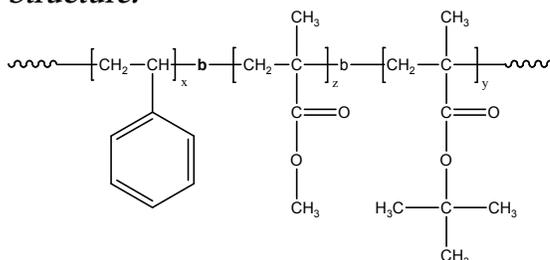


Sample Name:

Poly(styrene-b-methylmethacrylate-b-Tert.butylmethacrylate)

Sample #: P9961B-SMMAAtBuMA

Structure:



Composition:

Mn x 10 ³ S-b-MMA-b-tBuMA	PDI
35.0-b-35.0-b-4.5	1.16
T _g for MMA block: 129°C	T _g for PS block: 101°C

Synthesis Procedure:

By living anionic polymerization with sequence addition of styrene, methyl methacrylate (MMA) and tert.butylmethacrylate.

Characterization:

First Block: Size exclusion chromatography (SEC): Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with UV and refractive detector. SEC columns from Supelco were used with THF as the eluent. The columns were calibrated with monodisperse polystyrene. The molecular weights and the polydispersity index were calculated.

Second and Third Block: The chemical composition was extracted from proton NMR, which was recorded from Varian 500MHz instrument using CDCl₃ as solvent. The molecular weights of second and third block were calculated based on the molecular weight of other blocks and the chemical composition. The polydispersity index of block copolymer was obtained by SEC as described above.

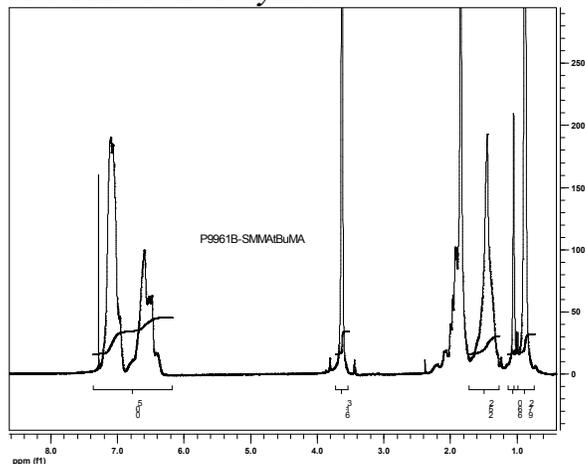
Thermal analysis:

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out on a TA Q100 differential scanning calorimeter at a heating rate of 10°C/min. The midpoint of the slope change of the heat flow plot of the second heating scan was considered as the glass transition temperature (T_g).

Solubility:

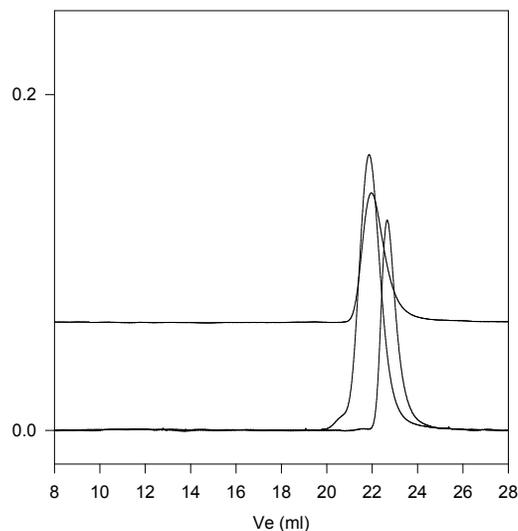
Polymer is soluble in THF, toluene, and CHCl₃. The polymer readily precipitates from hexanes, ether and water.

¹H NMR of the Polymer:



SEC for the polymer:

P9961B-SMMAAtBuMA



Size exclusion chromatography of poly(St-b-t.BA-b-MMA)

— PS, M_n=35,000, M_w=37,000, Mw/Mn=1.06

— Poly(S-b-MMA): PS(35000)-b-MMA(35,000) Mw/Mn=1.10

— Triblock copolymer: P(S)35,000-b-MMA(35,000)-b-tBuMA(4500): Mw/Mn=1.16

DSC thermogram for PS and MMA block:

