The Indian detergent industry is about three decades old. An interesting and unique feature of detergent industry in India is the existence of non power operated units which do not use any electrical power for the production of detergent powder. But the production technology of detergents have been changed involving high technique in process control, more skilled personnel and requiring large input. There are various forms of detergents; liquid detergents, paste detergents, solid detergents etc. Whether in liquid or in powdered forms, present detergent products are complex mixtures of several ingredients including performance additives such as bleaches, bleach activators etc. The scope and spectrum of methods and techniques applied in detergent analysis have changed significantly during the last decade.

The book outlines features and experimental parameters for many essential procedures, and emphasizes the latest techniques and methods. This book emphasizes practical aspects of detergent production with latest development and other special products based on synthetic surfactants. This book basically deals with the builders, additives and components of detergents, recent developments in surfactant, manufacture of active ingredients for detergents, manufacture of finished detergents, application and formulation of detergents, packaging of detergents, analysis of detergents, machinery photographs with their suppliers, directory of raw material suppliers etc. This is an attempt to fill the need of those desirous of starting detergent industry in small scale sector and necessarily contains analytical methods for testing and evaluation of raw as well as final products.

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