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#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

T<sub>g</sub> glass transition temperature

T<sub>C</sub> crystallization/ceiling temperature (depending on context)

T<sub>m</sub> crystalline melting point

T<sub>d</sub> degradation temperature

M<sub>v</sub> viscosity-average molecular weight

DP<sub>n</sub> number-average degree of polymerization

b.pt. boiling point

 $\Delta G_{p}$  free energy change for polymerization

 $\Delta H_{m}$  heat of melting (fusion)

 $\Delta H_{m}^{*}$  heat of melting for a 100% crystalline sample

IR infrared spectroscopy

FT-IR fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy

1H-NMR proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

GC-MS gas chromatography-mass spectrometry

DSC differential scanning calorimetry

°C degrees Celcius

mg milligram

min minute

hrs. hours

mm Hg millimetres of mercury (pressure)

cm<sup>-1</sup> wavenumber

g gram

mmol millimole

ml millilitre

g/mol grams per mole

mol. wt. molecular weight

MHz megahertz

 $\delta$  chemical shift (NMR)

ppm parts per million

J/g joules per gram

dl/g decilitres per gram