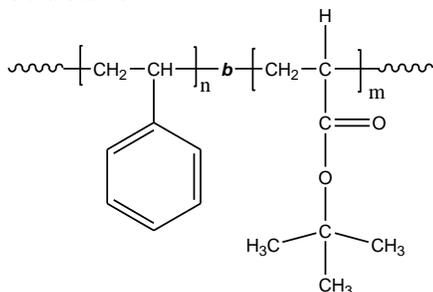


## Sample Name: Poly(styrene-b- tert.butylacrylate)

## SEC of sample :

### Sample #: P746-StBuA

#### Structure:



#### Composition:

$M_n \times 10^3$ S-b-tBuA	PDI
1.8-b-57.9	1.6

#### Glass transition temperature at a glance

$T_g$ for PS block	Not distinct
$T_g$ for tBuA block	41°C

#### Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(styrene-b-tert.acrylate) is prepared by living anionic polymerization in THF at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  using sec.BuLi initiator adduct with  $\alpha$ -methyl styrene in the presence of LiCl. tert.butyl acrylate (tBuA) monomer was added after dilution in THF. Further details are available in our published articles.<sup>1-4</sup>

#### Characterization:

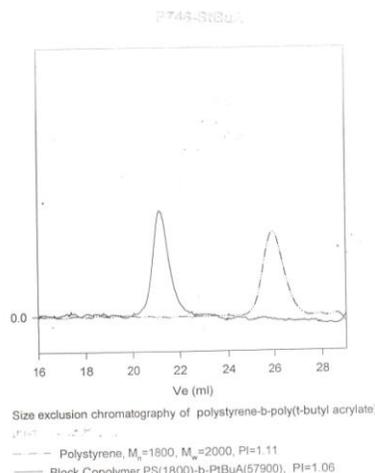
An aliquot of the anionic polystyrene block was terminated before addition of tBuA and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition was calculated from  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ . Copolymer  $M_w/M_n$  is determined by SEC.

#### Thermal analysis:

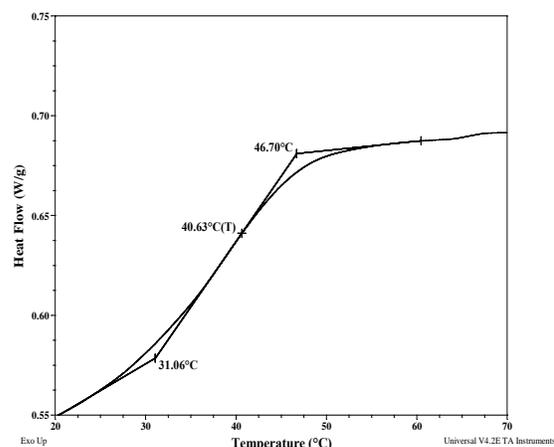
Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out on a TA Q100 differential scanning calorimeter at a heating rate of  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . The midpoint of the slope change of the heat flow plot of the second heating scan was considered as the glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ).

#### Solubility:

Poly(styrene-b-tert.butylacrylate) is soluble in THF, toluene, dioxane and  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . This polymer readily precipitates from methanol, ethanol, hexanes and water.



#### Thermogram for tBuA block



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