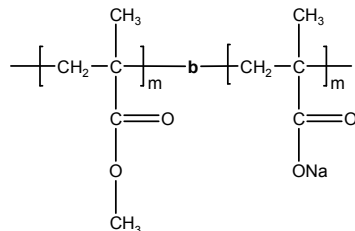


Sample Name: Poly(methyl methacrylate-b-Sodium methacrylate)

Sample #: P8421A-MMAMANA

Structure:

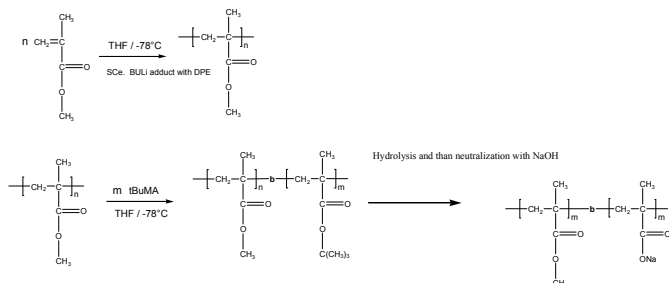


Composition:

Mn x 10 ³ PMMA-b-PMANa	PDI
6.5-b-4.0	1.16

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(methyl methacrylate -b- t-butyl methacrylate) is prepared by living anionic polymerization by sequence addition of methyl methacrylate followed by addition of t-butyl methacrylate or vice versa. **In this case MMA was added first than tBuMA monomer** The obtained polymer was hydrolysed in dioxane and than neutralized with NaOH in methanol or ethanol. The product was recovered and dried under vacuum at 50 oC for 48h. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:



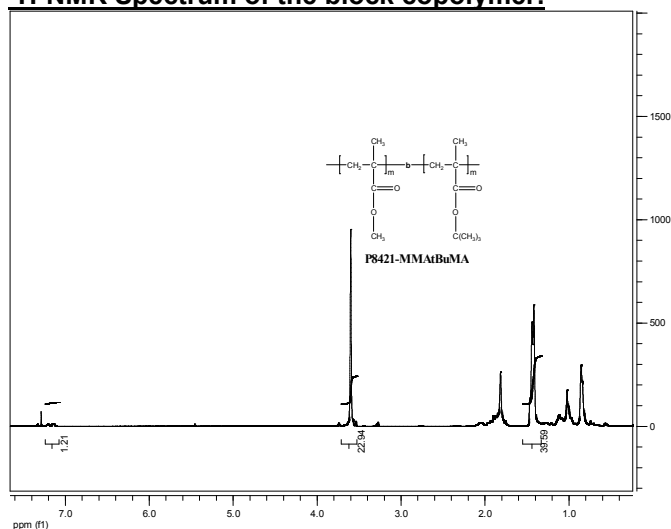
Characterization:

An aliquot of the anionic poly(methyl methacrylate) block was terminated before addition of t-butyl methacrylate 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 t-butyl methacrylate protons at about 1.43 ppm with the peak area of the methyl methacrylate protons at about 3.6 ppm. Copolymer PDI is determined by SEC.

Solubility:

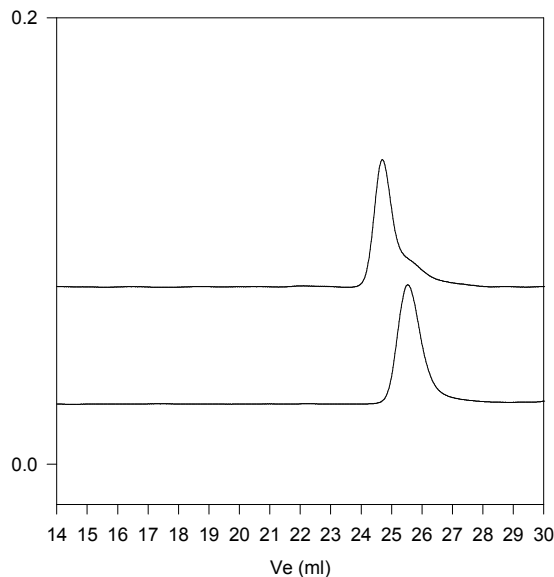
Poly(methyl methacrylate-b-t-butyl methacrylate) is soluble in THF, CHCl₃, toluene and dioxane. The polymer precipitates from hexanes, methanol and ethanol.

¹H-NMR Spectrum of the block copolymer:



SEC of the block copolymer:

P8421-MMAtBuMA
Precursor for P8421A-MMAMANA



Size exclusion chromatography of poly(methacrylate-b-tert.butyl methacrylate)

— PMMA block = Mn: 6500 Mw:7500 PI=1.15

— PMMA-tBuMA M_n: 6500-b-5400 PI=1.16

Composition from H NMR.

After Hydrolysis of tert.butyl ester than Neutralization with NaOH:

PMMA-b- MANa Mn: 6500-b-4000 Mw/Mn : 1.16