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(54) **Bleaching composition.**

(57) A stable and highly effective bleaching composition comprising (a) from 10% to 90%, preferably from 30% to 85% by weight of sodium percarbonate; (b) from 4% to 40%, preferably from 5% to 30% by weight of a bleach activator; and (c) from 5% to 85%, preferably from 10% to 70% by weight of an alkali metal bicarbonate, sesquicarbonate or dihydrogen orthophosphate, is disclosed. The composition can be used for admixing with a detergent composition or, preferably, for use as a bleach additive. Preferred compositions contain sodium bicarbonate and tetraacetyl ethylene diamine.

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