

# Polymers

The collage features various chemical diagrams and models. At the top left, there are three colorful 3D molecular models labeled 'Polymers'. Below them are several ball-and-stick molecular models of different polymer chains and structures. On the right side, there are circular diagrams representing polymer networks or cross-linking, with labels like 'Polymers' and 'Cross-linking'. The word 'Polymers' is written in large, bold letters in the center. Other labels include 'Cross-linking' and 'Cross-linking' in different parts of the collage. The background is a dark, textured surface.

• **Monomers and Polymers :**

Poly means many and mer means unit or part. The term polymer is defined as very large molecules, having high molecular mass ( $10^3 - 10^7$  u). These are also referred to as macromolecules.

• **Classification of Polymers :**

A) **Classification Based on source: On the Basis of their origin.**

① **Natural Polymers: Found in plants and animals.**

→ Biodegradable : - starch - cellulose

- Protein - Glycogen.

→ Non Biodegradable : - Rubber - Resins.

② **Semi-synthetic polymers: obtained from natural polymers.**

→ cellulose derivatives : - cellulose Acetate (Rayon)

- cellulose Nitrate

- cellulose Xanthate.

→ Vulcanised Rubber.

③ **Synthetic polymers: These are mainly man-made polymers used in daily and industry life.**

→ - Polythene - Nylon - 66

- Buna - S - Neoprene.

B) **Classification Based on structure of Polymers :**

① **Linear polymers: long and straight chains.**

- High Density Polythene (HDP) - Polyesters.

- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

② Branched chain polymers: linear chains having some branches. (2D)  
 - Low Density polythene (LDP)

③ Cross linked or network polymers: These are found in strong covalent bonds between various linear polymer chains.  
 - Bakelite  
 - Melamine - formaldehyde.  
 - Urea - formaldehyde.

c) Classification Based on Mode of Polymerisation:

(i) Addition Polymers: molecules possessing double or triple bonds.

① Homopolymer: polymer of a single monomeric species.

- Polythene
- Poly vinyl chloride (PVC)
- Polystyrene
- Poly Acro nitrile (PAN, Orlon, Acrilan)
- Teflon
- Natural Rubber (poly-cis-isoprene)
- Synthetic Rubber (Neoprene)

② Co-polymers: addition polymer from two different monomers.

- Buna-S
- Buna-N

(ii) Condensation polymers: Repeated condensation reaction b/w two diff monomers through elimination of small molecules such as water, alcohol, HCl etc.

① Homopolymer: condensation formed by single monomeric species.

- Nylon-6

② Co-polymers : polymer condensation formed by two diff. molecules

- Nylon - 66
- Terylene ( Dacron)
- Glyptal.
- Bakelite
- Melamine formaldehyde.

D) Classification Based on Molecular Forces :

① Elastomers - Rubber like solids with weakest vanderwaal interaction

- Natural Rubber
- BUNA - S
- Vulcanised Rubber
- Neoprene (Synthetic Rubber)
- BUNA - N

② Fibres : H - Bonding  
strong interaction

- Polyamides
- Polyesters

③ Thermoplastic polymers : In - Between Elastomers and Fibres.  
no cross-links between the chains.

- Polystyrene.
- Polyvinyl
- Polythene.

④ Thermosetting polymers : cross linked or heavily branched molecules.

- Bakelite
- Melamine
- Urea - Formaldehyde
- Resins.

• strength - Thermosetting > Fibres > Thermoplastic > Elastomers



• Examples of Addition Polymers:

Monomers	Polymers	Uses
① Ethene	Polythene	Toys, pipe, Fibre
② Styrene	Polystyrene	Toys, Radio and TV cabinets.
③ Acrylonitrile	Polyacrylonitrile (Acrilian, Orlon)	substitute of wool in making commercial fibres.
④ Vinyl Chloride	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	Raincoats, Handbags, water pipes
⑤ Tetrafluoroethene	Teflon	Non-stick surface coated utensils
⑥ Isoprene (cis-1,4, - polyisoprene)	Natural Rubber	Tyre
⑦ Chloroprene	Neoprene (synthetic Rubber)	Conveyer belts gaskets and hoses.
⑧ 1,3-Butadiene + Styrene	Buna-S	Auto-tyres, Footwears, Floor tiles, cable insulation.
⑨ 1,3-Butadiene + Acrylonitrile	Buna-N	Oil seals and tank lining

• Example of Condensation Polymers :

	Monomers	Polymers	Uses
①	Hexamethylenediamine + Adipic acid	Nylon-66	Sheets, bristles for brushes and in textile industry.
②	Caprolactam	Nylon-6	Tyre cords, fabrics and ropes
③	Ethylene glycol + Terephthalic acid	Terylene (Dacron)	safety helmets and wool fibre
④	Ethylene Glycol + phthalic acid	Glyptal	Paint and lacquers
⑤	Phenol + Formaldehyde	Bakelite (Branched) Novalac (Linear)	combs, electrical switches, handles of utensils and computer discs
⑥	Melamine + Formaldehyde	Melamine For- maldehyde Resin	Unbreakable Crocery
⑦	Urea + Formaldehyde	Urea Formaldehyde Resin	Unbreakable cups and laminated sheets

• Example of Biodegradable polymers :

① 3-Hydroxy Butanoic Acid + PHBV (Poly  $\beta$  Hydroxy) Butyrate -  
3-Hydroxy pentanoic Acid co- $\beta$ -Hydroxy Valerate

② Glycine + Amino Caproic Acid Nylon-2,6

- DDT (Dichloro Diphenyl trichloro ethane) is non-biodegradable polymer.

• Vulcanisation of Rubber:

① Vulcanised Rubber = semisynthetic rubber + sulphur

② In manufacture of tyre rubber 5% of sulphur (usually 3 to 10%) is used as a cross linking agent.

• characteristics:

① Resistant against oxidising agents

② Water holding capacity decreases.

③ stability increases.

④ Hardness increases.

⑤ softness decreases.

• Polythene:

① Low Density Polythene (LDP)

- Formed by polymerisation of ethene in presence of dioxygen or peroxide initiator at high pressure (1000 atm - 2000 atm) and temperature (350 K - 570 K).

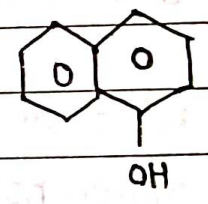
- Formed by Free Radical addition
- Poor conductor of electricity chemically inert tough but flexible.
- Uses: Manufacture of toys, Flexible pipes squeeze bottles and insulator etc.

② High Density Polythene (HDP)

- Formed by polymerisation of ethane in presence of Zeigler natta catalyst ( $TiCl_4 + Et_3Al$ ) at low pressure (6 atm-7 atm) and temperature (333K-343K) chemically inert tough and hard.

- Uses: Manufacture of Baskets, dustbin, bottles, pipes etc.
- Test of Carbohydrates.

① Molisch Test (For Carbohydrates)



5% solution of  $\alpha$ -naphthol + EtOH

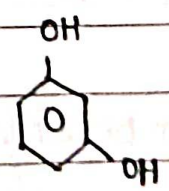
$\alpha$ -naphthol

↓  $H_2SO_4$  + Carbohydrate.

Purple Ring at the Junction of two liq.

Mono → Fast.

Di or Poly → Slow.



② Seliwanoff's Test (For Ketose)

- This Test is used for or performed when sample gives positive Test for Benedict's or Fehling's Test.



$\frac{ML^2}{12}$      $M/2(1/2)^2$      $\frac{ML^2}{24 \times 32} + \frac{ML^2}{16 \times 3}$      $\frac{5ML^2}{48}$      $900 \times 0.6$      $2\pi r$      $\int r^2 dm$

- Take selewanoff's reagent and add sample.
- Boil for two samples minutes. Appearance of red to orange colour indicates the presence of Fructose.  $540 \times 10^{-4} m^2 kg + 0$
- If no colour appears in 2 minutes, continue boiling for 5 minutes.  $50 \times 10^{-4}$   
 $590 \times 10^{-4}$
- If faint orange or no colour appears, then it indicates the presence of glucose.