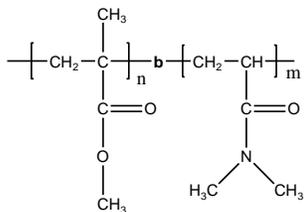


Sample Name: Poly(methyl methacrylate -b- N,N-dimethyl acrylamide)

Sample #: P6291-MMADMA

Structure:

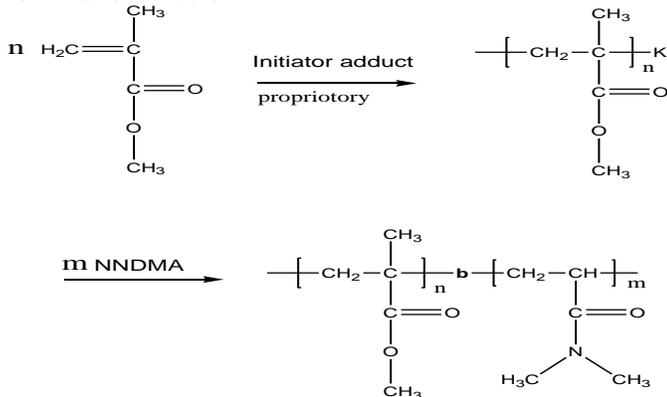


Composition:

Mn x 10 ³ PMMA-b-PDMA	PDI
45.5-b-43.5	1.15
T _g for DMA: Not distinct	T _g for MMA: 133 °C

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(methyl methacrylate -b- dimethyl acrylamide) is prepared by living anionic polymerization with sequence addition of methyl methacrylate followed by N,N-dimethyl acrylamide. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:



Characterization:

An aliquot of the anionic poly(methyl methacrylate) block was terminated before addition of N,N-dimethyl acrylamide and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition was calculated from ¹H-NMR spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the methyl methacrylate protons at 3.6 ppm with the peak area of the dimethyl acrylamide (N-(CH₃)₂) protons at 2.8-3.2 ppm. Copolymer PDI is determined by SEC in DMF as eluent at 40 °C.

Purification of the Polymer:

The obtained polymer was precipitated in cold methanol or in Hexane/Ethanol cold depending on the compositions. The polymer was re-dissolved in CHCl₃ and wash with water. The polymer was dried in toluene/THF using rota-evaporator. The solution was precipitated in Hexane. The polymer dried at 40 °C under vacuum.

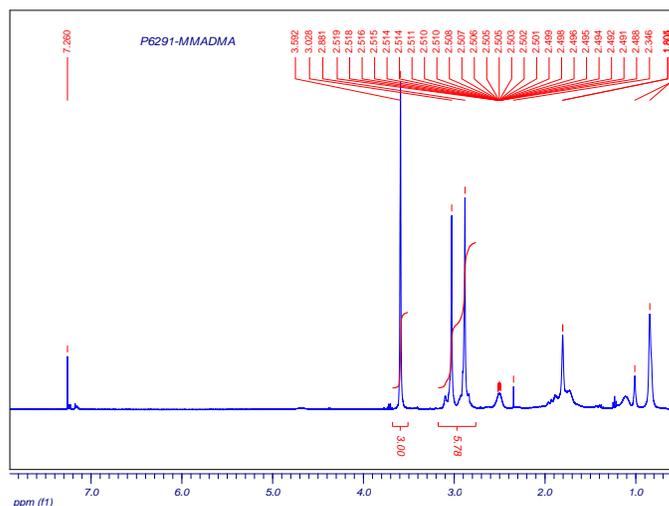
Thermal analysis:

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).

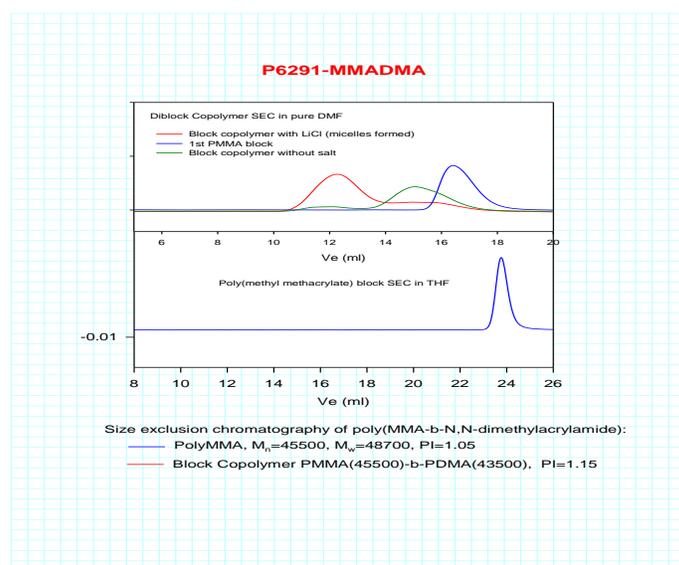
Solubility:

Poly(methyl methacrylate- b- N,N-dimethyl acrylamide) is soluble in CHCl₃, THF and in DMF.

¹H-NMR Spectrum of the block copolymer:



SEC of the block copolymer:



DSC thermogram for MMA block:

