

Title (en)  
LIMESCALE REMOVING COMPOSITION

Title (de)  
ZUSAMMENSETZUNG ZUM ENTFERNEN VON KESSELSTEIN

Title (fr)  
COMPOSITION PERMETTANT D'ENLEVER DES DEPOTS CALCAIRES

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9514756A1] The invention provides limescale-removing compositions of pH 1-4, comprising maleic acid, a nonionic surfactant, an anionic surfactant, a perfume and an alpha-hydroxy carboxylic acid (preferably citric acid). It is believed that the combination of alpha-hydroxy carboxylic acid with maleic acid is less toxic and less prone to decomposition than an equivalent amount of maleic acid, i.e. an amount which provides comparable limescale-removing performance. However, it is also believed that the alpha-hydroxy carboxylic acid interacts with the nonionic surfactant to destabilise the product in the absence of the anionic surfactant. Thus, there is believed to a synergistic interaction between the components which provides a stable and effective composition containing the alpha-hydroxy fatty acid as a partial replacer for the maleic acid.

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