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## 54 Laundering agent.

57 A laundering agent is provided which contains active detergent, builders, a combination of polyphosphate with zeolite as sequestering agent and, if desired, further usual additives, wherein the sequestering effect of the polyphosphate-zeolite combination ist enhanced by an ethercarboxylic acid of the formula

RO-(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>x</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>COOM or R-CO-NH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>x</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>COOM,

wherein R is the residue of an aliphatic or alkyl aromatic hydrocarbon having at least 8 carbon atoms, x is a number having an average value of 0.5-20 and M is hydrogen or a cation permissible in laundering agents, said polyether carboxylic acid being present in an amount of 0.3-10%, preferably 0.3-5%, based on the entire composition.



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