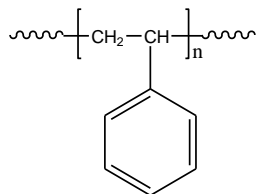


**Sample Name:** Polystyrene

**Sample #:** P5748-S

**Structure:**

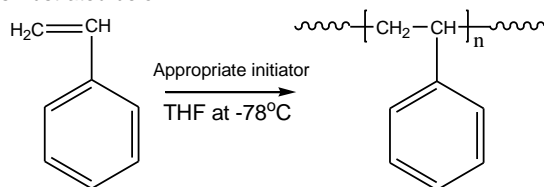


**Composition:**

$M_n \times 10^3$	PDI
35.0	1.18

**Synthesis Procedure:**

Polystyrene is obtained by living anionic polymerization of styrene as illustrated below:



**Characterization:**

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF. SEC analysis was performed on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with triple detectors from Viscotek Co.

**Thermal analysis:**

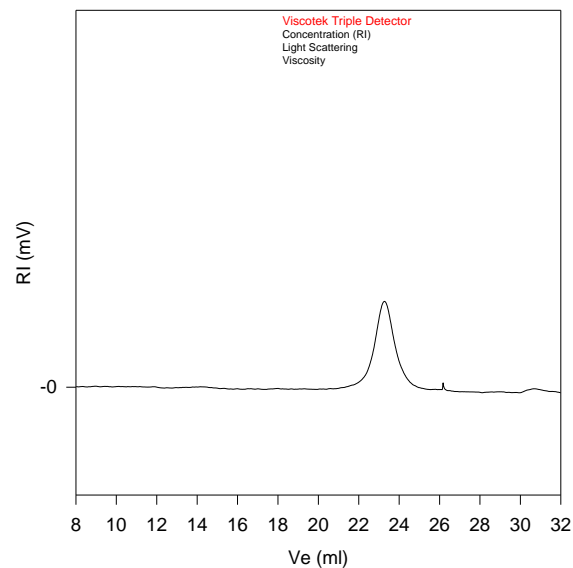
Thermal analysis of the sample was carried out using a differential scanning calorimeter (TA Q100) at a heating rate of  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . The inflection glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) has been considered.

**Solubility:**

Polystyrene is soluble in DMF, THF, toluene and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . It precipitates from methanol, ethanol, water and hexanes.

**SEC of Homopolymer:**

**P5748-S**



Size Exclusion Chromatography of Poly styrene:  
—  $M_n = 35,000$ ,  $M_w = 37,800$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.18$

$T_g$  of polystyrene as function of molecular weight

