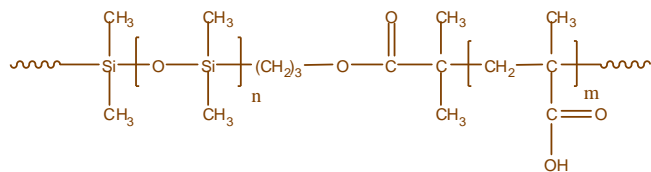


Sample Name: Poly(dimethyl siloxane -b- methacrylic acid)

Sample #: P6459-DMSMAA

Structure:

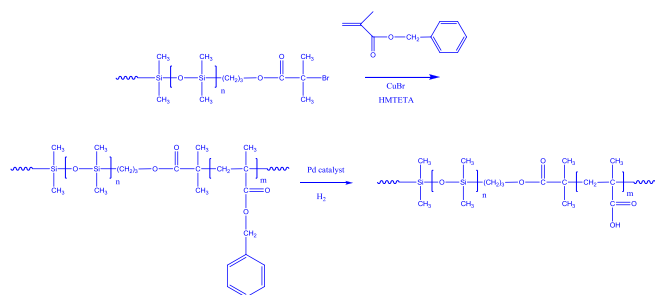


Composition:

$M_n \times 10^3$ PDMS-b-PMAA	PDI
8.0-b-3.3	1.14

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(dimethyl siloxane -b- benzyl methacrylate) is prepared by living anionic polymerization of hexamethyl cyclotrisiloxane followed by controlled radical polymerization of benzyl methacrylate. The hydrolysis of benzyl ester was performed under catalytic hydrogenation. The reaction scheme is shown below:



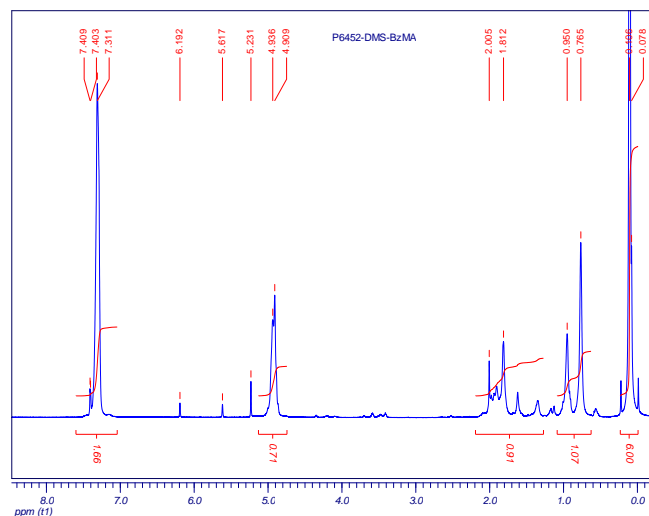
Characterization:

An aliquot of the Poly(dimethyl siloxane) block was terminated before controlled radical polymerization of the methacrylate block and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition was calculated from $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the siloxane protons at about 0 ppm with the peak area of the methacrylic acid protons at about 1-2.5 ppm. The composition is also calculated according to FTIR showed as followed graph. The results from NMR and FTIR are compatible.

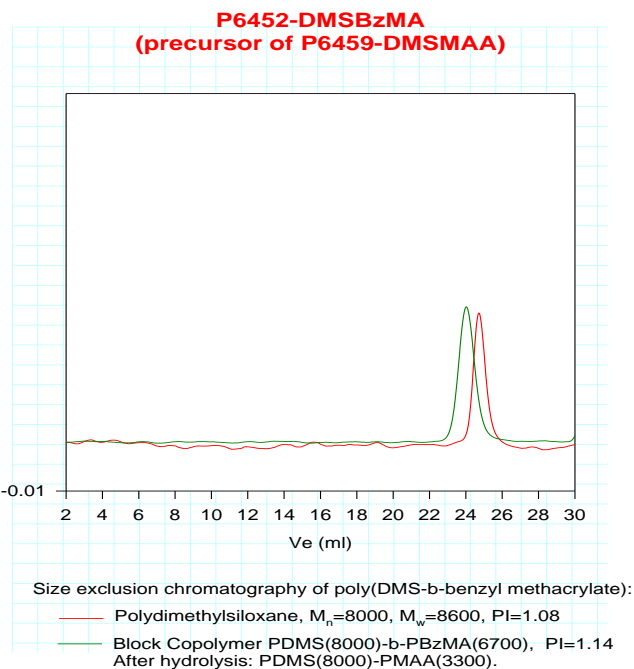
Solubility:

Poly(dimethyl siloxane -b- methacrylic acid) is soluble in THF, chloroform and dichloromethane. It did not precipitate well in methanol or hexanes because of its amphiphilic character.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ Spectrum of the block copolymer:



SEC profile of the block copolymer:



Thermal analysis of the sample# P6549-DMSMAA

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).

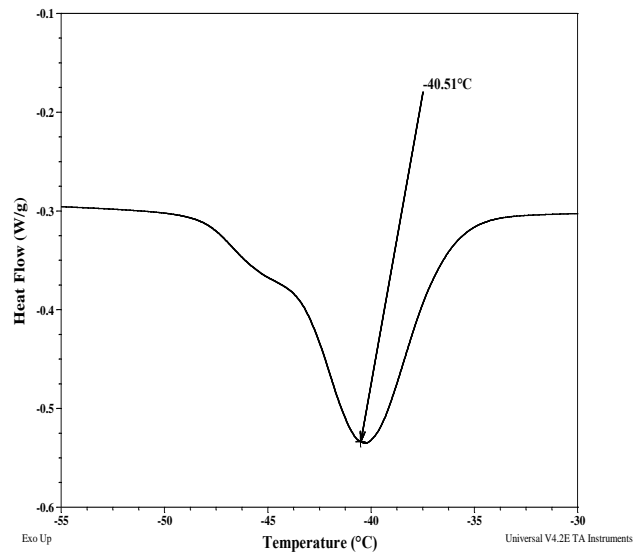
Melting and crystallization curve for the sample

The melting temperature (T_m) was taken as the maximum of the endothermic peak where as the crystallization temperature (T_c) was considered as the minimum of the exothermic peak.

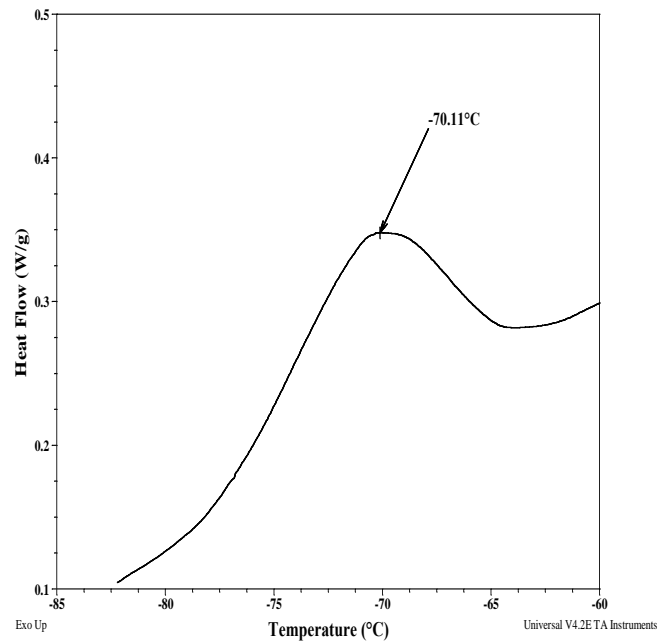
Thermal analysis results at a glance

Sample	T_m (°C)	T_c (°C)	T_g (°C)
DMS	-41	-70	-127 (Lit)
AA	-	-	132

Melting curve for DMS block:



Crystallization curve for DMS:



Thermogram for MAA block:

