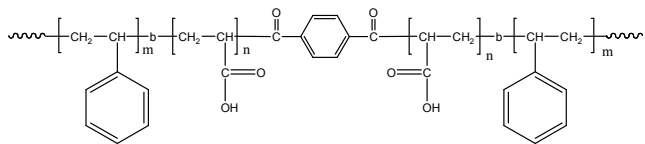
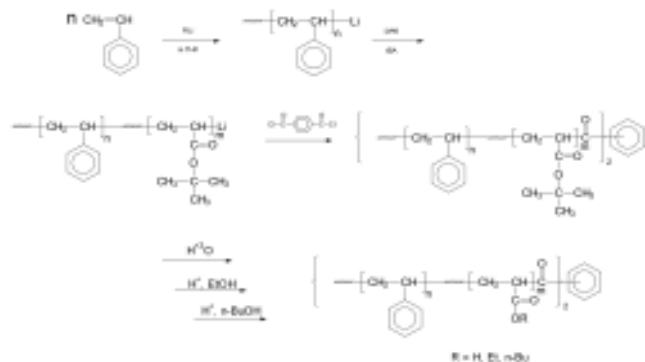


Sample Name:**Poly(Styrene-b-acrylic acid-b-Styrene)****Sample #: P2984-SAAS****Structure:****Composition:**

Mn x 10 ³ (S-b-AA-b-S)	PDI
1.0-b-50.0-b-1.0	1.08
T _g for PS block:	Not distinct
T _g for AA block:	102°C

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(styrene-b-tert. butylacrylate-b-styrene) is prepared by living anionic polymerization. The details are available in the cited reference. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:

**Characterization:**

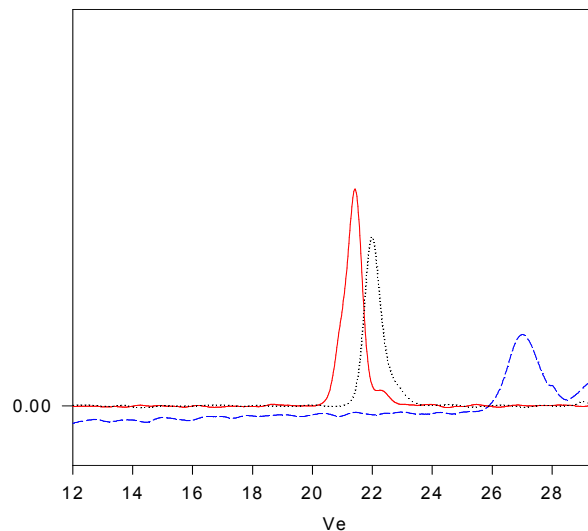
The molecular weight and polydispersity index of this polymer were determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) using a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with a UV and refractive index detector.

Thermal analysis:

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out on a TA Q100 differential scanning calorimeter at a heating rate of 10°C/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).

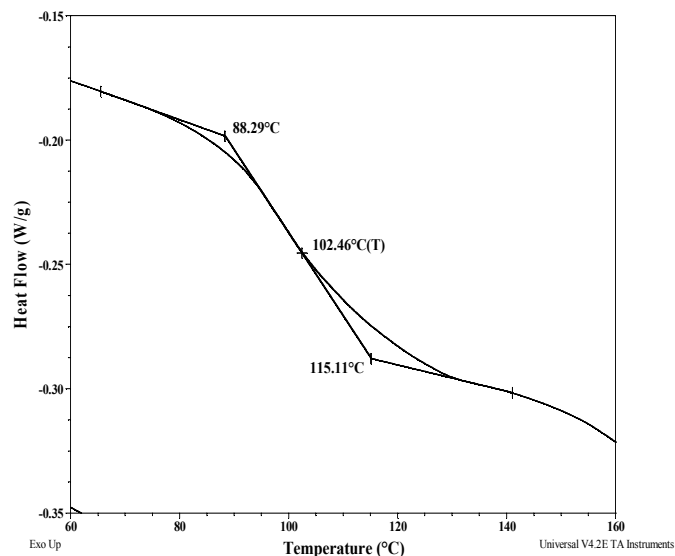
Solubility:

Polymer is soluble in THF, toluene and CHCl₃. It precipitates from methanol, ethanol, water and hexanes (depending on the compositions).

SEC of the polymer:**P2984-StBAS (precursor for P2984-SAAS)**

Size Exclusion Chromatography of:

- P2984-St, the first PS block, M_n=1000, PI=1.08
 - P2984-StBuA, the diblock PSt(1000)-b-PtBA(44000), PI=1.17
 - P2984-StBAS, the triblock PS(1000)-b-PtBuA(88000)-b-PS(1000), PI=1.08
- After hydrolysis of tert.butylacrylate
PS(1000)-b-AA(50000)-b-Ps(1000) PI: 1.08

DSC thermograms for the sample:**Reference:**

S.K. Varshney, P. Kesani, N. Agarwal, J. Xin. Zhang, and M. Rafailovich. Synthesis of ABA type thermoplastic elastomers based on Polyacrylates, *Macromolecules*, 1999, 32,235.