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Structure–Property Relationships and Industrial Applications of Thermoplastic Polymers in Modern Manufacturing and Engineering

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Abstract

Polymer characterization is essential for understanding the structure, composition, and properties of polymeric materials. This article reviews various analytical techniques used for polymer characterization, including spectroscopy, chromatography, and thermal analysis. The relationship between polymer structure and performance is also discussed.

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Introduction

Polymer characterization plays a fundamental role in polymer science by providing detailed information about molecular structure, composition, and physical properties [1]. Techniques such as Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and gel permeation chromatography (GPC) are widely used to analyze polymer structure and molecular weight distribution [2]. Thermal analysis methods, including differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), are employed to study thermal transitions and stability [3]. These techniques enable researchers to establish relationships between polymer structure and material properties, which is essential for designing high-performance materials [4]. Advancements in analytical instrumentation have significantly improved the accuracy and efficiency of polymer characterization [5]. These developments have facilitated the study of complex polymer systems and contributed to innovations in material science.

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Conclusion

Polymer characterization is indispensable for understanding and optimizing polymer performance. Continued advancements in analytical techniques will further enhance material development and innovation.

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