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(54) **Extremely stable diesel fuel compositions**

(57) Diesel fuel compositions that are extremely stable against thermal degradation, sedimentation and discoloration are devoid or essentially devoid of certain heteroatomic compounds often present in diesel fuel and which have been discovered to cause the thermal degradation in the presence of nitrate-based cetane im-

prover additives. The specific deleterious heteroatomic compounds include pyrroles, indoles, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, thioacids, sulfonic acids, and indolines.

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