

Sample Name: Poly(styrene-b-ethylene oxide)Cleavage

Sample #: P8775A-SEOCleavage

Structure:

Composition:

Mn x 10 ³ S-b-EO	PDI
6.0-b-15.0	1.07

Synthesis Procedure:

Synthesis of poly(styrene-block-ethylene oxide) copolymers by anionic polymerization and acid cleavage into its constituent homopolymers for the formation of ordered nanoporous thin films: e-polymer, 2008, 094, 1618

Characterization:

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) of the block copolymer are characterized by size exclusion chromatography (SEC). The composition of the block copolymer was calculated from ¹H-NMR by comparing the peak area of the phenyl polystyrene protons between 6.4 to 7.2 ppm and the ethylene oxide protons at 3.65 ppm.

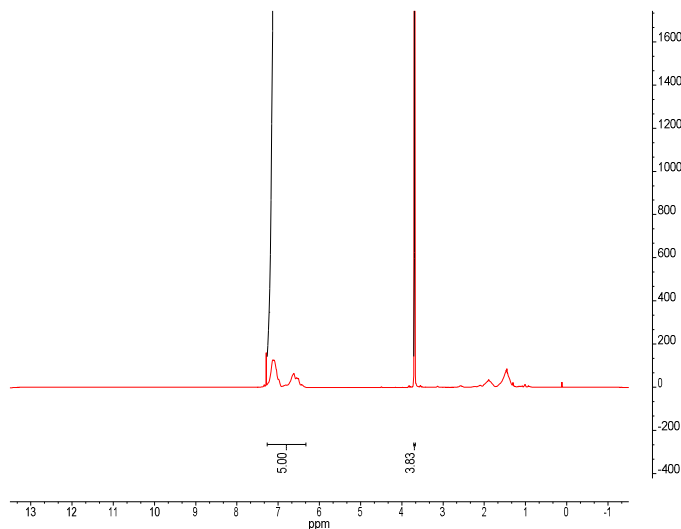
Solubility:

The polymer is soluble in THF (at 35 °C), CHCl₃, benzene, toluene, dioxane. Low molecular weight SEO with high contents of the polyethylene oxide block can also be solubilized in methanol and water.

Quick test for the presence of cleavage group at the junction:

Prepare the solution of polymer in toluene (10mg in 1 ml of toluene) and add a drop of trifluoroacetic acid. Immediately the color turns to yellow. This indicates the formation of Phenyl moiety (Phenyl-C⁺) charge with cation with the liberation of PEO block. This indicates the cleavage of PEO block from Polystyrene block at the junction.

¹H NMR spectrum of The polymer:



SEC elugram of the block copolymer:

