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(54) **Magnetorheological Fluid (MRF)**

(57) Magnetorheological fluid composed of magnetic particles dispersed in a liquid phase which comprises a base oil, a viscosity modifier, and a stabilizing agent.
Particularly the viscosity modifier is a styrene-fuma-

rate copolymer and the stabilizing agent is aluminium stearate.

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1. claims: 2-7,20-22

Magnetorheological fluid comprising magnetic particles, an oil, a stabiliser and a viscosity modifier, said viscosity modifier is further detailed. Method and use of said magnetorheological fluid.

2. claims: 8-10,20-22

Magnetorheological fluid comprising magnetic particles, an oil, a stabiliser and a viscosity modifier, said stabiliser is further detailed. Method and use of said magnetorheological fluid.

3. claims: 11-12,20-22

Magnetorheological fluid comprising magnetic particles, an oil, a stabiliser and a viscosity modifier, said oil is further detailed. Method and use of said magnetorheological fluid.

4. claims: 13-15,20-22

Magnetorheological fluid comprising magnetic particles, an oil, a stabiliser and a viscosity modifier, plus a further additive, e.g. an antioxidant. Method and use of said magnetorheological fluid.

5. claims: 16-22

Magnetorheological fluid comprising magnetic particles, an oil, a stabiliser and a viscosity modifier, said magnetic particles are further detailed. Method and use of said magnetorheological fluid.

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