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1. SAMPLE PREPARATION

Instrument:

Procedure details:

Modular rotational rheometer MCR302, Anton Paar

Sample geometry: Cylindrical disk (PP25/S sensor geometry): d=25 mm; h=1mm (gap)

System configuration: upper plate PP25/S (sandblasted); lower plate INSET/pp25/SS/S D:25 mm, SANDB; HETD 400

Figure 1 shows cylindrical disk sample (example of PIB 2), trimmed around PP25/S sensor geometry at 60°C.

Temperature: 60 °C

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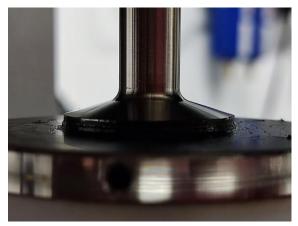


Figure 1: Trimmed cylindrical sample at 60°C.





2. MEASUREMENT

2.1. DSC: phase transition temperatures

Instruments:	DSC2500, Ta Instruments
Procedure details:	Samples: PIB 1 and PIB 2
	Temperature range: -80°C – 200°C
	Heating and cooling rate: 10°C/min
	Pan type: Al
	Sample geometry: finger kneaded granule
	Repetitions: 2 repetitions per material

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Figure 1 shows DSC thermograms of PIB 1 and PIB2 indicating glass transitions at ~ -65°C

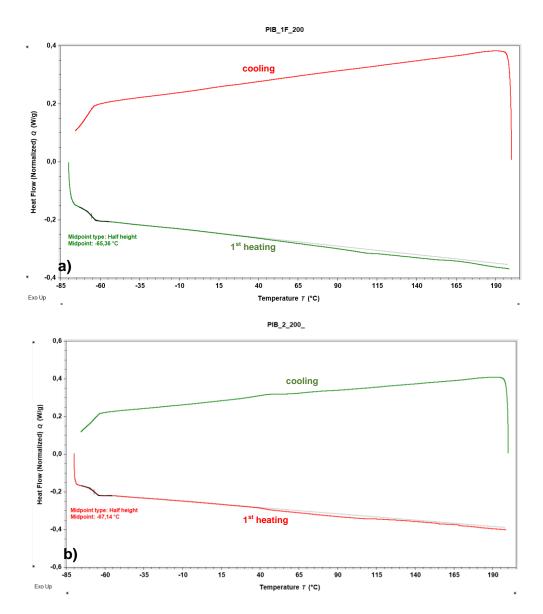


Figure 2: DSC thermograms of a) PIB 1 and b) PIB 2 (only 1. repetition is shown).



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2.2. Rheology: determination of LTVE range @ 180°C

Instruments: Modular rotational rheometer MCR302, Anton Paar Procedure details: Temperature: 180°C Shear stress: 10 - 3000 Pa Frequency: 1 Hz System configuration: upper plate PP25/S (sandblasted); lower plate INSET/pp25/SS/S D:25 mm, SANDB; HETD 400 Gap: 1 mm Repetitions: 1 repetition per material

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Figure 3 shows the results of amplitude sweep tests, which were used to determine shear stress limit of linear viscoelastic range LTVE for PIB 1 and PIB 2 at constant temperature of 180°C.

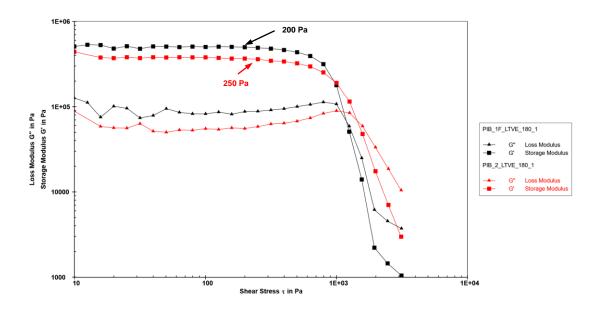


Figure 3: Storage G' and loss G" modulus as a function of shear stress for PIB 1 at 180°C.



2.3. Rheology: temperature sweep between 15 – 180 °C

Instruments: Modular rotational rheometer MCR302, Anton Paar **Procedure details:** Samples: PIB 1 and PIB 2 Temperature: 15-180°C Shear stress: 200 Pa (for PIB 1F) and 250 Pa (for PIB 2) Frequency: 1 Hz System configuration: upper plate **PP25/S** (sandblasted); lower plate INSET/pp25/SS/S D:25 mm, SANDB; HETD 400 Gap: 1 mm Repetitions: 1 repetition per material

Figure 4 shows the results of temperature sweep tests for PIB 1 over a wide temperature range during three cycles of heating.

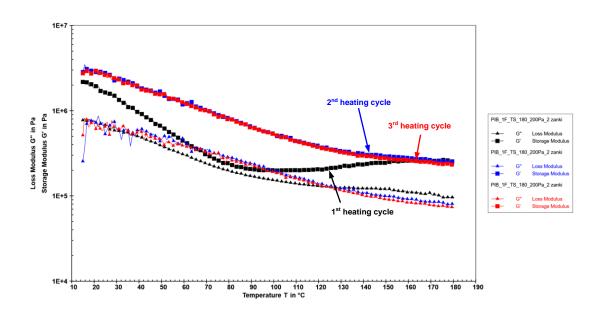


Figure 4: Storage G' and loss G" modulus as a function of temperature during three heating cycles.



Figure 5 shows the results of temperature sweep tests for PIB 2 over a wide temperature range during three cycles of heating.

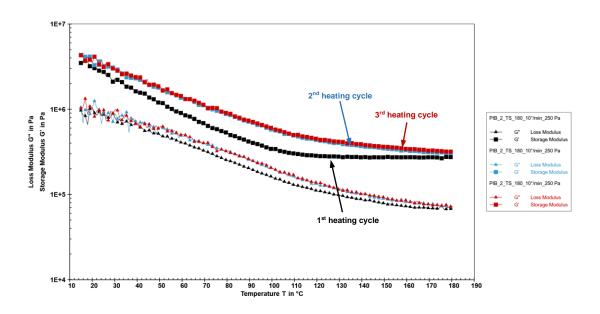


Figure 5: Storage G' and loss G" modulus as a function of temperature during three heating cycles.

Results show that at temperatures above ~60°C smaller molecules (or components) start to evaporate or degrade, which changes the rheological behavior of PIB. However, after the first heating cycle the material becomes thermo-rheologically stable.



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2.4. Rheology: Comparison with previous measurements

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Instruments:	Modular rotational rheometer MCR302, Anton Paar
Procedure details:	Samples: PIB 1 and PIB 2
	Temperature: 10-180°C
	Shear stress: 200 Pa (for PIB 1F) and 250 Pa (for PIB 2)
	Frequency: 1 Hz
	System configuration: upper plate PP25/S (sandblasted); lower plate INSET/pp25/SS/S D:25 mm, SANDB; HETD 400
	Gap: 1 mm
	Repetitions: 1 repetition per material

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Figure 6 shows the comparison of temperature sweep tests of current measurements (from 15°C to 180°C) with previous measurements, which were performed to lower temperatures, i.e. from -20°C to 60°C) for PIB 1 and PIB 2.

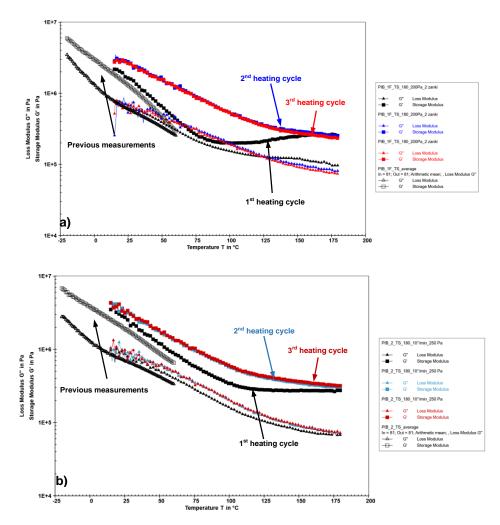


Figure 6: Storage G' and loss G" modulus as a function of temperature for a) PIB 1 and b) PIB 2.





2.5. Rheology: Stability at 60 °C

Instruments: Modular rotational rheometer MCR302, Anton Paar Procedure details: Samples: PIB 1 and PIB 2 Temperature: 60°C Shear stress: 400 Pa Frequency: 1 Hz System configuration: upper plate PP25/S (sandblasted); lower plate INSET/pp25/SS/S D:25 mm, SANDB; HETD 400 Gap: 1 mm Repetitions: 1 repetition per material

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Figure 7 shows rheological stability tests for PIB 1 and PIB 2, which were performed at constant temperature of 60 °C for 8 hours. From the results it is clearly visible that viscoelastic properties (storage G' and loss G' modulus) change over time and reach the plateau of constant values after \sim 400 min.

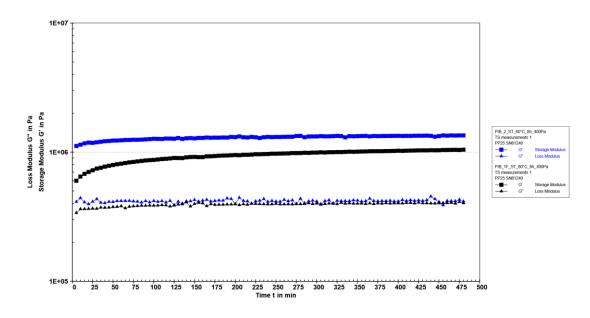


Figure 7: Storage G' and loss G'' modulus as a function of time at constant temperature of 60°C for PIB 1 and PIB 2, respectively.

3. CONCLUSION

After first heating cycle the PIB materials become thermo-rheologically stable. The results show that viscoelastic properties (storage G' and loss G' modulus) at constant temperature of 60 °C change with time. At temperatures above ~60°C, smaller molecules (or components) start to evaporate or degrade, which changes the rheological behavior of PIB materials.