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(57) Abstract: A stain resistant coating composition can include: (a) a polyester polyol; (b) a silicone component having at least one reactive functional group; and (c) a crosslinker reactive with (a) and (b). The polyester polyol can include a reaction product obtained from a mixture of reactants including: an aliphatic diol; a polyol having 3 or more hydroxyl groups; and an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or an anhydride or ester thereof, that is greater than 10 mole % of the total carboxylic acids, or anhydrides or esters thereof, used to prepare the polyester.



STAIN RESISTANT COATING COMPOSITIONS AND COATINGS FORMED THEREFROM

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No. 62/172,827, filed June 9, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to coating compositions that can provide good stain resistance and soft touch properties, coatings formed from these coating compositions, and substrates at least partially coated with such coatings.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Coatings applied to consumer electronic devices such as cellular phones, portable notebooks, laptops, and the like are often designed to have a soft touch or feel. However, these soft touch coatings often exhibit poor stain resistance. As a result, most soft touch coatings are typically restricted to application on black or other dark substrates. Various attempts have been made to improve the stain resistance of soft touch coatings to expand their application to white and other light colored substrates. However, improvement of stain resistance is often accompanied by a deterioration of the soft touch properties. As such, it is desirable to provide coatings that exhibit a combination of good stain resistance and soft touch properties.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention is directed to a coating composition that includes: (a) a polyester polyol; (b) a silicone component having at least one reactive functional group; and (c) a crosslinker reactive with (a) and (b). The polyester polyol includes a reaction product obtained from a mixture of reactants including: an aliphatic diol; a polyol having 3 or more hydroxyl groups; and an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or anhydride or ester thereof, that comprises greater than 10 mole % of the total carboxylic acids, or anhydrides or esters thereof, used to prepare the polyester.

[0005] The present invention also includes substrates, electronic devices, and electronic components at least partially coated with the coating compositions described herein.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0006] For purposes of the following detailed description, it is to be understood that the invention may assume various alternative variations and step sequences, except where expressly specified to the contrary. Moreover, other than in any operating examples, or where otherwise indicated, all numbers expressing, for example, quantities of ingredients used in the specification and claims are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term “about”. Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical parameters set forth in the following specification and attached claims are approximations that may vary depending upon the desired properties to be obtained by the present invention. At the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should at least be construed in light of the number of reported significant digits and by applying ordinary rounding techniques.

[0007] Notwithstanding that the numerical ranges and parameters setting forth the broad scope of the invention are approximations, the numerical values set forth in the specific examples are reported as precisely as possible. Any numerical value, however, inherently contains certain errors necessarily resulting from the standard variation found in their respective testing measurements.

[0008] Also, it should be understood that any numerical range recited herein is intended to include all sub-ranges subsumed therein. For example, a range of “1 to 10” is intended to include all sub-ranges between (and including) the recited minimum value of 1 and the recited maximum value of 10, that is, having a minimum value equal to or greater than 1 and a maximum value of equal to or less than 10.

[0009] In this application, the use of the singular includes the plural and plural encompasses singular, unless specifically stated otherwise. In addition, in this application, the use of “or” means “and/or” unless specifically stated otherwise, even though “and/or” may be explicitly used in certain instances. Further, in this application, the use of “a” or “an” means “at least one” unless specifically stated otherwise. For example, “a” polyester polyol, “a” silicone component, “a” crosslinker, and the like refer to one or more of any of these items.

[0010] As indicated, the present invention is directed to a coating composition that includes a polyester polyol. The polyester polyol can comprise a reaction product obtained from a mixture of reactants including, but not limited to, an aliphatic diol, a

polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups, and an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid such as an aliphatic cyclic diacid.

[0011] As used herein, a “polyol” refers to a compound comprising two or more hydroxyl groups, and a “diol” refers to a compound having only two hydroxyl groups. The term “aliphatic” refers to non-aromatic straight, branched, or cyclic hydrocarbon structures that contain saturated carbon bonds. The saturated carbon chain or chains of the aliphatic structures can also comprise and be interrupted by other elements including, but not limited to, oxygen, nitrogen, carbonyl groups, and combinations thereof. Thus, the saturated carbon chains of the aliphatic structures can comprise, but are not limited to, ether groups, ester groups, and combinations thereof. The term “aliphatic” also includes “alicyclic” compounds which refer to aliphatic compounds having a closed ring structure.

[0012] Further, the term “linear” refers to a compound having a straight hydrocarbon chain, the term “branched” refers to a compound having a hydrocarbon chain with a hydrogen replaced by a substituent such as an alkyl group that branches or extends out from a straight chain, and the term “cyclic” refers to a closed ring structure. The term “polycarboxylic acid” refers to a compound comprising two or more carboxylic acid groups or the ester, such as the methyl ester or ethyl ester, or anhydride of the acid. The term “cyclic polycarboxylic acid” refers to a component comprising at least one closed ring structure, such as a carbocycle, with two or more carboxylic acid groups or the ester or anhydride of the acid.

[0013] The aliphatic diol used to prepare the polyester polyol can comprise one or more aliphatic diols, such as at least two, at least three, or at least four aliphatic diols. For example, the mixture of reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol can comprise two different aliphatic diols. The aliphatic diols can be linear, branched, and/or cyclic. For instance, the mixture of reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol can include one or more, such as at least two, branched aliphatic diols that comprise at least 50 mole %, at least 60 mole %, at least 70 mole %, at least 80 mole %, at least 90 mole %, or at least 95 mole % of the total amount of diols used to prepare the polyester polyol. The mixture of reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol can include one or more, such as at least two, branched aliphatic diols that comprise up to 98 mole % or up to 100 mole % of the total amount of diols used to prepare the polyester polyol. It is appreciated that the reactants can be free of certain aliphatic diols, such as cyclic aliphatic diols for example.

[0014] The aliphatic diols can include various types of diols including aliphatic ester glycols for example. Non-limiting examples of suitable aliphatic diols include ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, 1,2-propylene glycol, 1,3-propane diol, 2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, 1,4-butane diol, 1,5-pentanediol, 2,2,4-trimethyl 1,3-pentanediol, 2,4-diethyl-1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexane diol, 2-ethyl-1,3-hexanediol, neopentyl glycol, propylene glycol, tetraethylene glycol, pentaethylene glycol, hexaethylene glycol, heptaethylene glycol, octaethylene glycol, nonaethylene glycol, decaethylene glycol, 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropanoate (also known as hydroxypivalyl hydroxypivalate glycol or HPHP glycol), 1,2-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,3-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, hydrogenated bisphenol A, and combinations thereof.

[0015] The aliphatic diol can comprise at least 10 weight %, at least 15 weight %, at least 20 weight %, or at least 25 weight %, based on the total weight of the reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol. The aliphatic diol can comprise up to 60 weight %, up to 50 weight %, up to 40 weight %, or up to 35 weight % based on the total weight of the reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol. The aliphatic diol can also comprise a range such as from 10 weight % to 60 weight %, from 15 weight % to 40 weight %, or from 25 weight % to 35 weight %, based on the total weight of the reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol.

[0016] The polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups can include various types of polyols such as aliphatic, aromatic, linear, branched, and/or cyclic polyols comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups. Non-limiting examples suitable polyols comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups include trimethylolpropane, glycerine, trimethylolethane, 1,2,5-hexanetriol, polyether triols, di-trimethylol propane, pentaerythritol, di-pentaerythritol, trimethylol butane, glycerol, tris(2-hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, and combinations thereof.

[0017] The polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups comprises at least 20 weight %, at least 25 weight %, or at least 30 weight % based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol. The polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups can comprise up to 45 weight % or up to 40 weight %, based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol. The polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups can also comprise a range such as from 20 to 45 weight %, or from 20 to 40 weight %, or from 25 to 40 weight %, or from 30 to 40 weight %, based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol.

[0018] As noted above, the polyester polyol is prepared with a polycarboxylic acid comprising an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or the anhydride or ester thereof, such as an aliphatic cyclic diacid, or the anhydride or ester thereof, for example. The aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or the anhydride or ester thereof, can include, but is not limited to, 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, 1,3-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, decahydronaphthalene dicarboxylic acid, 1,3-cyclopentanedicarboxylic acid, 1,1-cyclopropanedicarboxylic acid, hexahydrophthalic acid, hexahydrophthalic anhydride, and combinations thereof.

[0019] The polyester polyol can also be prepared with additional acid components including, but not limited to, linear, branched, and/or aromatic acid components including the anhydrides and esters thereof. Non-limiting examples of such additional acid components, or the anhydride or ester thereof, include, but are not limited to, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, orthophthalic acid, phthalic anhydride, trimellitic acid, trimellitic anhydride, succinic acid, adipic acid, hydrogenated C₃₆ dimer fatty acids, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, glutaric acid, and combinations thereof. When such additional acid components are used, the aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or anhydride or ester thereof, comprises greater than 10 mole % such as at least 40 mole %, at least 50 mole %, at least 60 mole %, at least 70 mole %, at least 80 mole %, at least 90 mole %, at least 95 mole %, or at least 98 mole % of the total carboxylic acids used to prepare the polyester polyol including the anhydride and esters of such carboxylic acids. Alternatively, the aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid comprises 100 mole % of the total carboxylic acids used to prepare the polyester polyol including the anhydride and esters of such carboxylic acids.

[0020] The total amount of acid components used to prepare the polyester polyol can comprise at least 5 weight %, at least 10 weight %, at least 15 weight %, at least 20 weight %, at least 25 weight %, or at least 30 weight % based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol. The total amount of acid components can comprise up to 70 weight %, up to 60 weight %, up to 50 weight %, or up to 45 weight % based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol. The total amount of acid components can also comprise a range such as from 10 to 70 weight %, or from 20 to 60 weight %, or from 30 to 50 weight %, based on the total weight of the reactants used to form the polyester polyol.

[0021] The polyester polyol can also be prepared in the presence of catalysts. The catalyst may be any catalyst known in the art to be useful for the formation of

polyesters. For example, non-limiting catalysts include triphenyl phosphite, butyl stannic acid, and combinations thereof.

[0022] The mixture of reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol can be mixed together to form a molar ratio of hydroxyl group equivalents to carboxylic acid group equivalents of 1.5:1 or greater, 1.8:1 or greater, 2.0:1 or greater, 2.5:1 or greater, or 3.0:1 or greater. The reactants described above can be mixed together to form a molar ratio of hydroxyl equivalents to carboxylic acid group equivalents of up to 3.5:1. The reactants described above can also be mixed together to form a molar ratio range of hydroxyl equivalents to carboxylic acid group equivalents such as from 1.5:1 to 3.5:1, or from 1.8:1 to 3.0:1, or from 2.0:1 to 3.0:1.

[0023] The polyester polyol formed from the mixture of reactants can comprise a weight average molecular weight of less than 10,000 g/mol, less than 8,000 g/mol, less than 6,000 g/mol, or less than 5,000 g/mol, as determined by gel permeation chromatography versus a polystyrene standard with tetrahydrofuran as the mobile phase. The weight average molecular weight is determined with gel permeation chromatography relative to linear polystyrene standards of 800 to 900,000 Da with tetrahydrofuran as the eluent at a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹ using a Waters 2695 separation module with a Waters 410 differential refractometer (RI detector) and two PLgel Mixed-C (300×7.5 mm) columns for separation.

[0024] The polyester polyol prepared from the mixture of reactants described above can have a hydroxyl value of greater than 300 mg KOH/g, or at least 325 mg KOH/g, or at least 350 mg KOH/g, or at least 375 mg KOH/g, or at least 400 mg KOH/g, or at least 425 mg KOH/g, or at least 450 mg KOH/g, or at least 475 mg KOH/g, or at least 500 mg KOH/g, or at least 525 mg KOH/g. Further, the polyester polyol can include a hydroxyl value of up to and including 550 mg KOH/g. The polyester polyol can also include a hydroxyl value range such as from 300 to 550 mg KOH/g, from 350 to 525 mg KOH/g, or from 400 to 525 mg KOH/g.

[0025] The hydroxyl value of the polyester polyol is determined by esterification of the sample with excess acetic anhydride. The excess acetic anhydride is converted to acetic acid by hydrolysis and titrated potentiometrically with standard potassium hydroxide. The volume difference of titrate potassium hydroxide between a blank (no reaction) and the sample corresponds to the acid content of the sample, from which the hydroxyl number is calculated as the number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide needed to neutralize the acid in one gram of sample. The hydrolyzing solution used in

the determination is a mixture of dimethylformamide, pyridine, and distilled water, and the acetylating reagent is a mixture of acetic anhydride and dichloroethane with p-toluene sulphonic acid as the catalyst.

[0026] It was found that coatings formed from coating compositions comprising a polyester polyol as described above and which comprise a hydroxyl value of greater than 300 mg KOH/g provide good stain resistance and soft touch properties. As used herein, “soft touch coatings” refer to coatings that can impart a range of soft touch or feel, for example, a velvety touch or feel, a silky touch or feel, or a rubbery touch or feel, to a substrate.

[0027] The polyester polyol and, optionally, any of the additional components that make up the coating composition described herein can be substantially free, essentially free, or completely free of aromatic compounds or groups. As used herein, the term “aromatic” refers to a conjugated cyclic hydrocarbon structure with a stability (due to delocalization) that is significantly greater than that of a hypothetical localized structure. Further, the term “substantially free” as used in this context means the polyester polyol and, optionally, the additional components that make up the coating composition contain less than 1000 parts per million (ppm), “essentially free” means less than 100 ppm, and “completely free” means less than 20 parts per billion (ppb) of aromatic compounds or groups based on the total weight of the polyester polyol and, optionally, any of the additional components that make up the coating composition described herein.

[0028] The polyester polyol described above and, optionally, the additional components that make up the coating composition described herein can also be substantially free, essentially free, or completely free of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups. The term “substantially free” as used in this context means the polyester polyol and, optionally, the additional components that make up the coating composition contain less than 1000 parts per million (ppm), “essentially free” means less than 100 ppm, and “completely free” means less than 20 parts per billion (ppb) of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups based on the total weight of the polyester polyol and, optionally, any of the additional components that make up the coating composition described herein. As used herein, “ethylenically unsaturated” refers to a group having at least one carbon-carbon double bond. The term “polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated” refers to an ethylenically unsaturated group that participates in chemical reactions.

[0029] As indicated, the coating compositions further includes a silicone component. As used herein, a “silicone component” refers to a component such as a polymer in which at least a portion of its chemical structure comprises alternate silicon and oxygen atoms. The silicone component can comprise at least one, at least two, or at least three reactive functional groups that are reactive with at least a crosslinker. The reactive functional groups can include, but are not limited to, a hydroxyl group, thiol group, (meth)acrylate group, carboxylic acid group, amine group, epoxide group, carbamate group, amide group, urea group, isocyanate group (including blocked isocyanate group), and combinations thereof. The reactive functional groups can be bonded directly to a silicon atom.

[0030] The silicone component can include polymers with side chains comprising alternating silicon and oxygen atoms and which may include any of the reactive functional groups previously described. For example, the silicone component can comprise a silicone-modified polymer including, but not limited to, (meth)acrylate polymers, polyether polymers, polyamide polymers, polyamine polymers, and combinations thereof, and which include side chains that extend out from the backbone or main chain of such polymers and comprise alternate silicon and oxygen atoms. The reactive functional groups can be bonded directly to a silicon atom. A non-limiting example of such a silicone component is a hydroxyl-functional silicone-modified polyacrylate such as BYK®-SILCLEAN 3700 available from Byk Additives & Instruments.

[0031] Other non-limiting examples of suitable silicone components include polyalkylsiloxanes and which may include any of the reactive functional pendant and/or terminal groups previously described. For instance, the silicone components can include, but are not limited to, polymethylsiloxanes, polydimethylsiloxanes, and combinations thereof and which may include any of the reactive functional pendant and/or terminal groups.

[0032] The silicone component can comprise at least 0.05 weight %, at least 0.1 weight %, at least 0.2 weight %, or at least 1 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition, i.e. all solid components used. The silicone component can comprise up to 10 weight %, up to 8 weight %, or up to 5 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition. The silicone component can also comprise a range such as from 0.05 to 10 weight % or from 0.2 to 5 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition.

[0033] As indicated, the coating composition can also comprise a crosslinker that is reactive with at least the polyester polyol and the silicone component described above. As used herein, a “crosslinker” refers to a molecule comprising two or more functional groups that are reactive with other functional groups and which is capable of linking two or more monomers or polymer molecules through chemical bonds. It will be appreciated that the coatings of the present invention can cure through the reaction between the functional groups of the polyester polyol and silicone component and the functional groups of the crosslinkers to form a resinous binder. “Curing” refers to bond formation resulting in the formation of a crosslinked coating. Curing may occur upon application of an external stimulus including, but not limited to, heat.

[0034] Non-limiting examples of crosslinkers include phenolic resins, amino resins, epoxy resins, beta-hydroxy (alkyl) amide resins, alkylated carbamate resins, isocyanates, polyacids, anhydrides, organometallic acid-functional materials, polyamines, polyamides, aminoplasts, and mixtures thereof. As such, the crosslinkers can comprise, but are not limited to, compounds comprising isocyanate groups including blocked isocyanate groups, epoxide groups, acids groups, anhydride groups, amino groups such as primary and secondary amino groups, amide groups, aminoplast based compounds, and combinations thereof.

[0035] Non-limiting examples of isocyanates include multifunctional isocyanates (polyisocyanates) such as linear, branched, and/or cyclic polyisocyanates. The polyisocyanates can also be selected to only include certain types of polyisocyanates such as only linear and branched non-cyclic polyisocyanates for example. Examples of multifunctional polyisocyanates include aliphatic diisocyanates such as hexamethylene diisocyanate and isophorone diisocyanate, and aromatic diisocyanates such as toluene diisocyanate and 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate. The polyisocyanates can be blocked or unblocked. Examples of other suitable polyisocyanates include isocyanurate trimers, allophanates, and uretdiones of diisocyanates and polycarbodiimides such as those disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 8,389,113 at column 4, lines 10-40, which is incorporated by reference herein. The polyisocyanates can also be selected from polyisocyanates that do not include (i.e., are free of) isocyanurate trimers, allophanates, or uretdiones. Suitable polyisocyanates are well known in the art and widely available commercially. Examples of commercially available isocyanates include DESMODUR® N 3300A, DESMODUR® Z 4470BA,

DESMODUR® N 3900, and DESMODUR® N 3400, which are commercially available from Bayer Corporation.

[0036] Non-limiting examples of aminoplasts include condensates of amines and/or amides with aldehyde. The most common amines or amides are melamine, urea, or benzoguanamine. For example, the condensate of melamine with formaldehyde is a suitable aminoplast. However, condensates with other amines or amides can be used; for example, aldehyde condensates of glycoluril. While the aldehyde used is most often formaldehyde, other aldehydes such as acetaldehyde, crotonaldehyde, and benzaldehyde may be used.

[0037] The aminoplast contains methylol groups and at least a portion of these groups may be etherified with an alcohol to modify the cure response. Any monohydric alcohol may be employed for this purpose including methanol, ethanol, butanol, and hexanol. Non-limiting examples of commercially available aminoplasts that can be used include CYMEL® 303, CYMEL® 322, CYMEL® 327, CYMEL® 380, and CYMEL® 1130 (available from Cytec Industries and/or Allnex Group).

[0038] Further, the crosslinker can also be added to the coating composition such that an equivalent ratio of reactive functional groups on the crosslinker to reactive functional groups on the polyester polyol and silicone component is from 0.75:1 to 1.5:1, from 0.90:1 to 1.4:1, or from 1.05:1 to 1.25:1. For example, the crosslinker can comprise isocyanate groups and the polyester polyol and the silicone component can comprise hydroxyl groups such that a ratio of total isocyanate equivalents to total hydroxyl equivalents is from 0.75:1 to 1.5:1, from 0.90:1 to 1.4:1, or from 1.05:1 to 1.25:1.

[0039] The coating composition can also include particles to further adjust the properties of coatings formed from the compositions of the present invention. For example, particles can be added to: lower gloss; improve abrasion, rub, and/or scratch resistance; control viscosity; and/or enhance soft touch properties such as the film hardness, coefficient of friction, and surface roughness. The particles can be inorganic and/or organic particles. Non-limiting examples of suitable particles include metal hydroxides, metal oxides, silicas, pyrogenic silica, wax-treated silica, micronized wax, polyether condensate, polyamide microbeads, polyurethane microbeads, silicone microbeads, and combinations thereof. Non-limiting examples of micronized waxes include polytetrafluoroethylene wax, polytetrafluoroethylene-modified polyethylene

wax, polytetrafluoroethylene-modified polypropylene wax, carnauba wax, silicone wax, polyethylene wax, polypropylene wax, paraffinic wax, and combinations thereof.

[0040] The particles added to the coating compositions can have an average particle size of at least 0.5 micron, at least 1 micron, or at least 1.5 microns. The particles can have average particle size of up to 30 microns, up to 25 microns or up to 20 microns. The particles can also have an average particle size range such as from 0.5 micron to 30 microns, 0.5 micron to 20 microns, or from 1 micron to 20 microns. As used herein, “average particle size” refers to the mean (average) particle size of the total amount of particles in a sample as determined by laser diffraction analysis. The average particle size can be determined on a Malvern Mastersizer 2000 particle size analyzer following the instructions described in the Mastersizer 2000 manual. It was found that particles of certain sizes, such as those described above, provide good soft touch properties when used in the compositions of the present invention.

[0041] The particles can be added such that a weight ratio of the particles to the total amount of the polyester polyol, silicone component, and crosslinker (i.e., binder of coating composition) is at least 0.05:1, at least 0.10:1, or at least 0.12:1. The particles can be added such that a weight ratio of the particles to the total amount of the polyester polyol, silicone component, and crosslinker is at most 0.25:1, at most 0.20:1, or at most 0.15:1. The particles can also be added such that a weight ratio range of the particles to the total amount of the polyester polyol, silicone component, and crosslinker is from 0.05:1 to 0.25:1, from 0.05:1 to 0.20:1, or from 0.10:1 to 0.20:1.

[0042] In addition, the particles can comprise at least 0.5 weight %, at least 1 weight %, or at least 5 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition. The particles can comprise up to 25 weight %, up to 20 weight %, or up to 15 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition. The particles can also comprise a range such as from 0.5 to 25 weight %, from 1 to 20 weight %, or from 5 to 15 weight %, based on the total solid weight of the coating composition.

[0043] It will be appreciated that the polyester polyol and the silicone component can form all or part of the film-forming resin of the coating composition that forms the binder. Alternatively, one or more additional film-forming resins can also be used in the coating composition. For example, the coating composition can also include any of a variety of thermoplastic and/or thermosetting film-forming resins known in the art. As used herein, “film-forming resin” refers to a resin that can form a self-supporting continuous film on at least a horizontal surface of a substrate upon removal of any

diluents or carriers present in the composition. Further, the term “thermosetting” refers to resins that “set” irreversibly upon curing or crosslinking, wherein the polymer chains of the polymeric components are joined together by covalent bonds. This property is usually associated with a cross-linking reaction of the composition constituents often induced, for example, by heat or radiation. Curing or crosslinking reactions also may be carried out under ambient conditions. Once cured or crosslinked, a thermosetting resin will not melt upon the application of heat and is insoluble in solvents. As noted, the film-forming resin can also include a thermoplastic film-forming resin. As used herein, the term “thermoplastic” refers to resins that include polymeric components that are not joined by covalent bonds and, thereby, can undergo liquid flow upon heating and are soluble in solvents.

[0044] The additional film-forming resin can be selected from, for example, polyurethanes, acrylic polymers, polyester polymers that are different from those described above, polyamide polymers, polyether polymers, polysiloxane polymers that are different from those described above, polyepoxy polymers, fluoropolymers, epoxy resins, vinyl resins, copolymers thereof, and mixtures thereof. Thermosetting or curable film-forming polymers or resins typically have functional groups. The film-forming resin can have any of a variety of reactive functional groups including, but not limited to, carboxylic acid groups, amine groups, epoxide groups, hydroxyl groups, thiol groups, carbamate groups, amide groups, urea groups, isocyanate groups (including blocked isocyanate groups), and combinations thereof. Appropriate mixtures of film-forming resins may also be used in the preparation of the present coating compositions.

[0045] Thermosetting coating compositions typically comprise a crosslinker known in the art to react with the functionality of the thermosetting film-forming polymer used in the coating compositions. The thermosetting film-forming polymer can also have functional groups that are reactive with themselves; in this manner, such thermosetting polymers are self-crosslinking.

[0046] The coating compositions of the present invention can also include other optional materials. For example, the coating compositions can also comprise a colorant. As used herein, “colorant” refers to any substance that imparts color and/or other opacity and/or other visual effect to the composition. The colorant can be added to the coating in any suitable form, such as discrete particles, dispersions, solutions, and/or

flakes. A single colorant or a mixture of two or more colorants can be used in the coatings of the present invention.

[0047] Example colorants include pigments (organic or inorganic), dyes and tints, such as those used in the paint industry and/or listed in the Dry Color Manufacturers Association (DCMA), as well as special effect compositions. A colorant may include, for example, a finely divided solid powder that is insoluble, but wettable, under the conditions of use. A colorant can be organic or inorganic and can be agglomerated or non-agglomerated. Colorants can be incorporated into the coatings by use of a grind vehicle, such as an acrylic grind vehicle, the use of which will be familiar to one skilled in the art.

[0048] Example pigments and/or pigment compositions include, but are not limited to, carbazole dioxazine crude pigment, azo, monoazo, diazo, naphthol AS, salt type (flakes), benzimidazolone, isoindolinone, isoindoline and polycyclic phthalocyanine, quinacridone, perylene, perinone, diketopyrrolo pyrrole, thioindigo, anthraquinone, indanthrone, anthrapyrimidine, flavanthrone, pyranthrone, anthanthrone, dioxazine, triarylcarbonium, quinophthalone pigments, diketo pyrrolo pyrrole red (“DPPBO red”), titanium dioxide, carbon black, and mixtures thereof. The terms “pigment” and “colored filler” can be used interchangeably.

[0049] Example dyes include, but are not limited to, those that are solvent and/or aqueous based such as phthalo green or blue, iron oxide, bismuth vanadate, anthraquinone, and peryleneand quinacridone.

[0050] Example tints include, but are not limited to, pigments dispersed in water-based or water miscible carriers such as AQUA-CHEM 896 commercially available from Degussa, Inc., CHARISMA COLORANTS and MAXITONER INDUSTRIAL COLORANTS commercially available from Accurate Dispersions Division of Eastman Chemical, Inc.

[0051] Other non-limiting examples of materials that can be used with the coating compositions of the present invention include plasticizers, abrasion resistant particles, corrosion resistant particles, corrosion inhibiting additives, fillers including, but not limited to, micas, talc, clays, and inorganic minerals, anti-oxidants, hindered amine light stabilizers, UV light absorbers and stabilizers, surfactants, flow and surface control agents, thixotropic agents, organic solvents, organic cosolvents, reactive diluents, catalysts, reaction inhibitors, and other customary auxiliaries.

[0052] Non-limiting examples of suitable organic solvents include polar organic solvents, e.g. protic organic solvents such as glycols, glycol ether alcohols, alcohols; and ketones, glycol diethers, esters, and diesters.

[0053] The coatings formed from the coating compositions of the present invention can be applied to a wide range of substrates known in the coatings industry. For example, the coatings of the present invention can be applied to automotive substrates, industrial substrates, packaging substrates, wood flooring and furniture, apparel, electronics, including housings and circuit boards, glass and transparencies, sports equipment, including golf balls, and the like. These substrates can be, for example, metallic or non-metallic. Metallic substrates include, but are not limited to, tin, steel (including electrogalvanized steel, cold rolled steel, hot-dipped galvanized steel, among others), aluminum, aluminum alloys, zinc-aluminum alloys, steel coated with a zinc-aluminum alloy, and aluminum plated steel. Non-metallic substrates include polymeric, plastic, polyester, polyolefin, polyamide, cellulosic, polystyrene, polyacrylic, poly(ethylene naphthalate), polypropylene, polyethylene, nylon, EVOH, polylactic acid, other “green” polymeric substrates, poly(ethyleneterephthalate) (PET), polycarbonate, polycarbonate acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (PC/ABS), polyamide, wood, veneer, wood composite, particle board, medium density fiberboard, cement, stone, glass, paper, cardboard, textiles, leather, both synthetic and natural, and the like.

[0054] The coatings of the present invention are particularly useful when applied to consumer electronic products. For example, the coatings of the present invention can be applied to substrates found on laptops, tablets, cellular phones, other handheld electronic devices, and the like. Based on the above, the present invention further includes an electronic product or electronic component having a surface at least partially coated with the coating compositions described herein.

[0055] The coatings formed from the coating compositions of the present invention can be applied by any means standard in the art, such as electrocoating, spraying, electrostatic spraying, dipping, rolling, brushing, and the like. The coatings of the present invention can be applied to a dry film thickness of 10 μm to 100 μm , 12 μm to 70 μm , or 15 μm to 45 μm .

[0056] The coating compositions of the present invention may also be used alone or in combination with primers and/or basecoats. A “primer coating composition” refers to coating a composition from which an undercoating may be deposited onto a substrate in order to prepare the surface for application of a protective

or decorative coating system. A basecoat refers to a coating composition from which a coating is deposited onto a primer and/or directly onto a substrate optionally including components (such as pigments) that impact the color and/or provide other visual impact and which may be overcoated with a protective and decorative coating system.

[0057] As indicated above, the coating compositions can be applied to a substrate and cured to form coatings that have good stain resistance. For example, coatings formed from the coating compositions described herein have been found to exhibit a Delta E (DE or ΔE) of less than 30, less than 25, less than 20, less than 15, less than 12, less than 10, less than 8, less than 6, less than 4, or less than 3 for mustard and lipstick stains after at least 168 hours of exposure. In addition, coatings formed from the coating compositions described herein have also been found to exhibit a Delta E (DE or ΔE) of less than 3, less than 2, or less than 1 for sun screen, hand lotion, coffee, ketchup, stamp ink, cola, and sebum stains after at least 168 hours of exposure. The Delta E (DE or ΔE) values were determined by a GretagMacBeth Color-Eye® 2145 Spectrophotometer with a cool white fluorescent light source. The DE value is based on the CIE94 color system using $L^*a^*b^*$ coordinates, and, as used herein, refers to the difference between the color of unstained and stained coating samples. The DE value is measured using the following method: (1) apply a coating to a substrate using a coating composition described herein; (2) measure the color of the unstained coated substrate; (3) apply a substance such as those described above to induce staining on the coating; (4) after a certain period of time, such as 168 hours of exposure, gently wipe the staining substance off of the coated sample with isopropanol or a soap solution; and (5) calculate the DE value from the color change between the unstained coating and the stained coating. The lower the DE value exhibited by the coating, the greater the stain resistances provided by the coating. The described method is also referred to as the “staining test method.”

[0058] In addition to good stain resistance, the coating compositions can be applied to a substrate and cured to form coatings that have a soft, smooth touch or feel. For example, coatings formed from the coating compositions described herein have been found to exhibit: a Fischer microhardness of less than 200 N/mm², or less than 190 N/mm², or less than 180 N/mm², as measured by a Fischerscope HM2000 stylus microhardness instrument following the instruction described in the Fischerscope HM2000 Manual (“Fischer microhardness test”); a coefficient of friction ranging from 0.01 to 0.50, or from 0.05 to 0.4, or from 0.1 to 0.2, as measured by a Dynisco Polymer

Test – 1055 coefficient of friction tester utilizing a felt contact according to ASTM Method D1894-14; and/or a surface roughness of 1 micro-inch to 60 micro-inches, or 5 micro-inch to 60 micro-inches, or from 8 micro-inches to 40 micro-inches, or from 10 micro-inches to 30 micro-inches, or from 10 micro-inches to 20 micro-inches as measured by a Taylor Hobson Precision Surtronic Duo profilometer following the instruction described in the Taylor Hobson Precision Surtronic Duo Manual (“surface roughness test”). As used herein, “Fischer microhardness” refers to the hardness of a material to deformation, “coefficient of friction” refers to the ratio of the force that maintains contact between an object and a surface and the frictional force that resists the motion of the object, and “surface roughness” refers to the texture of a surface such as the texture of a surface of a coating that is quantified by the vertical deviations of the surface from its ideal form.

[0059] Thus, the coating compositions described herein can be applied to a substrate to form coatings that have a soft touch, good stain resistance, and other properties desired in a coating.

[0060] The following examples are presented to demonstrate the general principles of the invention. The invention should not be considered as limited to the specific examples presented. All parts and percentages in the examples are by weight unless otherwise indicated.

EXAMPLE 1

Polyester Polyol Preparation

[0061] Various polyester polyols were prepared from the components listed in Table 1.

Table 1

<u>Component</u>	<u>Polyester Polyol Sample (grams)</u>					
	1	2	3	4^a	5	6
1,6 Hexanediol		15.21	16.65		14.5	
HHP glycol	22.67			23.3		25.9
2-Methyl-1,3-propanediol	11.5	11.6	12.7	11.8	11	22.85
Trimethylol propane	33.29	28.81	22.07	34.15	35.5	19.98

1,4 Cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid	32.54	44.39	48.59		39	31.27
Adipic acid				30.8		

^a Comparative polyester sample

[0062] Six (6) different polyester polyol samples were prepared by independently mixing their respective components listed in Table 1 in a suitable reaction vessel. The contents of the vessel were heated to 140°C and a nitrogen cap was switched to a nitrogen sparge. Heating was continued to 180°C at which time water began to evolve from the reaction. The temperature of the reaction mixture was raised to 215°C in stages and held for a period of time. The contents of the reactor were cooled to less than 80°C and poured out. Various properties of each polyester polyol sample are shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Polyester Polyol Sample No.	Hydroxyl value (mg KOH/g) ¹	Weight Average Molecular Weight (Mw) ²	Number Average Molecular Weight (Mn) ²
1	512	858	506
2	400	1260	625
3	310	1760	794
4 ^a	490	1156	838
5	501	1051	765
6	511	690	396

¹ Determined by esterification of the sample with excess acetic anhydride as previously described.

² Determined by gel permeation chromatography relative to linear polystyrene standards of 800 to 900,000 Da with tetrahydrofuran as the eluent at a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹ using a Waters 2695 separation module with a Waters 410 differential refractometer (RI detector) and two PLgel Mixed-C (300×7.5 mm) columns for separation.

EXAMPLES 2-4

Resin Hydroxyl Value Evaluation

[0063] Three (3) coating compositions were first prepared from the components listed in Table 3.

Table 3

Component	Example 2 (grams)	Example 3 (grams)	Example 4 (grams)
DOWANOL™ PM Acetate ³	15	15	15
Methyl isobutyl ketone	10	10	10
n-butyl acetate	15	15	15
Polyester Sample 2		33	
Polyester Sample 3			33
Polyester Sample 5	33		
DISPERBYK®-2163 ⁴	1	1	1
BYK®-370 ⁵	0.6	0.6	0.6
SYLOID® CP4-8991 ⁶	11.3	11.0	9.7
10% dibutyltin dilaurate in n-butyl acetate	1.3	1.3	1.3
BYK®-SILCLEAN 3700 ⁷	0.7	0.7	0.7
DESMODUR® N 3300 ⁸	63.11	50.14	39.28

³ Glycol ether solvent, commercially available from The Dow Chemical Company.

⁴ Wetting and dispersing additive, commercially available from BYK Additives & Instruments.

⁵ Silicone-containing surface additive, commercially available from BYK Additives & Instruments.

⁶ Silica matting agent, commercially available from GRACE.

⁷ Solution of an OH-functional silicone modified polyacrylate, commercially available from BYK Additives & Instruments.

⁸ Aliphatic polyisocyanate resin based on hexamethylene diisocyanate (HDI), commercially available from Bayer MaterialScience.

[0064] Each of the coating compositions listed in Table 3 were prepared by mixing DOWANOL™ PM Acetate, methyl isobutyl ketone, n-butyl acetate, polyester polyol resin, DISPERBYK®-2163, and BYK®-370 in an un-lined paint can at ambient temperature using an appropriately sized Cowles blade. Once the components formed a homogenous solution, SYLOID® CP4-8991 was slowly added to the solution. The speed of the Cowles blade was then increased and the mixture was allowed to grind for 30 minutes. After grinding, 10% dibutyltin dilaurate in n-butyl acetate, BYK®-SILCLEAN 3700, and Desmodur® N 3300 were added to the solution. After 2-5 minutes of mixing, the coating solution was thinned with a 40:60 blend of MAK:acetone resulting in a viscosity of 9-12 seconds when measured by a #2 Iwata cup. Various properties of the coating compositions are listed in Table 4.

Table 4

Properties	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
% Solids	40	40	40
NCO:OH Eq. Ratio	1.1:1	1.1:1	1.1:1
Particle to Binder Ratio	0.12:1	0.12:1	0.12:1

[0065] The coating compositions of Examples 2-4 were sprayed onto a white colored polycarbonate/acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (PC/ABS) substrate. The coated panels were allowed to flash off excess solvent for 5 minutes at ambient temperature before being placed in a heated oven at 60°C for 30 minutes. After the initial 30 minutes, the panels were post cured for 8 hours at 80°C. The coatings had a dry film thickness of 25-35 microns.

[0066] Each of the coatings formed from the compositions of Examples 2-4 were evaluated for stain resistance. The following procedure was used to evaluate stain resistance: (1) the standard spectrophotometer color reading was measured for each clean coated panel using a GretagMacBeth Color-Eye® 2145 Spectrophotometer with a cool white fluorescent light source at a 10° viewing angle and using the CIE 94 color space; (2) staining substances were applied in a circular motion to separate quadrants of the coated panels until an area of 4-5 cm² or a circle with a diameter of 2.4 cm is fully covered; (3) half of the panels were exposed to atmospheric conditions for 24 hours and the other half was exposed for 168 hours; and (4) the DE value was calculated from the color change between the unstained coating and the stained coating after cleaning each panel with a dry paper towel followed by a gentle wipe with isopropanol. The results of the staining test are shown in Table 5.

Table 5

Property Test	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
60° Gloss ⁹	6.2	5	5
DE after 24 hours of exposure to mustard ¹⁰	8.46	6.58	16.32
DE after 168 hours of exposure to mustard ¹⁰	29.36	18.02	28.39
DE after 24 hours of exposure to sunscreen ¹¹	0.2	0.39	0.12

DE after 168 hours of exposure to sunscreen ¹¹	0.18	0.37	0.56
DE after 24 hours of exposure to lipstick ¹²	1.6	0.96	2.42
DE after 168 hours of exposure to lipstick ¹²	1.86	1.64	3.51
DE after 24 hours of exposure to blue ink ¹³	1.03	0.5	1.13
DE after 168 hours of exposure to blue ink ¹³	5.1	2.35	7.53

⁹ Determined with a Micro-Tri-Gloss instrument available from BYK Additives & Instruments.

¹⁰ FRENCH'S® Classic Yellow Mustard, commercially available from The French's Food Company LLC.

¹¹ Banana Boat® Sport Performance SPF 30 sunscreen, commercially available from Banana Boat®.

¹² Maybelline Red Revolution (630) lipstick, commercially available from L'Oréal.

¹³ Carter's Stamp Pad Blue Ink, commercially available from Carter's Ink Company.

[0067] As shown in Table 5, the coatings formed from the compositions of Examples 2-4 all exhibited a 60° gloss of 5 to 6.2. Further, the coatings formed from the compositions of Examples 2-4 also exhibited good stain resistance after 24 and 168 hours. As compared to Examples 2 and 3, Example 4 was prepared with the polyester polyol having the lowest hydroxyl value of 310 mg KOH/g and generally resulted in a lower stain resistance after 168 hours.

EXAMPLES 5-8

Polyester Polyol Compositional Evaluation

[0068] Four (4) coating compositions were first prepared from the components listed in Table 6.

Table 6

Component	Example 5 (grams)	Comparative Example 6 (grams)	Example 7 (grams)	Example 8 (grams)
DOWANOL™ PM Acetate ³	15	15	15	15
Methyl isobutyl ketone	10	10	10	10
n-butyl acetate	15	15	15	15
Polyester Sample 1	33			
Polyester Sample 4 ^a		33		

Polyester Sample 5			33	
Polyester Sample 6				33
DISPERBYK®-2163 ⁴	1	1	1	1
BYK®-370 ⁵	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
SYLOID® CP4-8991 ⁶	11.23	11.3	11.3	11.3
10% dibutyltin dilaurate in n-butyl acetate	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
BYK®-SILCLEAN 3700 ⁷	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
DESMODUR® N 3300 ⁸	63.11	61.08	61.08	63.69

[0069] Each of the coating compositions listed in Table 6 were prepared by mixing DOWANOL™ PM acetate, methyl isobutyl ketone, n-butyl acetate, polyester polyol resin, DISPERBYK®-2163, and BYK®-370 in an un-lined paint can at ambient temperature using an appropriately sized Cowles blade. Once the components formed a homogenous solution, SYLOID® CP4-8991 was slowly added to the solution. The speed of the Cowles blade was then increased and the mixture was allowed to grind for 30 minutes. After grinding, 10% dibutyltin dilaurate in n-butyl acetate, BYK®-SILCLEAN 3700, and Desmodur® N 3300 were added to the solution. After 2-5 minutes of mixing, the coating solution was thinned with a 40:60 blend of MAK:acetone resulting in a viscosity of 9-12 seconds when measured by a #2 Iwata cup. Various properties of the coating compositions are listed in Table 7.

Table 7

Properties	Example 5	Comparative Example 6	Example 7	Example 8
% Solids	40	40	40	40
NCO:OH Eq. Ratio	1.1:1	1.1:1	1.1:1	1.1:1
Particle to Binder Ratio	0.12:1	0.12:1	0.12:1	0.12:1

[0070] The coating compositions of Examples 5-8 were sprayed onto a white colored polycarbonate/acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (PC/ABS) substrate. The coated panels were allowed to flash off excess solvent for 5 minutes at ambient temperature before being placed in a heated oven at 60°C for 30 minutes. After the initial 30 minutes, the

panels were post cured for 8 hours at 80°C. The coatings had a dry film thickness of 25-35 microns.

[0071] Each of the coatings formed from the compositions of Examples 5-8 were evaluated for stain resistance using the method described in Examples 2-4, except that half the panels were exposed to atmospheric conditions for 72 hours instead of 24 hours. The results of the staining test are shown in Table 8.

Table 8

Property Test	Example 5	Comparative Example 6	Example 7	Example 8
60° Gloss ⁹	7	8	7	6
DE after 72 hours of exposure to mustard ¹⁰	20.2	55.85	25.28	36.09
DE after 168 hours of exposure to mustard ¹⁰	24.3	60.27	29.36	41.72
DE after 72 hours of exposure to sunscreen ¹¹	0.33	0.53	0.28	0.38
DE after 168 hours of exposure to sunscreen ¹¹	0.17	1.1	0.18	0.62
DE after 72 hours of exposure to lipstick ¹²	1.86	3.5	1.6	3.22
DE after 168 hours of exposure to lipstick ¹²	1.83	3.11	1.86	1.6
DE after 72 hours of exposure to Ketchup ¹⁴	0.64	0.82	0.16	0.37
DE after 168 hours of exposure to Ketchup ¹⁴	0.46	1.17	0.24	1.03

¹⁴ Heinz® Tomato Ketchup, commercially available from H.J. Heinz Company.

[0072] As shown in Table 8, the coatings formed from the compositions of Examples 5-8 exhibited a 60° gloss of 6 to 8. As to stain resistance, Example 5, which comprised a polyester polyol prepared with a cyclic polycarboxylic acid, exhibited better stain resistance than Comparative Example 6, which comprised a polyester polyol prepared with a linear polycarboxylic acid. Example 5, which comprised a polyester polyol that was prepared with only branched diols, generally exhibited better stain resistance after 168 hours than Example 7, which comprised a polyester polyol also prepared with a linear diol. In addition, Example 5 generally exhibited better stain resistance than

Example 8, which comprised a polyester polyol prepared with a significantly lower amount of trimethylol propane than the polyester polyol used in Example 5.

EXAMPLE 9

Soft Touch Evaluation

[0073] The coating formed from the coating composition of Example 5 as previously described was evaluated for various soft touch properties, the results of which are shown in Table 9.

Table 9

Test	Result
Fischer Micro-hardness (N/mm ²) ¹⁵	174
Surface Roughness (Micro-inches) ¹⁶	13
Coefficient of Friction ¹⁷	0.17

¹⁵ Measured by a Fischerscope HM2000 stylus microhardness instrument following the instruction described in the Fischerscope HM2000 Manual.

¹⁶ Measured by a Taylor Hobson Precision Surtronic Duo profilometer following the instruction described in the Taylor Hobson Precision Surtronic Duo Manual.

¹⁷ Measured by a Dynisco Polymer Test – 1055 coefficient of friction tester utilizing a felt contact according to ASTM Method D1894-14.

[0074] As shown in Table 9, the coating formed from the composition of Example 5 exhibited good soft touch properties, i.e. a soft, smooth surface with low friction.

[0075] The present invention is also directed to the following clauses.

[0076] Clause 1: A coating composition comprising: (a) a polyester polyol comprising a reaction product obtained from a mixture of reactants comprising: (i) an aliphatic diol; (ii) a polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups; and (iii) an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or anhydride or ester thereof, that comprises greater than 10 mole % of the total carboxylic acids, or anhydrides or esters thereof, used to prepare the polyester; (b) a silicone component comprising at least one reactive functional group; and (c) a crosslinker reactive with (a) and (b).

[0077] Clause 2: The coating composition of clause 1, wherein the aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid (iii) comprises at least 40 mole %, at least at least 50 mole %, at least 60 mole %, at least 70 mole %, at least 80 mole %, at least 90 mole %, at least 95 mole %, or at least 98 mole % of the total carboxylic acids used to prepare the polyester polyol (a).

[0078] Clause 3: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 or 2, wherein the polyol (ii) comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups comprises at least 20 weight % of the reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol based on the total weight of the reactants.

[0079] Clause 4: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 3, wherein the polyol (ii) comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups comprises from 20 to 45 weight %, from 25 to 40 weight %, or from 30 to 40 weight % of the reactants used to prepare the polyester polyol.

[0080] Clause 5: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 4, wherein the polyester polyol (a) comprises a hydroxyl value of greater than 300 mg KOH/g.

[0081] Clause 6: The coating composition of clause 5, wherein the polyester polyol (a) comprises a hydroxyl value of at least 400 mg KOH/g.

[0082] Clause 7: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 6, wherein the molar ratio of hydroxyl group equivalents to carboxylic acid group equivalents of the reactants forming the polyester polyol (a) is from 1.5:1 to 3.5:1 such as from 1.8:1 to 3.0:1.

[0083] Clause 8: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 7, wherein the polyester polyol comprises a weight average molecular weight of less than 10,000 g/mol as determined by gel permeation chromatography versus a polystyrene standard relative to linear polystyrene standards of 800 to 900,000 Da with tetrahydrofuran as the eluent at a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹ using a Waters 2695 separation module with a Waters 410 differential refractometer (RI detector) and two PLgel Mixed-C (300×7.5 mm) columns for separation.

[0084] Clause 9: The coating composition of clause 8, wherein the polyester polyol (a) has a weight average molecular weight of less than 8,000 g/mol, less than 6,000 g/mol, or less than 5,000 g/mol, as determined by gel permeation chromatography versus a polystyrene standard relative to linear polystyrene standards of 800 to 900,000 Da with tetrahydrofuran as the eluent at a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹ using a Waters 2695 separation module with a Waters 410 differential refractometer (RI detector) and two PLgel Mixed-C (300×7.5 mm) columns for separation.

[0085] Clause 10: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 9, wherein the polyester polyol (a) is prepared with at least two different aliphatic diols (i).

[0086] Clause 11: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 10, wherein the aliphatic diol (i) comprises a branched aliphatic diol.

[0087] Clause 12: The coating composition of clause 11, wherein the branched aliphatic diol comprises 50 to 100 mol % such as 60 to 90 mol % of the total amount of diols to prepare the polyester polyol (a).

[0088] Clause 13: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 12, wherein the diol (i) comprises 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropanoate.

[0089] Clause 14: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 13, wherein the crosslinker (c) comprises a polyisocyanate.

[0090] Clause 15: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 14, wherein the molar ratio of reactive functional groups on the crosslinker (c) to reactive functional groups on components (a) and (b) is from 0.90:1 to 1.4:1 such as from 1.05:1 to 1.25:1.

[0091] Clause 16: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 15, further comprising particles having an average particle size of up to 30 microns.

[0092] Clause 17: The coating composition of clause 16, wherein the particles have an average particle size of 0.5 micron to 30 microns.

[0093] Clause 18: The coating composition of clauses 16 or 17, wherein the particles are inorganic particles such as silicas, metal hydroxides, and metal oxides.

[0094] Clause 19: The coating composition of any of clauses 16 to 18, wherein the coating composition comprises a weight ratio of the particles to the total of (a), (b), and (c) of 0.05:1 to 0.25:1.

[0095] Clause 20: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 19, wherein the polyester polyol (a) is completely free of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups.

[0096] Clause 21: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 20, wherein the coating composition is completely free of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups.

[0097] Clause 22: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 21, wherein the at least one reactive functional group of the silicone component (b) comprises a hydroxyl group.

[0098] Clause 23: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 22, wherein the silicone component (b) comprises two or more reactive functional groups.

[0099] Clause 24: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 23, wherein the silicone component (b) comprises from 0.05 to 10 weight % such as from 0.2 to 5 weight % of the total solid weight of the coating composition.

[00100] Clause 25: The coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 24, wherein the polyester polyol (a) is completely free of aromatic groups.

[00101] Clause 26: A substrate at least partially coated with a coating formed from the coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 25.

[00102] Clause 27: An electronic device or electronic component comprising a surface at least partially coated with a coating formed from the coating composition of clauses 1 to 25.

[00103] Clause 28: A method for coating a substrate such as an electronic device or electronic component, comprising applying the coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 25 and curing the coating composition.

[00104] Clause 29: Use of the coating composition of any of clauses 1 to 25 to coat an electronic device or electronic component.

[00105] Whereas particular embodiments of this invention have been described above for purposes of illustration, it will be evident to those skilled in the art that numerous variations of the details of the present invention may be made without departing from the invention as defined in the appended claims.

[00106] In this specification where a document, act or item of knowledge is referred to or discussed, this reference or discussion is not an admission that the document, act or item of knowledge or any combination thereof was at the priority date publicly available, known to the public, part of the common general knowledge or known to be relevant to an attempt to solve any problem with which this specification is concerned.

[00107] The word 'comprising' and forms of the word 'comprising' as used in this description and in the claims does not limit the invention claimed to exclude any variants or additions.

THE INVENTION CLAIMED IS

1. A coating composition comprising:
 - a) a polyester polyol comprising a reaction product obtained from a mixture of reactants comprising:
 - an aliphatic diol;
 - a polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups, wherein the polyol comprising 3 or more hydroxyl groups comprises at least 20 weight % of the mixture of reactants based on the total weight of the reactants; and
 - an aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or an anhydride or ester thereof, that comprises greater than 10 mole % of the total carboxylic acids, or anhydrides or esters thereof, used to prepare the polyester;
 - b) a silicone component comprising at least one reactive functional group; and
 - c) a crosslinker reactive with (a) and (b).
2. The coating composition of claim 1, wherein the aliphatic cyclic polycarboxylic acid, or the anhydride or ester thereof, comprises at least 40 mole % of the total carboxylic acids, or anhydrides or esters thereof, used to prepare the polyester.
3. The coating composition of either of claims 1 or 2, wherein the polyester polyol comprises a hydroxyl value of greater than 300 mg KOH/g.
4. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polyester polyol comprises a hydroxyl value of at least 400 mg KOH/g.
5. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the molar ratio of hydroxyl group equivalents to carboxylic acid group equivalents of the reactants forming the polyester polyol is from 1.5:1 to 3.5:1.
6. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the polyester polyol comprises a weight average molecular weight of less than 10,000 g/mol as determined by gel permeation chromatography versus a polystyrene standard with tetrahydrofuran as an eluent.

7. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the polyester polyol is prepared with at least two different aliphatic diols.
8. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the aliphatic diol comprises a branched aliphatic diol.
9. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the crosslinker comprises a polyisocyanate.
10. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 9, further comprising particles having an average particle size of up to 30 microns.
11. The coating composition of claim 10, wherein the particles have an average particle size of 0.5 micron to 30 microns.
12. The coating composition of either of claims 10 or 11, wherein the coating composition comprises a weight ratio of the particles to the total of (a), (b), and (c) of 0.05:1 to 0.25:1.
13. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein the polyester polyol (a) is completely free of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups.
14. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the coating composition is completely free of polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups.
15. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the at least one reactive functional group of the silicone component comprises a hydroxyl group.
16. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the silicone component comprises two or more reactive functional groups.
17. The coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein the polyester polyol (a) is completely free of aromatic groups.
18. A substrate at least partially coated with a coating formed from the coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 17.

19. An electronic device or electronic component comprising a surface at least partially coated with a coating formed from the coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 17.