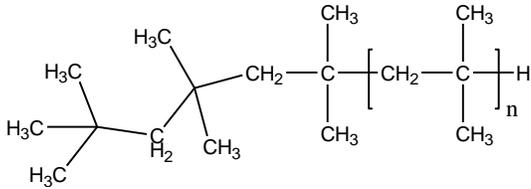


**Sample Name:** Polyisobutylene

**Sample #:** P8895A-Ib (Lot 8883KK)

**Structure:**

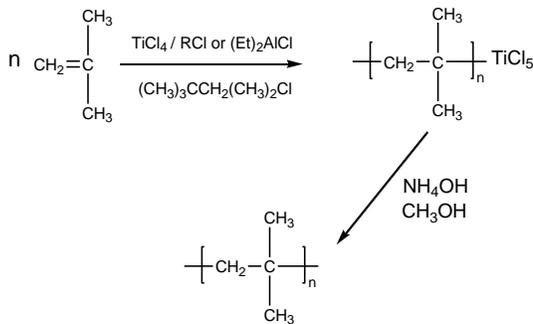


**Composition:**

$M_n \times 10^3$	PDI
13.9	1.7

**Synthesis Procedure:**

Polyisobutylene is synthesized by living cationic polymerization of isobutylene in hexane at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  using a tin based catalyst and a 2,4,4-dimethyl pentene / HCl initiator. The reaction scheme is shown below:



**Purification:**

After polymerization the catalyst residues are removed by filtration and washing with acidic water after which the pH is returned to nominal values and finally the polymer is freeze dried.

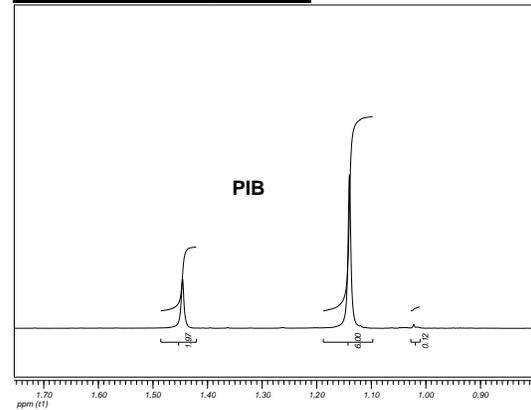
**Characterization:**

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) of polyisobutylene are obtained by size exclusion chromatography.

**Solubility:**

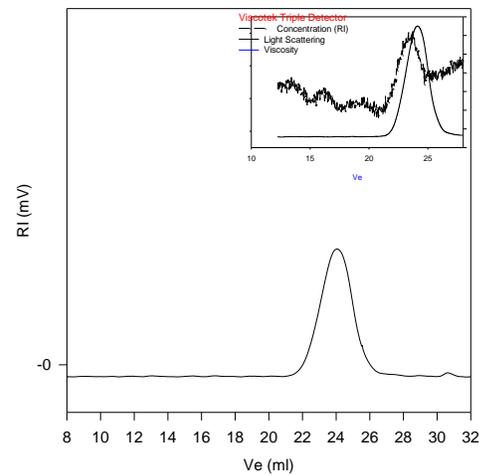
Polyisobutylene is soluble in THF, toluene, hexane, pentane and cyclohexane and precipitates from methanol and ethanol.

**$^1H$  NMR of the polymer:**



**SEC of Homopolymer:**

**P8895A-IB (lot# 8883KK)**



Size Exclusion Chromatography of polymer:

$M_n = 13900$ ,  $M_w = 23800$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.7$   
Solution Viscosity in THF at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ : 0.255dl/g  
Rgw: 5.08m  
 $dn/dc$  in THF at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ : 0.112 ml/g