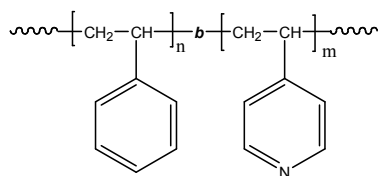


**Sample Name:** Poly(styrene-b-4-vinyl pyridine)

**Sample #:** P9289-S4VP

**Structure:**



**Composition:**

$M_n \times 10^3$ PS-b-4VP	PDI
32.0-b-4.5	1.15
$T_g$ for PS block: 103°C	$T_g$ for 4VP block: 149°C

**Synthesis Procedure:**

Poly(styrene-b-4-vinyl pyridine) is prepared by living anionic polymerization in THF or THF-DMF solvent mixtures at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . Polystyrene macroanions were end capped with a unit of diphenyl ethylene (DPE) before adding 4-vinylpyridine (4VP) monomer. For further details please see our published articles.<sup>1,2</sup>

**Characterization:**

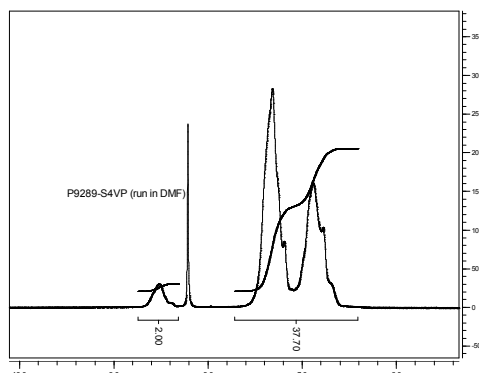
An aliquot of the anionic polystyrene block was terminated before addition of 4-vinyl pyridine and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in DMF to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The block copolymer composition was then calculated from  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the two aromatic 4-VP protons at about 8.5 ppm with the peak area of the aromatic protons of polystyrene at 6.3-7.2 ppm. The composition of the block copolymer can also be determined by titration in acetic acid/ $\text{HClO}_4$  using crystal violet indicator. Copolymer PDI is determined by SEC.

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out using a differential scanning calorimeter (TA Q100) at a heating rate of  $15^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . The inflection glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of the sample has been considered.

**Solubility:**

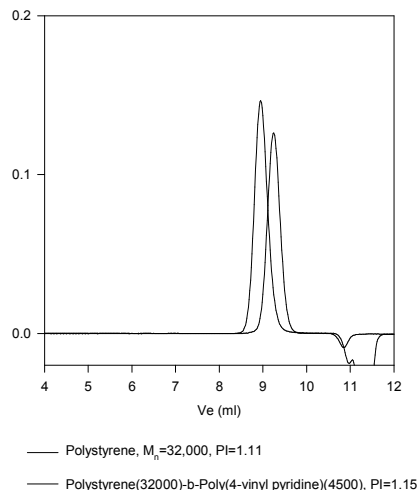
Poly(styrene-b-4-vinyl pyridine) is soluble in DMF,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The polymer can also be solubilized in THF depending on its chemical composition. The polymer readily precipitates from hexanes and diethyl ether.

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$  Spectrum of Sample:**

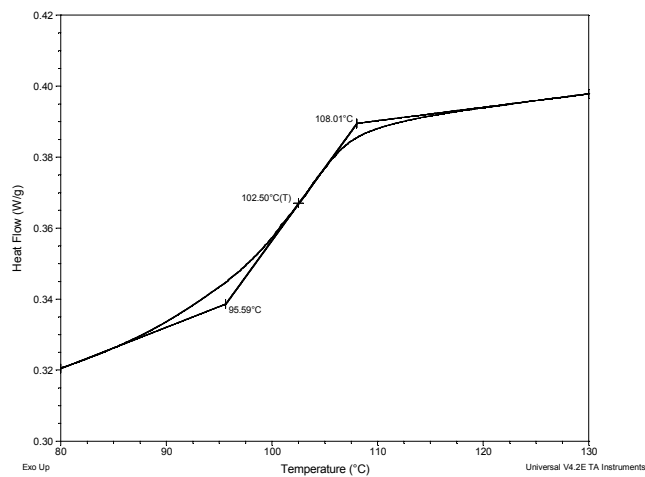


**SEC of Sample #**

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**Thermogram of sample:**



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