

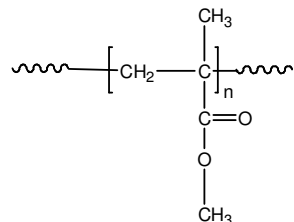
Sample Name: Poly(methyl methacrylate)

**Broad molecular weight distribution**

*Syndiotactic rich contents > 79%*

Sample #: P2845-MMA

**Structure:**

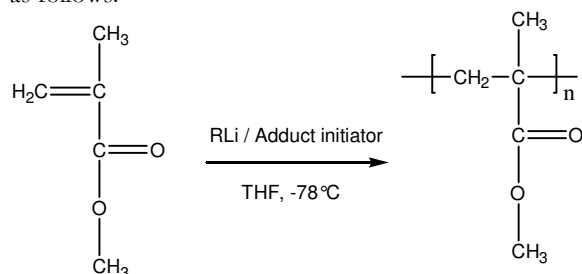


**Composition:**

Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup>	PDI
20.0	6.0

#### Synthesis Procedure:

Syndiotactic Poly(methyl methacrylate) is obtained by living anionic polymerization using sec.BuLi as initiator and capped with a unit of diphenyl ethylene or few units of  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene. The polymerization of MMA monomer is carried out in THF at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of LiCl as additive. For further details please see the following references.<sup>(1-4)</sup> The polymerization scheme can be illustrated as follows:



#### Characterization:

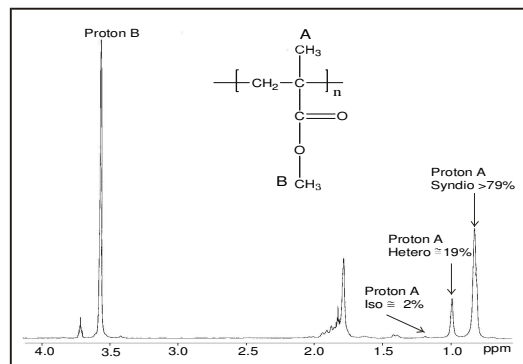
The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF. SEC analysis was performed on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with triple detectors from Viscotek Co. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis was carried out on Varian instrument at 500MHz.

Thermal analysis of the samples 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 ( $T_g$ ) of the sample has been considered.

#### Solubility:

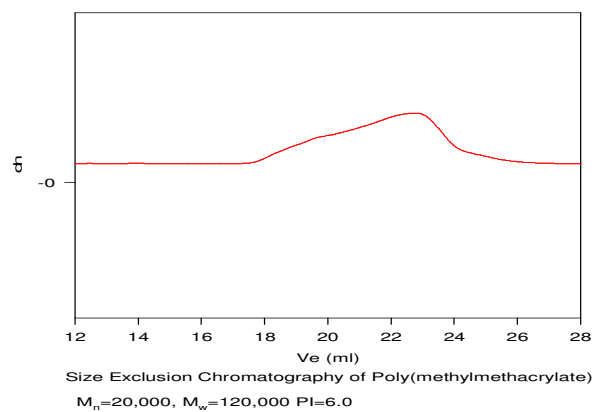
Poly(methyl methacrylate) is soluble in THF,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , toluene and dioxane. The polymer precipitates from hexanes, methanol and ethanol.

#### NMR of Syndiotactic rich (> 79%) PMMA

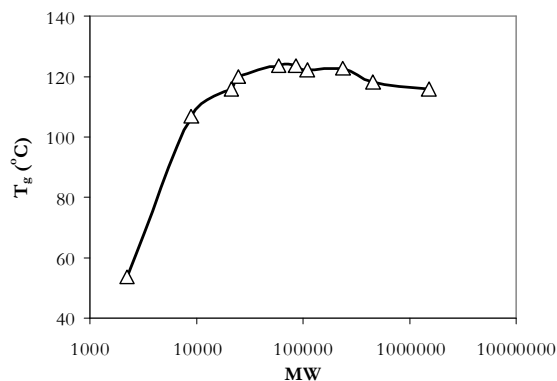


#### SEC of Sample # P2850-MMA:

**P2845-MMA**



#### T<sub>g</sub> of MMA as function of molecular weight



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