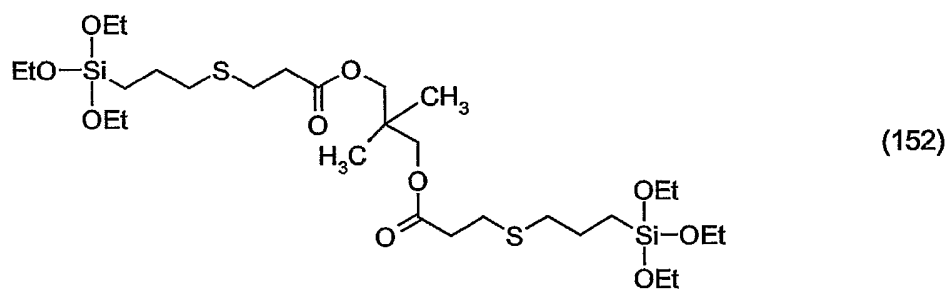
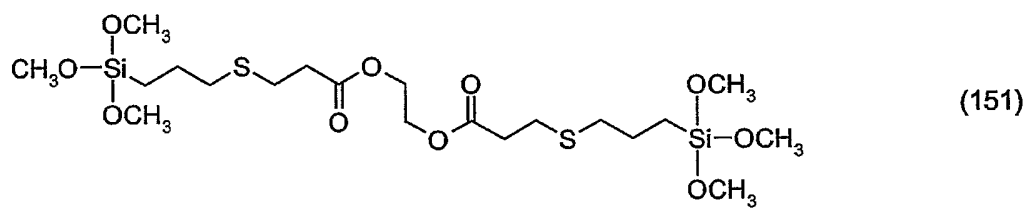
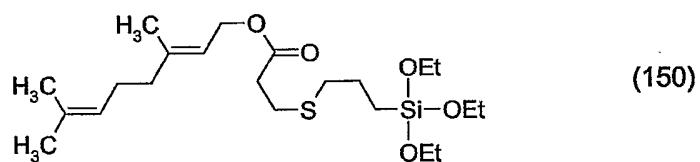
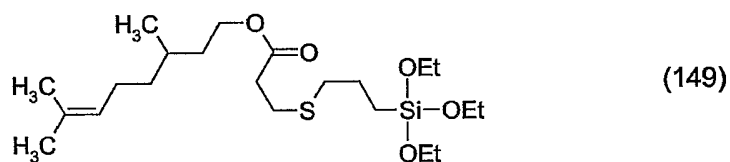
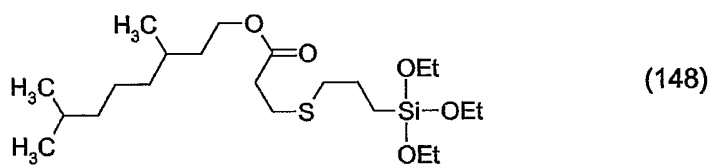


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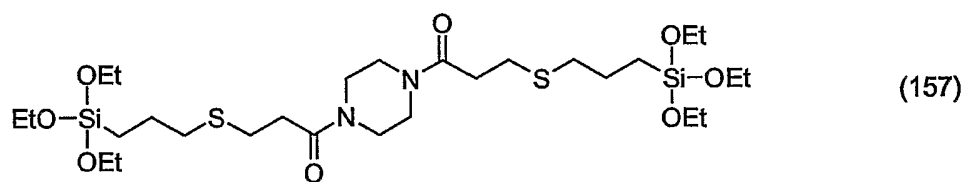
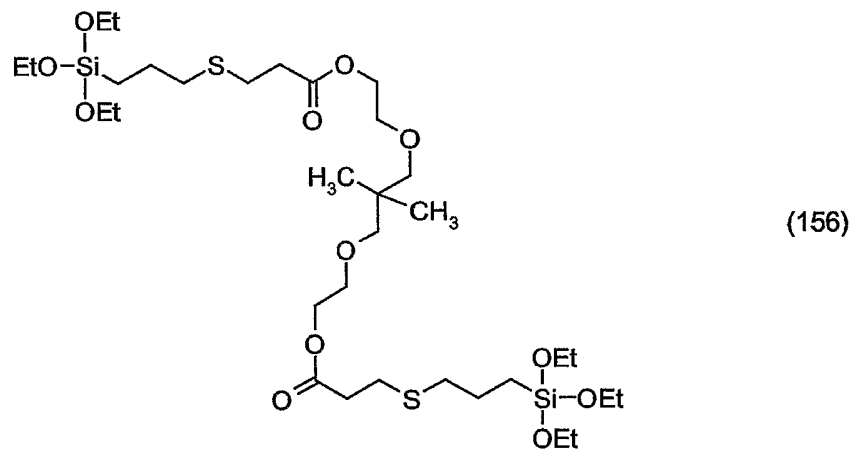
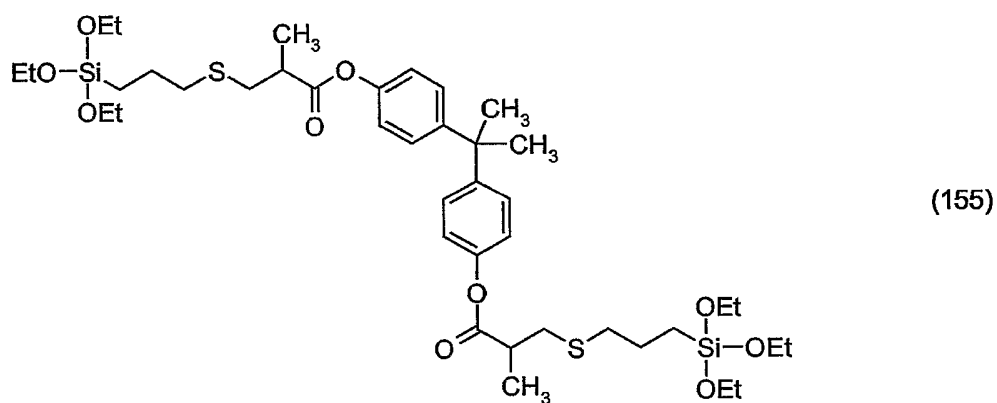
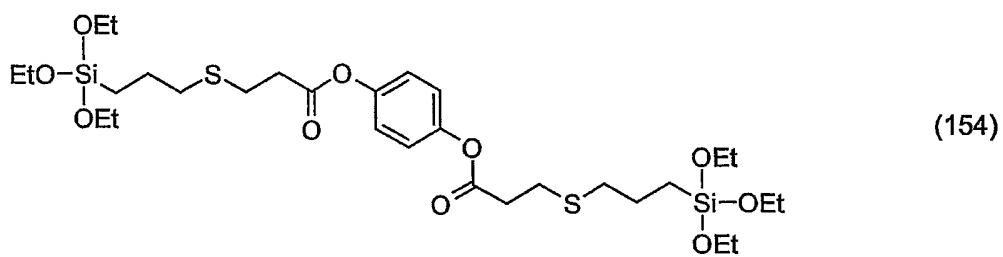
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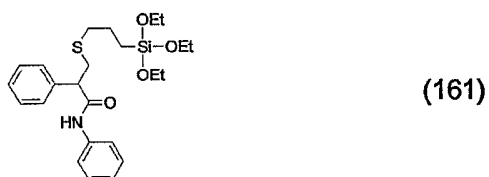
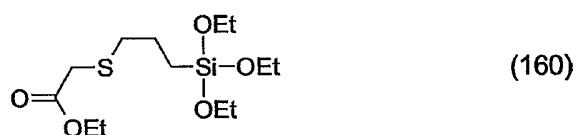
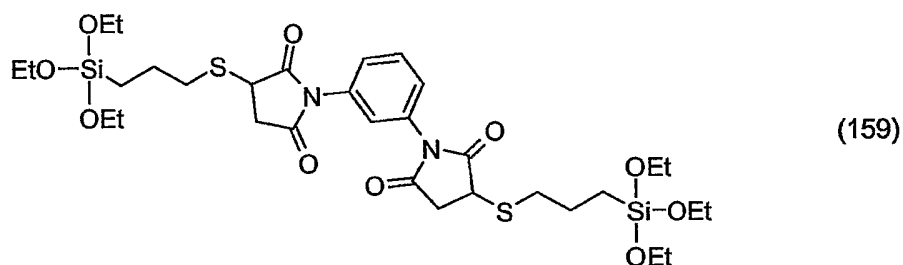
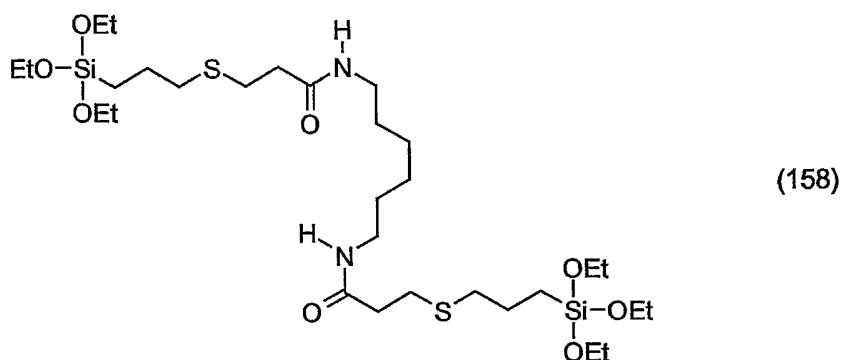
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The compounds of the formula I can be prepared in per se known manner. For example DE-A-1 173 898 discloses the addition of a mercaptan bearing a silylgroup to an activated alkene like acrylates catalyzed by a base. C.D. Hurd, L.L. Gershbein, JACS 69, 2328 (1947) disclose the base-catalyzed addition of mercaptans to acrylic and methacrylic derivatives. B. Boutevin et al., J. Fluor. Chem. 31, 437 (1986) disclose the addition of mercaptans to alkenes by radical activation. The most general method for the preparation of sulfides involves the reaction between an alkylhalogenide and a thiolate anion.

Component (c) is suitable as coupling agent for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler with an elastomer.

Elastomers are to be understood as meaning macromolecular materials which after considerable deformation under a small load at room temperature rapidly regain approximately their original shape. See also Hans-Georg Elias, "An Introduction to Polymer Science", Section 12. "Elastomers", pp. 388-393, 1997, VCH Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, Weinheim, Germany or "Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, fifth, completely revised edition, Volume A 23", pp. 221-440 (1993).

Examples of elastomers which may be present in the compositions of the invention are the following materials:

1. Polymers of diolefins, for example polybutadiene or polyisoprene.
2. Copolymers of mono- and diolefins with one another or with other vinyl monomers, e.g. propylene-isobutylene copolymers, propylene-butadiene copolymers, isobutylene-isoprene copolymers, ethylene-alkyl acrylate copolymers, ethylene-alkyl methacrylate copolymers, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers, and also terpolymers of ethylene with propylene and with a diene, such as hexadiene, dicyclopentadiene or ethylenenorbornene.
3. Copolymers of styrene or α -methylstyrene with dienes or with acrylic derivatives, e.g. styrene-butadiene, styrene-butadiene-alkyl acrylate and styrene-butadiene-alkyl methacrylate; block copolymers of styrene, e.g. styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isoprene-styrene and styrene-ethylenebutylene-styrene, and also adhesives prepared from the latter three.
4. Halogen-containing polymers, e.g. polychloroprene, chlorinated rubber, chlorinated or brominated copolymer of isobutylene-isoprene (halobutyl rubber).
5. Natural rubber.
6. Aqueous emulsions of natural or synthetic rubbers, e.g. natural rubber latex or latices of carboxylated styrene-butadiene copolymers.

The elastomers of interest are preferably natural or synthetic rubber or vulcanizates prepared therefrom. Particular preference is given to polydiene vulcanizates, halogen-containing polydiene vulcanizates, polydiene copolymer vulcanizates, in particular styrene-butadiene copolymer vulcanizates, and ethylene-propylene terpolymer vulcanizates.

In the present application, "reinforcing" white filler is to be understood to mean a white filler capable of reinforcing alone, without any means other than an intermediate coupling agent, a rubber composition intended for the manufacture of tires. In other words the reinforcing white filler is capable of replacing a conventional carbon black filler in its reinforcing function.

Preferably, the reinforcing white filler is silica (SiO_2) or alumina (Al_2O_3), or a mixture of these two fillers.

The silica used may be any reinforcing silica known to the person skilled in the art, in particular any precipitated or pyrogenic silica having a BET surface area and a specific CTAB surface area both of which are less than $450 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$. The highly dispersable precipitated silicas are preferred, in particular when the invention is used to manufacture tires having a low rolling resistance. "Highly dispersible silica" is understood to mean any silica having a very substantial ability to disagglomerate and to disperse in a polymer matrix, which can be observed in known manner by electron or optical microscopy on thin sections. Non-limiting examples of such preferred highly dispersible silicas, include the silica Perkasil KS 430 (RTM) from Akzo, the silica BV 3380 (RTM) from Degussa, the silicas Zeosil 1165 MP (RTM) and Zeosil 1115 MP (RTM) from Rhône-Poulenc, the silica Hi-Sil 2000 (RTM) from PPG, the silicas Zeopol 8741 (RTM) or Zeopol 8745 (RTM) from Huber, and treated precipitated silicas such as, for example, the aluminium-"doped" silicas described in EP-A-0 735 088.

Preferably, the reinforcing alumina is a highly dispersable alumina having a BET surface area from 30 to $400 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, more preferably 80 to $250 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, an average particle size of at most 500 nm, more preferably at most 200 nm, a high amount of reactive Al-OH surface functions, as described in EP-A-0 810 258. Non-limitative examples of such reinforcing aluminas are in particular the aluminas A125 (RTM), CR125 (RTM) and D65CR (RTM) of Baikowski.

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The physical state in which the reinforcing white filler is present is immaterial, whether it be in the form of a powder, microbeads, granules or balls. The "reinforcing white filler" is also understood to mean mixtures of different reinforcing white fillers, in particular highly dispersible silicas and/or aluminas such as described above.

The reinforcing white filler may also be used in a blend (mixture) with carbon black. Suitable carbon blacks are all the carbon blacks, in particular carbon blacks of the type HAF, ISAF or conventionally used in tires and, particularly, in treads for tires. Non-limiting examples of such blacks, include the blacks N115, N134, N234, N339, N347 and N375. The quantity of carbon black present in the total reinforcing filler may vary within wide limits, this quantity preferably being less than the quantity of reinforcing white filler present in the composition.

Component (b) is usefully added to the elastomer in amounts of from 1 to 40%, for example from 1 to 30%, preferably from 5 to 30%, based on the weight of the elastomer.

Component (c) is usefully added to the elastomer in amounts of from 0.01 to 10%, for example from 0.1 to 10%, preferably from 0.5 to 5%, based on the weight of the elastomer.

In addition to components (a) and (b), the compositions of the invention may comprise further additives, such as the following:

1. Antioxidants

1.1. Alkylated monophenols, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, 2-tert-butyl-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-n-butylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol, 2,6-dicyclopentyl-4-methylphenol, 2-(α -methylcyclohexyl)-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-dioctadecyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxymethylphenol, nonylphenols which are linear or branched in the side chains, for example 2,6-di-nonyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylundec-1'-yl)phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylheptadec-1'-yl)phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methyltridec-1'-yl)phenol and mixtures thereof.

1.2. Alkylthiomethylphenols, for example 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-tert-butylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-methylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-ethylphenol, 2,6-di-dodecylthiomethyl-4-nonylphenol.

1.3. Hydroquinones and alkylated hydroquinones, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenol, 2,5-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-amylhydroquinone, 2,6-diphenyl-4-octadecyloxyphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl stearate, bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) adipate.

1.4. Tocopherols, for example α -tocopherol, β -tocopherol, γ -tocopherol, δ -tocopherol and mixtures thereof (vitamin E).

1.5. Hydroxylated thiodiphenyl ethers, for example 2,2'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-thiobis(4-octylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-3-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(3,6-di-sec-amylphenol), 4,4'-bis(2,6-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-disulfide.

1.6. Alkylidenebisphenols, for example 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[4-methyl-6-(α -methylcyclohexyl)phenol], 2,2'-methylenebis(4-methyl-6-cyclohexylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-nonyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(α -methylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 4,4'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)butane, 2,6-bis(3-tert-butyl-5-methyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methylphenol, 1,1,3-tris(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)butane, 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-3-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, ethylene glycol bis[3,3-bis(3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxyphenyl)butyrate], bis(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)dicyclopentadiene, bis[2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylbenzyl)-6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl]terephthalate, 1,1-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)butane, 2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-4-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, 1,1,5,5-tetra(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)pentane.

1.7. O-, N- and S-benzyl compounds, for example 3,5,3',5'-tetra-tert-butyl-4,4'-dihydroxydibenzyl ether, octadecyl-4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tridecyl-4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)amine, bis(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)dithioterephthalate, bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)sulfide, isooctyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmercaptoacetate.

1.8. Hydroxybenzylated malonates, for example dioctadecyl-2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate, di-octadecyl-2-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylbenzyl)malonate, didodecylmercaptoethyl-2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate, bis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]-2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate.

1.9. Aromatic hydroxybenzyl compounds, for example 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phenol.

1.10. Triazine compounds, for example 2,4-bis(octylmercapto)-6-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,2,3-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)isocyanurate, 1,3,5-tris(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)isocyanurate, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)-hexahydro-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)isocyanurate.

1.11. Benzylphosphonates, for example dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, diethyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl-5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylbenzylphosphonate, the calcium salt of the monoethyl ester of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonic acid.

1.12. Acylaminophenols, for example 4-hydroxylauranilide, 4-hydroxystearanilide, octyl N-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)carbamate.

1.13. Esters of β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, i-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-

nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.14. Esters of β -(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, i-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; 3,9-bis[2-{3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionyloxy}-1,1-dimethylethyl]-2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane.

1.15. Esters of β -(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.16. Esters of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl acetic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.17. Amides of β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid e.g. N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hexamethylenediamide, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)trimethylenediamide, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hydrazide, N,N'-bis[2-(3-[3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl]propionyloxy)ethyl]oxamide (Nau-gard®XL-1, supplied by Uniroyal).

1.18. Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)

1.19. Aminic antioxidants, for example N,N'-di-isopropyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-ethyl-3-methylpentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-methylheptyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-dicyclohexyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-diphenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(2-naphthyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N-isopropyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-cyclohexyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, 4-(p-toluenesulfamoyl)diphenylamine, N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, diphenylamine, N-allyldiphenylamine, 4-isopropoxydiphenylamine, N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, N-(4-tert-octylphenyl)-1-naphthylamine, N-phenyl-2-naphthylamine, octylated diphenylamine, for example p,p'-di-tert-octyldiphenylamine, 4-n-butylaminophenol, 4-butyrylamino-phenol, 4-nonanoylamino-phenol, 4-dodecanoylamino-phenol, 4-octadecanoylamino-phenol, bis(4-methoxyphenyl)amine, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-dimethylaminomethylphenol, 2,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 1,2-bis[(2-methylphenyl)amino]ethane, 1,2-bis(phenylamino)propane, (o-tolyl)biguanide, bis[4-(1',3'-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]amine, tert-octylated N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated nonyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated dodecyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated isopropyl/isohexyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl-diphenylamines, 2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-4H-1,4-benzothiazine, phenothiazine, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octylphenothiazines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-octylphenothiazines, N-allylphenothiazine, N,N,N',N'-tetraphenyl-1,4-diaminobut-2-ene.

2. UV absorbers and light stabilizers

2.1. 2-(2'-Hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazoles, for example 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octyloxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-bis(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-

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(2-octyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2,2'-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazole-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]-2H-benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300; $\left[\text{R}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{COO}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2 \right]_2$, where R = 3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl, 2-[2'-hydroxy-3'-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]-benzotriazole; 2-[2'-hydroxy-3'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-5'-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)phenyl]-benzotriazole.

2.2. 2-Hydroxybenzophenones, for example the 4-hydroxy, 4-methoxy, 4-octyloxy, 4-decyloxy, 4-dodecyloxy, 4-benzyloxy, 4,2',4'-trihydroxy and 2'-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy derivatives.

2.3. Esters of substituted and unsubstituted benzoic acids, for example 4-tert-butylphenyl salicylate, phenyl salicylate, octylphenyl salicylate, dibenzoyl resorcinol, bis(4-tert-butylbenzoyl)resorcinol, benzoyl resorcinol, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, hexadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, octadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate.

2.4. Acrylates, for example ethyl α -cyano- β,β -diphenylacrylate, isooctyl α -cyano- β,β -diphenylacrylate, methyl α -carbomethoxycinnamate, methyl α -cyano- β -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate, butyl α -cyano- β -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate, methyl α -carbomethoxy-p-methoxycinnamate and N-(β -carbomethoxy- β -cyanovinyl)-2-methylindoline.

2.5. Nickel compounds, for example nickel complexes of 2,2'-thiobis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol], such as the 1:1 or 1:2 complex, with or without additional ligands such as n-butylamine, triethanolamine or N-cyclohexyldiethanolamine, nickel dibutyldithiocarbamate, nickel salts of the monoalkyl esters, e.g. the methyl or ethyl ester, of 4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzylphosphonic acid, nickel complexes of ketoximes, e.g. of 2-hydroxy-4-methylphe-

nylundecylketoxime, nickel complexes of 1-phenyl-4-lauroyl-5-hydroxypyrazole, with or without additional ligands.

2.6. Sterically hindered amines, for example bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)succinate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl) n-butyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmalonate, the condensate of 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine and succinic acid, linear or cyclic condensates of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-tert-octylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, tris(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)nitrilotriacetate, tetrakis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-1,2,3,4-butanetetracarboxylate, 1,1'-(1,2-ethanediyl)-bis(3,3,5,5-tetramethylpiperazinone), 4-benzoyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-2-n-butyl-2-(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzyl)-malonate, 3-n-octyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)succinate, linear or cyclic condensates of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-morpholino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-bis(4-n-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-di-(4-n-butylamino-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, 8-acetyl-3-dodecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione, a mixture of 4-hexadecyloxy- and 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, a condensate of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-cyclohexylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, a condensate of 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine as well as 4-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (CAS Reg. No. [136504-96-6]); a condensate of 1,6-hexanediamine and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine as well as N,N-dibutylamine and 4-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (CAS Reg. No. [192268-64-7]); N-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimide, N-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimide, 2-undecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxo-spiro[4.5]decane, a reaction product of 7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-2-cycloundecyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro-[4.5]decane and epichlorohydrin, 1,1-bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyloxycarbonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethene, N,N'-bis-formyl-N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine, a diester of 4-methoxymethylenemalonic acid with

1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine, poly[methylpropyl-3-oxy-4-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)]siloxane, a reaction product of maleic acid anhydride- α -olefin copolymer with 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-aminopiperidine or 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-aminopiperidine.

2.7. Oxamides, for example 4,4'-dioctyloxyoxanilide, 2,2'-diethoxyoxanilide, 2,2'-dioctyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butoxanilide, 2,2'-didodecyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butoxanilide, 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyloxanilide, N,N'-bis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)oxamide, 2-ethoxy-5-tert-butyl-2'-ethoxanilide and its mixture with 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyl-5,4'-di-tert-butoxanilide, mixtures of o- and p-methoxy-disubstituted oxanilides and mixtures of o- and p-ethoxy-disubstituted oxanilides.

2.8. 2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazines, for example 2,4,6-tris(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4-bis(2-hydroxy-4-propyloxyphenyl)-6-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-dodecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-tridecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-butyloxypropoxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-octyloxypropyloxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[4-(dodecyloxy/tridecyloxy-2-hydroxypropoxy)-2-hydroxyphenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-dodecyloxypropoxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-hexyloxy)phenyl-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris[2-hydroxy-4-(3-butoxy-2-hydroxypropoxy)phenyl]-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-[3-(2-ethylhexyl-1-oxy)-2-hydroxypropyloxy]phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine.

3. Metal deactivators, for example N,N'-diphenyloxamide, N-salicylal-N'-salicyloyl hydrazine, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)hydrazine, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hydrazine, 3-salicyloylamino-1,2,4-triazole, bis(benzylidene)oxalyl dihydrazide, oxanilide, isophthaloyl dihydrazide, sebacoyl bisphenylhydrazide, N,N'-diacetyl adipoyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)oxalyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)thiopropionyl dihydrazide.

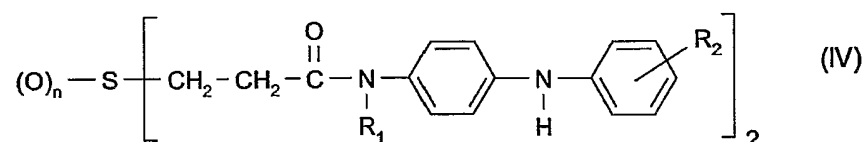
4. Phosphites and phosphonites, for example triphenyl phosphite, diphenylalkyl phosphites, phenyldialkyl phosphites, tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite, trilauryl phosphite, trioctadecyl phos-

phite, distearyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite, diisodecyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-cumylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, diisodecyloxypentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4,6-tris(tert-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, tristearyl sorbitol triphosphite, tetrakis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) 4,4'-biphenylene diphosphonite, 6-isooctyloxy-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12H-dibenz[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)methyl phosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)ethyl phosphite, 6-fluoro-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12-methyl-dibenz[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, 2,2',2''-nitrilo-[triethyltris(3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phosphite], 2-ethylhexyl(3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phosphite, 5-butyl-5-ethyl-2-(2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenoxy)-1,3,2-dioxaphosphirane.

5. Hydroxylamines, for example N,N-dibenzylhydroxylamine, N,N-diethylhydroxylamine, N,N-diethylhydroxylamine, N,N-dilaurylhydroxylamine, N,N-ditetradecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dihexadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-diocetadecylhydroxylamine, N-hexadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N-heptadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dialkylhydroxylamine derived from hydrogenated tallow amine.

6. Nitrones, for example N-benzyl-alpha-phenylnitron, N-ethyl-alpha-methylnitron, N-octyl-alpha-heptylnitron, N-lauryl-alpha-undecylnitron, N-tetradecyl-alpha-tridecylnitron, N-hexadecyl-alpha-pentadecylnitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-heptadecylnitron, N-hexadecyl-alpha-heptadecylnitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-pentadecylnitron, N-heptadecyl-alpha-heptadecylnitron, N-octadecyl-alpha-hexadecylnitron, nitron derived from N,N-dialkylhydroxylamine derived from hydrogenated tallow amine.

7. Thiosynergistic compounds, for example thiodipropionic acid dilauryl ester or thiodipropionic acid distearyl ester or compounds of formula IV



wherein

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R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl or benzyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, and

n is the number 0, 1 or 2.

8. Peroxide scavengers, for example esters of β -thiodipropionic acid, for example the lauryl, stearyl, myristyl or tridecyl esters, mercaptobenzimidazole or the zinc salt of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole, zinc dibutyldithiocarbamate, dioctadecyl disulfide, pentaerythritol tetrakis(β -dodecylmercapto)propionate.

9. Basic co-stabilisers, for example melamine, polyvinylpyrrolidone, dicyandiamide, triallyl cyanurate, urea derivatives, hydrazine derivatives, amines, polyamides, polyurethanes, alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of higher fatty acids, for example calcium stearate, zinc stearate, magnesium behenate, magnesium stearate, sodium ricinoleate and potassium palmitate, antimony pyrocatecholate or zinc pyrocatecholate.

10. Nucleating agents, for example inorganic substances, such as talcum, metal oxides, such as titanium dioxide or magnesium oxide, phosphates, carbonates or sulfates of, preferably, alkaline earth metals; organic compounds, such as mono- or polycarboxylic acids and the salts thereof, e.g. 4-tert-butylbenzoic acid, adipic acid, diphenylacetic acid, sodium succinate or sodium benzoate; polymeric compounds, such as ionic copolymers (ionomers). Especially preferred are 1,3:2,4-bis(3',4'-dimethylbenzylidene)sorbitol, 1,3:2,4-di(paramethyl-dibenzylidene)sorbitol, and 1,3:2,4-di(benzylidene)sorbitol.

11. Other additives, for example plasticisers, lubricants, emulsifiers, pigments, rheology additives, catalysts, flow-control agents, optical brighteners, flameproofing agents, antistatic agents and blowing agents.

12. Benzofuranones and indolinones, for example those disclosed in U.S. 4,325,863; U.S. 4,338,244; U.S. 5,175,312; U.S. 5,216,052; U.S. 5,252,643; DE-A-4316611; DE-A-4316622; DE-A-4316876; EP-A-0589839; EP-A-0591102 or EP-A-1291384 or 3-[4-(2-acetoxyethoxy)phenyl]-5,7-di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one, 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-[4-(2-stearoyloxyethoxy)phenyl]benzofuran-2-one, 3,3'-bis[5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-[2-hydroxyethoxy]phenyl)-benzofuran-2-one], 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)benzofuran-2-one, 3-(4-acetoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one, 3-(3,5-dimethyl-4-pivaloyloxyphenyl)-5,7-

di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one, 3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one, 3-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one or 3-(2-actyl-5-isooctylphenyl)-5-isooctylbenzofuran-2-one.

Preferred compositions of the invention comprise, as other additives, one or more components selected from the group consisting of pigments, dyes, levelling assistants, dispersants, plasticizers, vulcanization activators, vulcanization accelerators, vulcanizers, charge control agents, adhesion promoters, light stabilizers or antioxidants, such as phenolic antioxidants (items 1.1 to 1.18 in the list) or aminic antioxidants (item 1.19 in the list), organic phosphites or phosphonites (item 4 in the list) and/or thiosynergists (item 7 in the list).

An example of the concentrations at which these other additives are added is from 0.01 to 10%, based on the total weight of the elastomer.

Components (b) and (c), and also, if desired, other additives are incorporated into the elastomer by known methods, for example during mixing in internal mixers with rams (Banbury), on mixing rolls or in mixing extruders, prior to or during shaping or vulcanization, or else by applying dissolved or dispersed components (b) and (c) to the elastomer, if desired with subsequent removal of the solvent by evaporation. When added to the elastomer, components (b) and (c) and, if desired, other additives may also be in the form of a masterbatch comprising these, for example at a concentration of from 2.5 to 25% by weight.

Components (b) and (c) and, if desired, other additives may also be added prior to or during the polymerization of synthetic elastomers or prior to crosslinking, i.e. advantageously, if desired, as a first-level mixture in the crude rubber, which may also comprise other components, such as carbon black as filler and/or extender oils.

The compounds of the formula I are bonded chemically to polymer chains and the white reinforcing filler under processing conditions (mixing, vulcanization, etc.). The compounds of the formula I are resistant to extraction, i.e. they continue to offer good protection after the substrate is subjected to intensive extraction. The loss of compounds of the formula I from the elastomer via migration or extraction is extremely slight.

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Components (b) and (c) and, if desired, other additives may be in pure form or encapsulated in waxes, in oils or in polymers when they are incorporated into the elastomer to be treated.

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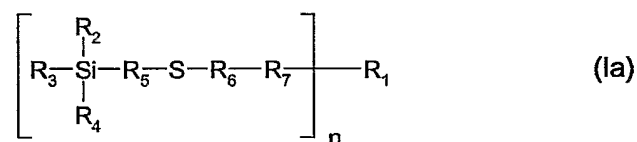
The resultant elastomers may be used in a wide variety of forms, e.g. ribbons, moulding compositions, profiles, conveyor belts or tires (pneumatic).

The present invention further provides a process for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler to elastomer compositions reinforced by a white filler, which comprises incorporating into the elastomer at least one component (c) and then vulcanizing the composition.

A further embodiment of the present invention is the use of component (b) as coupling agent for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler with an elastomer.

The preferred compounds of the formula I [component (c)] for the process and use listed above are the same as those for the compositions of the invention.

The present invention further provides novel compounds of the formula Ia

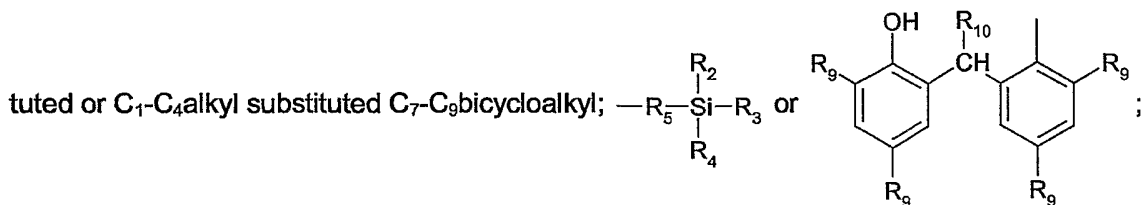


wherein, when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl,

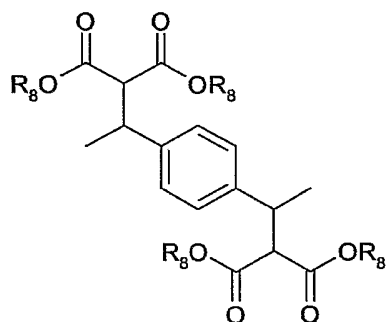
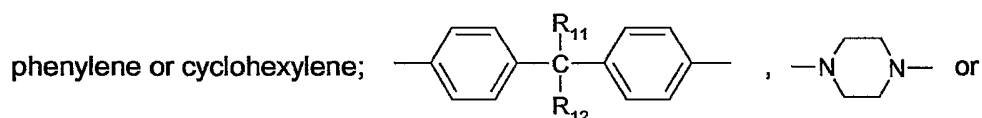
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C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₇-C₁₂phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl; —R₅—Si(R₂)(R₃)(R₄)— or

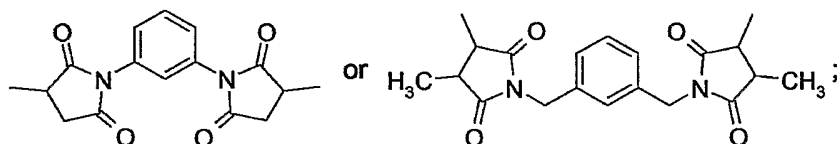


when n is 2,

R₁ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; C₂-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₂-C₂₅alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur,



; or when R₆ and R₇ are a direct bond, R₁ is



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkoxy, C₃-C₂₅alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₂₅alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₂₅alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₂₅alkoxy, C₃-C₂₅alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₂₅alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₂₅alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

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R₅ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₂₅alkylene; or C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}\text{—}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}\text{—}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, C₂-C₂₅alkinyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R₉ is C₁-C₅alkyl,

R₁₀ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C₅-C₈-cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C₁-C₄alkyl groups,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

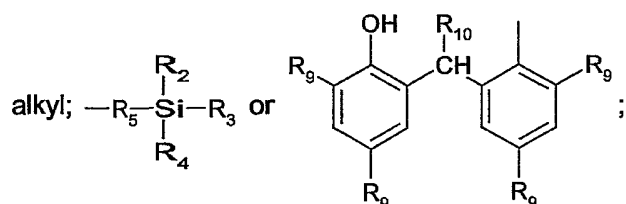
R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂alkyl,

M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

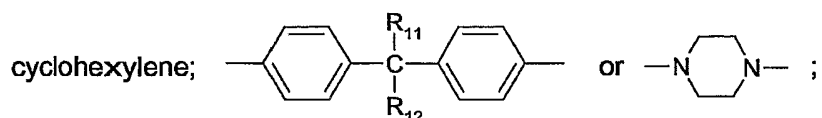
Of special interest are the compounds of the formula Ia wherein
when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₁₂alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, phenyl, C₇-C₁₀phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicyclo-



when n is 2,

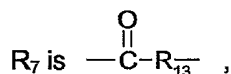
R₁ is C₁-C₁₂alkylene, C₂-C₁₂alkylene substituted with methyl; C₂-C₁₂alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₁₂alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur, phenylene or



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₈alkyl, C₄-C₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, benzyl, C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₈alkylene, cyclohexylene or phenylene;

R₆ is C₁-C₈alkylene; C₁-C₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl, C₂-C₈alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;



R₈ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₁₂alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂alkinyl, benzyl or phenyl,

R₉ is is C₁-C₅alkyl,

R₁₀ is hydrogen or methyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a cyclohexylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 methyl groups,

R_{13} is oxygen or $-N(R_{14})-$,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

M is sodium or potassium, and

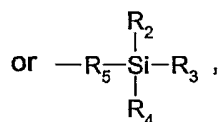
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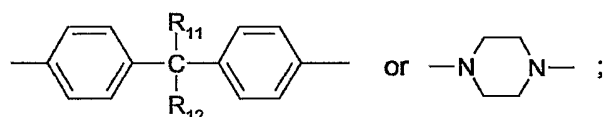
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kenyl, phenyl; C₇-C₉phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



when n is 2,

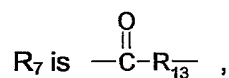
R₁ is C₂-C₆alkylene, C₂-C₄alkylene substituted with methyl; C₄-C₈alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen;



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₄alkylene,

R₆ is C₁-C₃alkylene; or C₁-C₃alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₃alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;



R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen,

M is potassium, and

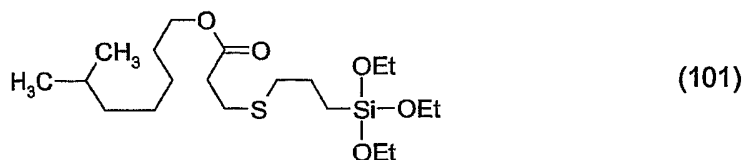
n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

The preferred meanings of the general symbols in the novel compounds of the formula Ia are the same as the preferred meanings of the general symbols set out in relation to the compositions of the invention.

The examples below further illustrate the invention. Data in parts or percentages are based on weight.

Example 1: Preparation of 3-(3-triethoxy-silanyl-propylsulfanyl)-propionic acid iso-octyl ester (compound 101).

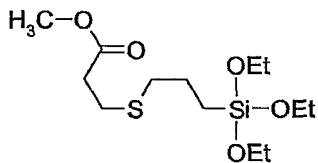
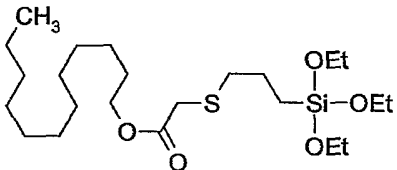
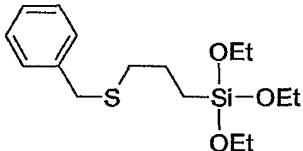
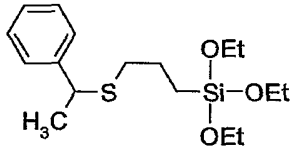
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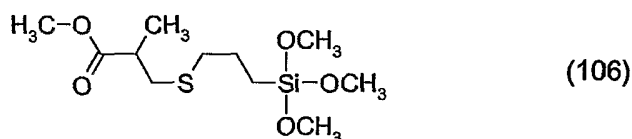
A dry reaction flask is flushed with nitrogen and charged with 7.6 g of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 0.19 mol) and washed with 50 ml of hexane. The hexane phase is carefully decanted and 150 ml of DMF is added. Then within 30 minutes 44 g (0.2 mol) of 3-mercaptopropionic acid iso-octylester (isomeric mixture, CAS 30374-01-7) is dropped at 10 - 15°C to the stirred sodium hydride suspension. After stirring at room temperature for 1.5 hours, the reaction mixture is cooled again to 10°C and 48.1 g (0.19 mol) of 3-chloropropyl-triethoxysilane is added within 5 minutes. The reaction mixture is heated to 50°C and stirring continued for 17 hours. The reaction mixture is cooled to room temperature and filtered using a glass sinter funnel. The filtrate is evaporated and the liquid residue fractionated using high vacuum. The compound 101 is obtained as clear liquid having a boiling range of 146 -155°C (0.08 mbar).

In analogy to Example 1, the following compounds 102 - 104 are obtained from the corresponding thiol. The physical datas are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1:

Compound	Formula	Physical Data
102		b.p. 105 – 110°C (0.04 mbar)
103		b.p. 167°C (0.05 mbar)
104		b.p. 111-114°C (0.05 mbar)
105		b.p. 108°C (0.05 mbar)

Example 2: Preparation of 3-(3-trimethoxy-silanyl-propylsulfanyl)-2-methyl-propionic acid methyl ester (compound 106).



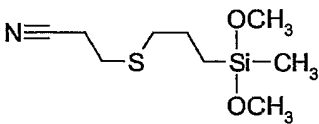
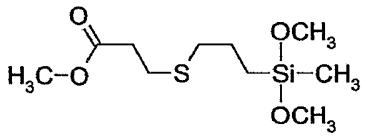
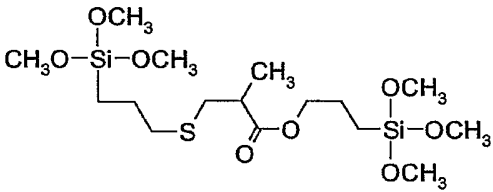
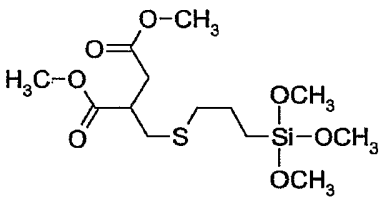
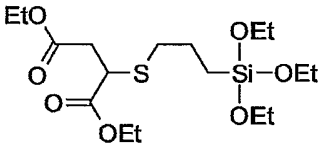
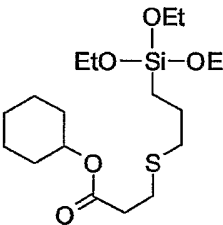
To an agitated solution of 30.4 g (0.15 mol) of 3-thiopropyl-trimethoxysilane in 60 ml of methanol is added 0.3 g of sodium methanolate. After cooling to minus 10°C, 15.1 g (0.15 mol) of methyl methacrylate is dropped within 50 minutes to the mixture. Then the cooling bath is removed and stirring is continued for 4 hours. The reaction mixture is evaporated to dryness, the residue redissolved in 50 ml of methylene chloride, filtered through a glass sin-

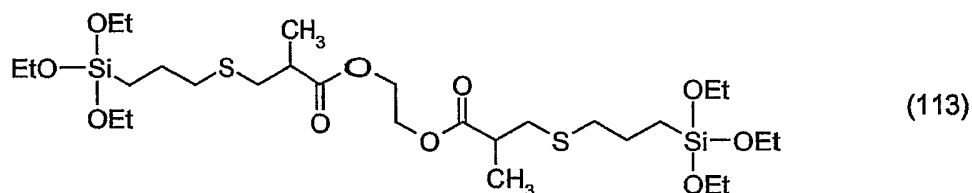
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ter funnel and the filtrate evaporated to dryness using first a rotary evaporator then secondly a high vacuum to give compound 106. ¹H-NMR: (ppm, 300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.7 – 0.8 (m, 2 H); 1.2 – 1.3 (m, 3 H); 1.6 – 1.8 (m, 2 H); 2.5 – 2.9 (m, 5 H); 3.56 (s, 9 H); 3.7 (s, 3 H).

In analogy to Example 2, the following compounds 107 - 112 were obtained from the corresponding acrylates and silanes. The physical datas are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2:

Compound	Formula	Physical Data
107		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.13 (s, 3 H); 0.6 – 0.8 (m, 2 H); 1.6 – 1.75 (m, 2 H); 2.6 – 2.7 (m, 4 H); 2.75 – 2.8 (m, 2 H); 3.5 (s, 6 H)
108		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 300 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.13 (s, 3 H); 0.65 – 0.8 (m, 2 H); 1.6 – 1.75 (m, 2 H); 2.5 – 2.65 (m, 4 H); 2.7 – 2.85 (m, 2 H); 3.5 (s, 6 H); 3.7 (s, 3 H)
109		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.6 – 0.8 (2 m, 4 H); 1.25 (d, 3 H); 1.6 – 1.8 (m, 4 H); 2.5 – 2.85 (m, 5 H); 3.57 (s, 18 H); 3.7 (s, 2 H)
110		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 300 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.7 – 0.8 (m, 2 H); 1.6 – 1.75 (m, 2 H); 2.5 – 2.95 (m, 6 H); 3 – 3.1 (m, 1 H); 3.57 (s, 9 H); 3.69 (s, 3 H); 3.72 (s, 3 H)
111		ESI-MS: m/z 410.1
112		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.7 – 0.8 (m, 2 H); 1.23 (t, 9 H); 1.3 – 1.9 (m, 12 H); 2.5 – 2.6 (m, 4 H); 2.75 – 2.8 (m, 2 H); 3.82 (q, 6 H); 4.75 – 4.85 (m, 1 H)

Example 3: Preparation of compound 113.

To a stirred solution of 36.5 g (0.15 mol) of 3-thiopropyl-triethoxysilane in 60 ml of dry ethanol under a nitrogen atmosphere 0.3 g of sodium ethanolate is added and the solution cooled to minus 15°C. Within 45 minutes 15.3 g (0.075 mol) of ethylene glycol dimethacrylate is dropped to the thiolate solution keeping the temperature at minus 10°C. The cooling bath is then removed and stirring continued for 4.5 hours. The reaction mixture is evaporated to dryness, redissolved in methylene chloride and filtered through a glass sinter funnel. The filtrate is evaporated to dryness and the residue dried in high vacuum. After drying the liquid is filtered again using a 0.45 μ m paperfilter to give compound 113 as clear liquid. ¹H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.7 – 0.8 (m, 4 H); 1.15 – 1.3 (m, 24 H); 1.65 – 1.75 (m, 4 H); 2.5 – 2.9 (m, 10 H); 3.82 (q, 12 H); 4.1 – 4.4 (m, 4 H).

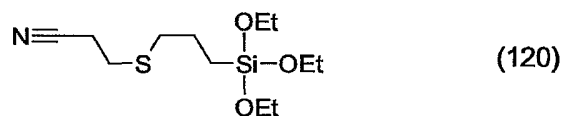
In analogy to Example 3 the following compounds 114 - 119 were obtained from the corresponding diacrylates or dimethacrylates. The physical datas are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3:

Compound	Formula	Physical Data
114		liquid ¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.7 – 0.8 (m, 4 H); 1.15 – 1.75 (m, 30 H); 2.5 – 2.65 (m, 8 H); 2.75 – 2.8 (m, 4 H); 3.6 – 3.85 (m, 12 H); 4.05 – 4.2 (m, 4 H)
115		viscous liquid ¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.65 – 0.8 (m, 4 H); 1.05 – 1.35 (m, 24 H); 1.6 – 1.75 (m, 4 H); 2.5 – 2.85 (m, 10 H); 3.55 – 4.3 (m, 28 H)
116		¹ H-NMR: (ppm, 400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.7 – 0.75 (m, 4 H); 1.23 (t, 18 H); 1.6 – 1.8 (m, 8 H); 2.54 – 2.65 (m, 8 H); 2.75 – 2.8 (m, 4 H); 3.82 (q, 12 H); 4.1 – 4.2 (m, 4 H)
117		ESI-MS: m/z 702

Table 3: (continued)

Compound	Formula	Physical Data
118		ESI-MS: m/z 718.2
119		ESI-MS: m/z 558.22

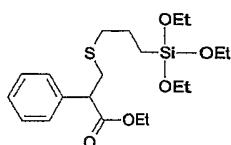
Example 4: Preparation of compound 120.

To a suspension of 110 mg (1.00 mmol) of potassium tert-butanolate in 50 ml of dry toluene is added dropwise under nitrogen at 0°C 23.8 (100 mmol) of 3-mercapto-propyltriethoxy-silane. The reaction mixture is stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then 6.4 g (120 mmol) of acrylonitrile is added dropwise. The reaction mixture is stirred for 12 hours and then evaporated to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator. The residue is redissolved in 20 ml of methylene chloride and filtrate through a glass sinter funnel. The filtrate is evaporated using a vacuum rotary evaporator to afford 24.3 g (83 %) of compound 120, yellow liquid. ¹H-NMR (¹H 400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.82 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂, 6H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, CN-CH₂,

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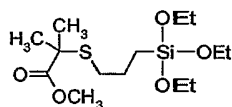
2H), 2.70-2.55 (m, CH₂-S-CH₂, 4H), 1.75-1.65 (m, Si-CH₂-CH₂, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.80-0.70 (m, Si-CH₂, 2H).

In analogy to Example 4 the following compounds 121 - 123 were obtained from the corresponding acrylates or substituted acrylates.



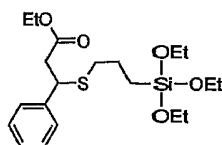
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¹H-NMR (¹H 400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35-7.20 (m, 5 arom. H), 4.25-4.05 (m, CO₂CH₂, 2H), 3.85-3.70 (m, Ph-CH + SiOCH₂, 7H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 9.2 Hz, S-CHH, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, S-CHH, 1H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, Si-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂, 2H), 1.75-1.62 (m, Si-CH₂-CH₂, 2H), 1.30-1.10 (m, OCH₂CH₃ + SiOCH₂CH₃, 12H), 0.75-0.65 (m, Si-CH₂, 2H). GC-MS (CI): 414 (M⁺). Colourless liquid (b.p. 80°C/0.9 mbar) [compound 121].



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¹H-NMR (¹H 300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CO₂CH₂, 2H), 3.81 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, SiOCH₂, 6H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, S-CH₂, 2H), 1.73-1.58 (m, S-CH₂-CH₂, 2H), 1.50 (s, CH₃, 6H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CO₂CH₂CH₃, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, SiOCH₂CH₃, 9H), 0.75-0.65 (m, Si-CH₂, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 174.6 (s), 61.4 (t), 58.9 (t), 47.1 (s), 33.1 (t), 26.1 (q), 23.5 (t), 18.6 (q), 14.5 (q), 10.6 (t). Colourless liquid (b.p. 110 °C/0.02 mbar) [compound 122].



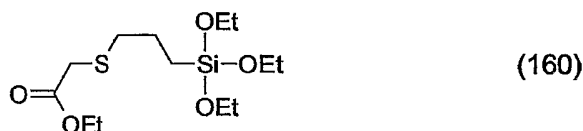
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¹H-NMR (¹H 300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35-7.20 (m, 5 arom. H), 4.30-4.20 (m, Ph-CH, 1H), 4.10-4.00 (m, CO₂CH₂CH₃, 2H), 3.85-3.70 (m, SiOCH₂, 6H), 2.93-2.78 (m, Ph-CH-CH₂, 2H), 2.43-

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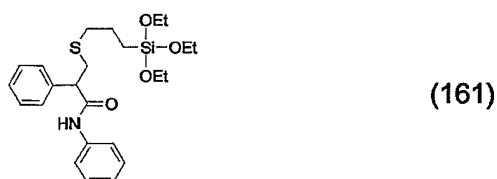
2.28 (m, S-CH₂, 2H), 1.70-1.50 (m, S-CH₂-CH₂, 2H), 1.25-1.10 (m, SiOCH₂CH₃ + CO₂CH₂CH₃, 12H), 0.75-0.55 (m, Si-CH₂, 2H). Yellow liquid [compound 123].

Example 5: Preparation of compound 160.



To a solution of 4.20 g (62.0 mmol) of sodium ethanolate in 70 ml of ethanol is added dropwise under nitrogen at 0°C 15.6 g (62 mmol) of 3-mercapto-propyltriethoxysilane. The reaction mixture is stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then 10.6 g (62 mmol) of ethyl bromoacetate is added dropwise. The reaction mixture is stirred for 2 hours and the suspension is filtered off through a glass microfiber paper. The filtrate is evaporated to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator. The residue is purified by distillation under vacuum to afford 14.4 g (72 %) of compound 160, colourless liquid. ¹H-NMR (¹H 300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CO₂CH₂, 2H); 3.73 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, SiOCH₂, 6H); 3.11 (s, COCH₂S, 2H); 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, SCH₂, 2H); 1.70-1.55 (m, SiCH₂CH₂, 2H); 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CO₂CH₂CH₃, 3H); 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃, 9H); 0.70-0.55 (m, SiCH₂, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.78 (s); 61.43 (t); 58.64 (t); 35.90 (t); 33.80 (t); 22.95 (t); 18.56 (q); 14.43 (q); 10.10 (t).

Example 6: Preparation of compound 161.



To a suspension of 12 mg (0.11 mmol) of potassium *t*-butanolate in 10 ml of dry toluene is added dropwise under nitrogen at 0°C 2.71 g (10.8 mmol) of 3-mercapto-propyltriethoxysilane. The reaction mixture is stirred for 30 min at room temperature, then 2.41 g (10.8 mmol) of 2, *N*-diphenylacrylamide dissolved in 100 ml of dry toluene is added dropwise. The reaction mixture is stirred for 12 hours and then evaporated to dryness using a vacuum

rotary evaporator. The residue is redissolved in methylene chloride (20 ml) and the organic phase is washed with water, brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered off and evaporated to dryness using a vacuum rotary evaporator to afford 4.35 g (87 %) of compound 161, white solid, m.p. 38-43°C. ¹H-NMR (¹H 300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71 (br s, NH, 1H); 7.55-7.00 (m, 10 arom. H); 3.90-3.70 (m, SiOCH₂ + PhCH, 7H); 3.45-3.35 (m, PhCHCHH, 1H); 2.95-2.85 (m, PhCHCHH, 1H); 2.70-2.45 (m, SCH₂, 2H); 1.80-1.65 (m, SiCH₂CH₂, 2H); 1.30-1.15 (m, OCH₂CH₃, 9H); 0.90-0.60 (m, SiCH₂, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.84 (s); 139.05 (s); 138.25 (s); 129.37 (d); 129.27 (d); 128.33 (d); 128.23 (d); 124.73 (d); 120.39 (d); 58.85 (t); 55.45 (d); 36.57 (t); 36.10 (t); 23.57 (s); 18.71 (q); 9.96 (t).

Example 7: Coupling of silica in a styrene-butadiene rubber.

A basic compound containing 100 parts of SSBR [SSBR Nipol NS 210 (RTM); styrene-butadiene rubber from Nippon Zeon/Japan], 2.5 parts of ZnO and 1.5 parts of stearic acid is mixed on an open two roll mill at 60°C. The incorporation of the coupling agent according to Table 4 and the coupling reaction with 35 parts of silica silica [Ultrasil VN3 (RTM) from Degussa] is conducted in a Brabender laboratory mixer with cam blades at 145°C. The torque at the cam blades and the stock temperature is recorded continuously. The curing system is subsequently added on the two roll mill at 60°C. The Rheometer curves are measured at 150°C. Rubber samples for testing are compression molded to T95 of the Rheometer curve at 150°C. In order to assess the coupling effect the following test have been conducted: Tensile test with ISO S 2 dumb-bells (DIN 53 504). Heat build up (Goodrich flexometer) according to ASTM D 623; and Compression set (recovered height) according to DIN 53 517.

The elongation at break and the modulus 100 of the tensile test, the sample temperature after the Flexometer test and the recovered height are indications for coupling efficiency. The recorded torque during the Brabender mixing procedure and the TS2 value of the Rheometer curve indicates the scorch resistance of a coupling agent. The compounds of the formula I fulfil the high criteria as coupling agents for silica in a styrene-butadiene rubber. The results are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4:

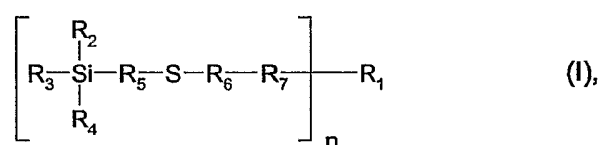
Example	Coupling agent	Maximum torque (Nm) at 155°C/15 min./40 rpm
7a ^{a)}	none	33.4
7b ^{b)}	6 % compound 111	10.5
7c ^{b)}	5.5 % compound 122	14.3
7c ^{b)}	5 % compound 160	19.6

a) Comparison Example.

b) Example according to the invention.

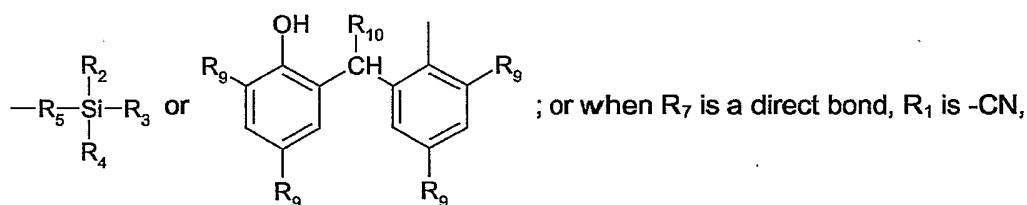
What is claimed is:**1. A composition comprising**

- a) a naturally occurring or synthetic elastomer susceptible to oxidative, thermal, dynamic, light-induced and/or ozone-induced degradation,
- b) a white reinforcing filler, and
- c) as coupling agent, at least one compound of the formula I



wherein, when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄di-alkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₇-C₁₂phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



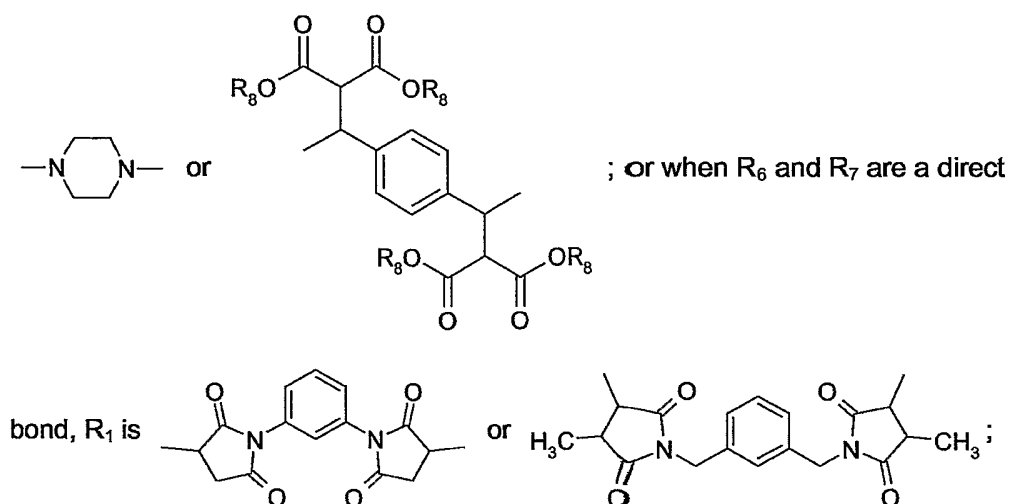
-SOR₈, -SO₂R₈, -NO₂ or -COR₈,

when n is 2,

R₁ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; C₂-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₂-C₂₅alkylene interrupted by



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R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are each independently of the others C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, halogen, C_2 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R_2 , R_3 or R_4 is C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkoxy, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, halogen, C_2 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

R_5 is C_1 - C_{25} alkylene, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted phenylene;

R_6 is a direct bond, C_1 - C_{25} alkylene; or C_1 - C_{25} alkylene substituted with C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R_7 is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R_7 is a direct bond and

n is 1, R_6 is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R_7 is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}$, R_6 is not a direct bond;

R_8 is C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkinyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R_9 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl,

R_{10} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

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R_{11} and R_{12} are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF_3 , C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or phenyl, or R_{11} and R_{12} , together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C_5 - C_8 cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C_1 - C_4 alkyl groups,

R_{13} is oxygen or $-N(R_{14})-$,

R_{14} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl,

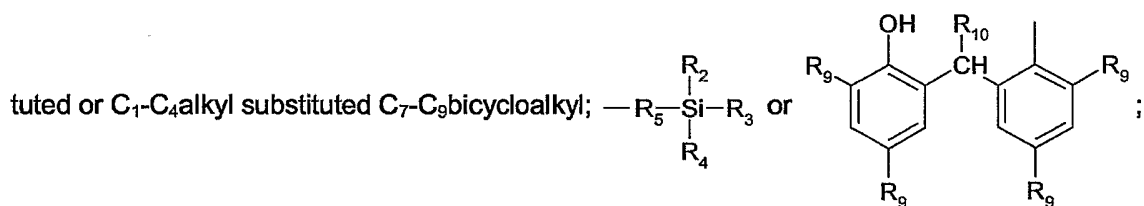
M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula I.

2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein

when n is 1,

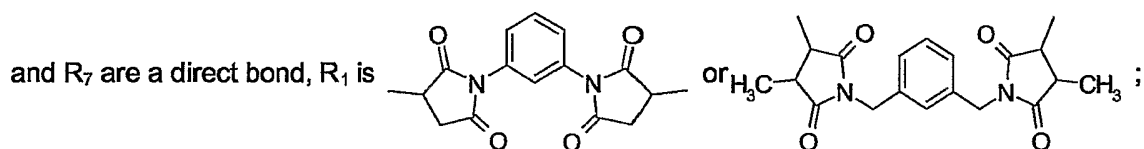
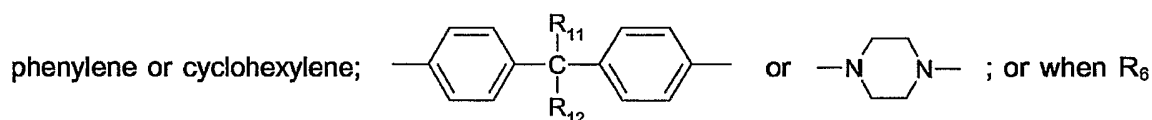
R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C_1 - C_4 dialkylamino, C_1 - C_4 trialkylammonium or $M^+ \cdot O_3S^-$; C_2 - C_{18} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{18} alkenyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; C_7 - C_{10} phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted C_7 - C_9 bicycloalkyl;



or when R_7 is a direct bond, R_1 is $-CN$, $-SOR_8$, $-SO_2R_8$, $-NO_2$ or $-COR_8$,

when n is 2,

R_1 is C_1 - C_{18} alkylene, C_1 - C_{18} alkylene substituted with C_1 - C_4 alkyl; C_2 - C_{18} alkylene substituted with C_1 - C_4 alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C_2 - C_{18} alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur,



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R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, C₃-C₁₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₁₈alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₁₈alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, C₃-C₁₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₁₈alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₁₈alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₁-C₁₈alkylene, C₅-C₈cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₁₈alkylene; or C₁-C₁₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}_{13}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₈cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkenyl, C₂-C₁₈alkinyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R₉ is C₁-C₈alkyl,

R₁₀ is hydrogen or methyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₈alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C₁-C₄alkyl groups,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and

n is 1 or 2.

3. A composition according to claim 1, wherein R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy.

4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein R₅ is C₂-C₄alkylene.

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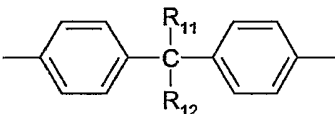
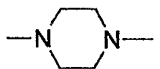
5. A composition according to claim 1, wherein
when n is 1,

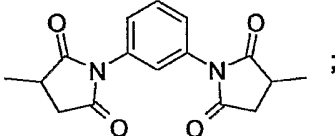
R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₁₂alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₁₂alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₄-C₁₂alkenyl, phenyl, C₇-C₁₀phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloal-

kyl; $\begin{array}{c} R_2 \\ | \\ -R_5-Si-R_3 \\ | \\ R_4 \end{array}$, or when R₇ is a direct bond, R₁ is -CN, -SOR₈ or -SO₂R₈;

when n is 2,

R₁ is C₂-C₁₂alkylene, C₂-C₁₂alkylene substituted with methyl; C₂-C₁₂alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₁₂alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur, phenylene or

cyclohexylene;  or ; or when R₆ and R₇ are a

direct bond, R₁ is ;

R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₈alkyl, C₄-C₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₂-C₁₂alkenyl, benzyl, C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₈alkoxy, C₃-C₈alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₁₂alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, bromo, C₂-C₈alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₈alkylene, cyclohexylene or phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₈alkylene; or C₁-C₈alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl, C₂-C₈alkoxy-carbonyl or phenyl;

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R_7 is a direct bond or $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—}R_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R_7 is a direct bond and n is 1,

R_6 is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R_7 is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—}R_{13}$, R_6 is not a direct bond;

R_8 is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkinyl, benzyl or phenyl,

R_{11} and R_{12} are each independently of the other hydrogen or C_1 - C_8 alkyl, or R_{11} and R_{12} , together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a cyclohexylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 methyl groups,

R_{13} is oxygen or $\text{—}N(R_{14})\text{—}$,

R_{14} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

M is sodium or potassium, and

n is 1 or 2.

6. A composition according to claim 1, wherein

when n is 1,

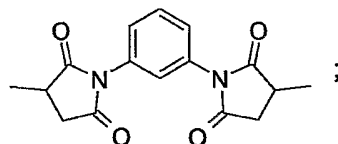
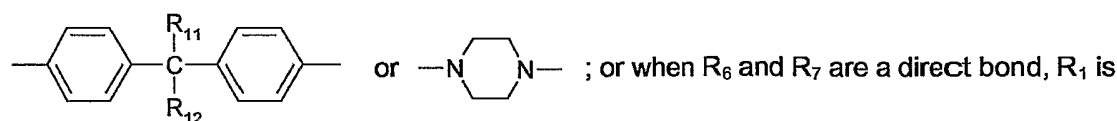
R_1 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C_1 - C_4 dialkylamino, C_1 - C_4 trialkylammonium or $M^+ \text{—}O_3S\text{—}$; C_2 - C_8 alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C_4 - C_{10} alkenyl, phenyl, C_7 - C_{10} phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted C_7 - C_9 bicycloalkyl;

$\text{—}R_5\text{—}\overset{\text{R}_2}{\underset{\text{R}_4}{\underset{|}{\text{Si}}}}\text{—}R_3$, or when R_7 is a direct bond, R_1 is $\text{—}CN$, $\text{—}SOR_8$ or $\text{—}SO_2R_8$;

when n is 2,

R_1 is C_2 - C_8 alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkylene substituted with methyl; C_2 - C_{10} alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C_4 - C_{12} alkylene interrupted by oxygen or sulfur;

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R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl, cyclohexyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, benzyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₆alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, C₂-C₄alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy, cyclohexyloxy, C₂-C₆alkenyloxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy, chloro, C₂-C₄alkanoyloxy or benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₆alkylene or cyclohexylene,

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₆alkylene; or C₁-C₆alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₆alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or , with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is , R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₈alkyl or C₂-C₁₂alkenyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or methyl,

M is sodium or potassium, and

n is 1 or 2.

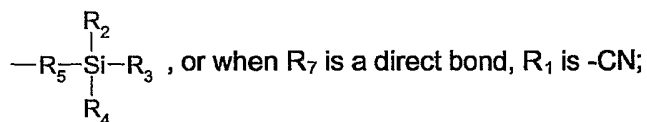
7. A composition according to claim 1, wherein

when n is 1,

R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₆alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₄-C₁₀al-

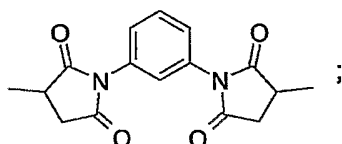
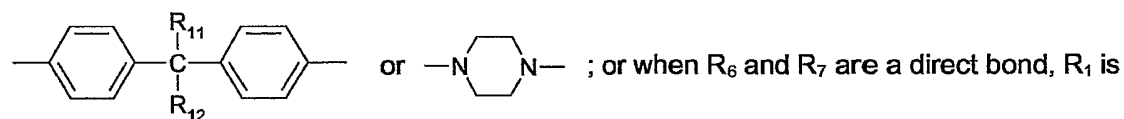
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kenyl, phenyl; C₇-C₉phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



when n is 2,

R₁ is C₂-C₆alkylene, C₂-C₄alkylene substituted with methyl; C₄-C₆alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen;



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₄alkylene,

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₃alkylene; or C₁-C₃alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₃alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{---} \overset{\text{O}}{\parallel} \text{C} \text{---} \text{R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{---} \overset{\text{O}}{\parallel} \text{C} \text{---} \text{R}_{13}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

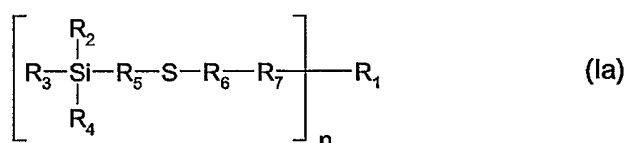
R₁₄ is hydrogen,

M is potassium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

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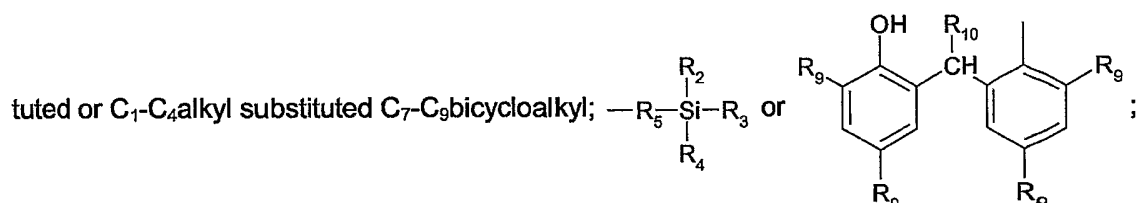
8. A composition according to claim 1, in which component a) is a natural or synthetic rubber or vulcanizate prepared therefrom.
9. A composition according to claim 1, in which component a) is a polydiene vulcanizate, a halogen-containing polydiene vulcanizate, a polydiene copolymer vulcanizate or an ethylene-propylene terpolymer vulcanizate.
10. A composition according to claim 1, wherein component (b) is silica or alumina, or a mixture of silica and alumina.
11. A composition according to claim 1, wherein component (b) is present in an amount of 1 to 40% based on the weight of component (a).
12. A composition according to claim 1, wherein component (c) is present in an amount of 0.01 to 10% based on the weight of component (a).
13. A composition according to claim 1, comprising in addition, besides components (a) and (b), further additives.
14. A composition according to claim 13, comprising as further additives, one or more components selected from the group consisting of pigments, dyes, levelling assistants, dispersants, plasticizers, vulcanization activators, vulcanization accelerators, vulcanizers, charge control agents, adhesion promoters, antioxidants and light stabilizers.
15. A composition according to claim 13, comprising, as further additives, phenolic antioxidants, aminic antioxidants, organic phosphites or phosphonites and/or thio-synergists.
16. A compound of the formula Ia



wherein, when n is 1,

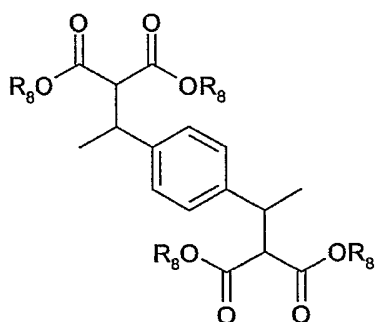
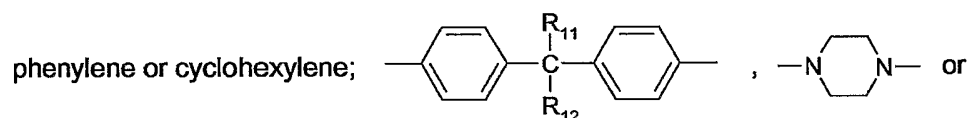
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R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ ⁻O₃S⁻; C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₇-C₁₂phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl; —R₅—Si(R₂)(R₃)(R₄)— or

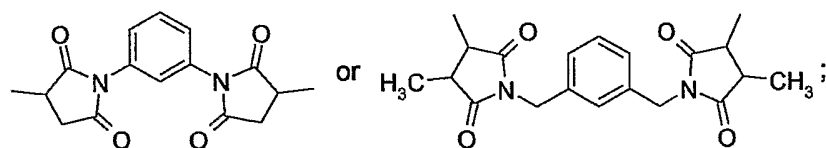


when n is 2,

R₁ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl; C₂-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₂-C₂₅alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur,



; or when R₆ and R₇ are a direct bond, R₁ is



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₁-C₂₅alkoxy, C₃-C₂₅alkoxy interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₂₅alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₂₅alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₂₅alkoxy, C₃-C₂₅alkoxy interrupted by oxygen;

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C₅-C₁₂cycloalkoxy, C₂-C₂₅alkenyloxy, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, halogen, C₂-C₂₅alkanoyloxy or unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted benzoyloxy;

R₅ is C₁-C₂₅alkylene, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted phenylene;

R₆ is a direct bond, C₁-C₂₅alkylene; or C₁-C₂₅alkylene substituted with C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is a direct bond or $\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C---R}_{13}$, with the proviso that, when R₇ is a direct bond and n is 1,

R₆ is not a direct bond; and with the proviso that, when R₇ is $\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C---R}_{13}$, R₆ is not a direct bond;

R₈ is C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl interrupted by oxygen; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkenyl, C₂-C₂₅alkinyl, C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R₉ is C₁-C₅alkyl,

R₁₀ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₁ and R₁₂, together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a C₅-C₈-cycloalkylidene ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by from 1 to 3 C₁-C₄alkyl groups,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂alkyl,

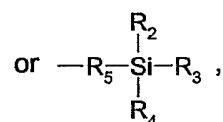
M is sodium, potassium or ammonium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

17. A compound according to claim 16, wherein

when n is 1,

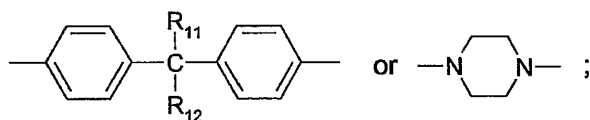
R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with furyl, morpholine, C₁-C₄dialkylamino, C₁-C₄trialkylammonium or M⁺ O₃S⁻; C₂-C₆alkyl interrupted by oxygen; cyclohexyl, C₄-C₁₀alkenyl, phenyl; C₇-C₉phenoxyalkyl, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted C₇-C₉bicycloalkyl;



when n is 2,

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R₁ is C₂-C₆alkylene, C₂-C₄alkylene substituted with methyl; C₄-C₈alkylene substituted with methyl and interrupted by oxygen; C₄-C₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen;



R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the others C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; with the proviso that at least one of R₂, R₃ or R₄ is C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R₅ is C₂-C₄alkylene,

R₆ is C₁-C₃alkylene; or C₁-C₃alkylene substituted with methyl, C₂-C₃alkoxycarbonyl or phenyl;

R₇ is $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}_{13}\text{—}$,

R₁₁ and R₁₂ are each independently of the other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₁₃ is oxygen or -N(R₁₄)-,

R₁₄ is hydrogen,

M is potassium, and

n is 1 or 2; or an oligomeric hydrolysis product of the compound of the formula Ia.

18. A process for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler to elastomer compositions reinforced by a white filler, which comprises incorporating into the elastomer at least one component (c) according to claim 1 and then vulcanizing the composition.

19. The use of component (c) according to claim 1 as coupling agent for ensuring the coupling of a white reinforcing filler with an elastomer.

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