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# Preface

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The purpose of the *Polymer Handbook* is to bring together the data and constants needed in theoretical and experimental polymer research. All polymer researchers have experienced the frustration of searching for data in the ever-expanding polymer literature and know the difficulties involved in trying to locate a particular constant that is buried in a long journal article. The contributors to this Handbook have taken on the arduous task of searching the literature and compiling the data and constants that polymer chemists, polymer physicists, and polymer engineers are likely to need.

The 520 and odd tables in this Handbook are divided into eight sections. The first lists the IUPAC nomenclature rules for polymers and the International System of Units. Although several naming conventions exist in the technical literature, IUPAC names permit a consistent listing of all polymers. Section II contains data and constants needed for polymer synthesis, kinetic mechanisms, and thermodynamic studies of polymerization and depolymerization reactions. Sections III and IV contain physical constants of monomers, solvents, and oligomers. Section V lists the physical constants of many important commercial polymers. Section VI and VII cover the solid state properties of polymers and the properties of polymer solutions. Section VIII of the Handbook lists the commonly used abbreviations or acronyms for polymers and Chemical Abstract Registry Numbers, and gives suggestions for electronic data searching for polymer information. This section should also be consulted in the few cases where contributors have not used IUPAC nomenclature.

As in the previous editions, the *Polymer Handbook* concentrates on synthetic polymers, poly(saccharides) and derivatives, and oligomers. Few data on biopolymers are included. Spectroscopic data as well as data needed by engineers and designers, such as mechanical and rheological data, are minimized, since many excellent compilations exist elsewhere. Only fundamental constants and parameters that refer to the polymer molecule, that describe the solid state of polymer molecules, or that describe polymer solutions, were compiled. Constants that depend on processing conditions or on sample history were not emphasized, as they can be found in existing plastics handbooks and encyclopedias.

A critical evaluation of the values published in the literature was not attempted, since such a task would have required an inordinate amount of time and a sizable staff. Therefore, the users of this Handbook should consult the original literature for details when in doubt about the validity of any data. (The authors of the individual tables were nevertheless requested to eliminate obviously erroneous data from otherwise complete compilations.)

The Fourth Edition revisions have focused on data generated in the ten years since the publication of the Third Edition. Therefore, a completely revised *Polymer Handbook* has been prepared. We have added new tables and incorporated a large amount of new data into existing tables. As a result, the Fourth Edition contains approximately twenty-five percent more data, and the number of pages has increased from about 1850 in the Third Edition to about 2250.

We hope that this new edition will be as useful to the polymer research community as the three earlier editions and that many of the *Polymer Handbook's* previous users will also obtain the Fourth Edition for their laboratory and library.

The publisher plans a CD-ROM for the *Polymer Handbook* in the near future. We would be grateful if our contributors and users send us any new data they accumulate in the course of their research, and any errors, misprints, omissions and other flaws. We will pass on such data to the publisher, for the polymer database, and for future editions of this Handbook.

We would like to thank all of the contributors to the *Polymer Handbook* for their help and continued patience. The staff at John Wiley, especially Carla Fjerstad, Shirley Thomas, and Jacqueline Kroschwitz, have provided excellent help and support in getting all the work done. We hope that the outstanding efforts of all these people will find due appreciation among the users of this Handbook.

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