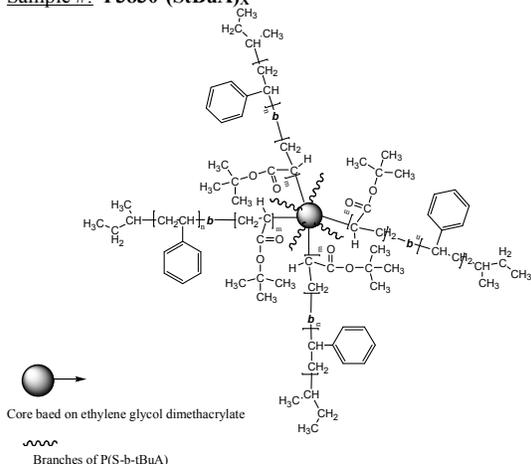


Sample Name:
Multi arm Ps-b-tBuA diblock copolymer;
Core based on ethylene glycol dimethacrylate

Sample #: **P3830-(StBuA)_x**



Mn x 10 ³ (total)	PDI
901.0	1.17
Mn of the each branch: 30.0-b-90.0	1.17
% of unlinked fraction: ≅10-15%	
# of branch per core ≅7.5	

Synthesis Procedure: By anionic polymerization:

Details is published in the following Patent:

Ph. Teyssie, R. Fayt, **S. K. Varshney**, and
 C. Jacobs Eur. Pat. Appl., Jan 16, 1991
Eur.Pat.408420

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" Star Block Copolymers based on Acrylates
 and Methacrylates and their Manufacture
 process".

Characterization.

By Size exclusion chromatography (SEC): Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with UV and refractive detector. SEC columns from Supelco were used with THF containing 2 vol% (Et)₃N as the eluent. The molecular weights were determined using light scattering detector and viscosity detector. The molecular weights and the polydispersity indice were calculated.

An aqueous GPC column from Supelco(G5000 PWXL) was also used with 0.5 M acetic acid and 0.8 M NaNO₃ as the

eluent. It was kept at a constant temperature of 50°C. The flow rate was 1.0 ml/min. The column was calibrated with monodisperse poly(ethylene oxide) standards. The molecular weights and the polydispersity index of polyethylene oxide were calculated by using a Visual Basic GPC software.

Purification of the obtained polymer:

Purification of the obtained polymer was carried out rigorously as follows to ensure the removal of the catalyst side product:

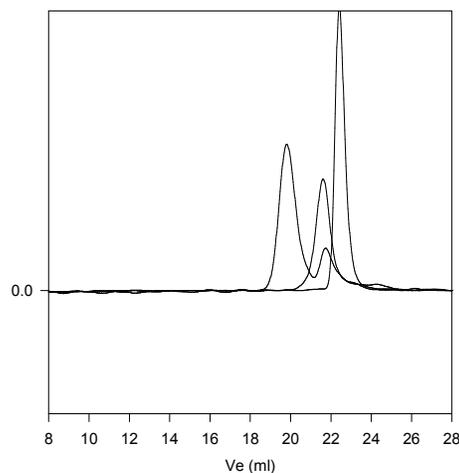
1. Dissolved the polymer in de-ionized distilled water to remove the any insoluble organic catalyst side product.
2. Polymer extracted from water with dichloromethane.
3. Polymer solution in dichloromethane was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate.
4. Solution filtered and than passed through a column packed with basic Al₂O₃.
5. Solution concentrated on rota-evaporator
6. Solution precipitated in cold diethyl ether.
7. Dried under vacuum for 48h at 38 oC.

Solubility:

Polymer is soluble in toluene, THF, water and CHCl₃. The polymer is insoluble in hexane, ether, cold isopropanol and ethanol.

SEC of the product

P3830-(StBuA)_x



Size exclusion chromatography of poly(St-b-t.BA-b-MMA)

— PSt, M_n=30000, M_w=31500, Mw/Mn=1.05

— Poly(St-b-t.BA): PSt(30000)-b-tBA(90000) Mw/Mn=1.10

— Star copolymer: P(St(30000)-b-tBA(90000))_x Mw/Mn=1.17

Value of X (number of branches): average 7.5

Total molecular weights: 901000 Radius of gyration: 35.15nm

viscosity in THF at 30 oC.: 1.11 dl/g

contain about 10% unlinked fraction