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TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF AN UNKNOWN POLYMER SAMPLE

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1. Objective

The objective of this study is to determine the identity of an unknown polymer sample.

2. Samples Supplied

One sample of an unknown material was supplied by Adele Schaverien for identification purposes.

The description of the sample was:

Piece from an Australian made ice bucket

3. Testing Undertaken

Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) 'finger-printing' to identify molecular structural properties.

4. Method of Sampling.

The entire sample supplied was used in the testing operation.

5. Testing Methodology

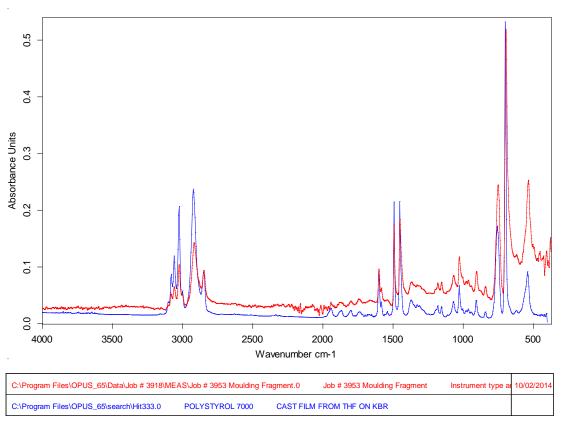
FT-IR analysis was performed according to ASTM E 573, using an Alpha Measurement Module by Bruker Optik.



6. Results

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6.1 FT-IR analysis



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7. Conclusion

The infrared spectrum of the sample supplied is an extremely close match to the infrared spectrum of polystyrene. This is evidence that the material used to manufacture the ice bucket from which the sample was taken was polystyrene.





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