Reduced Viscosity Analysis of Polyurethane

Application Note

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Introduction
Polyurethanes are soluble in several medium to high polarity solvents. In DMF, the temperature is increased to reduce eluent viscosity so reducing operating pressure. Agilent PLgel 5 µm MIXED-C columns are well suited to the analysis of polyurethanes.
PLgel 5 µm MIXED-c columns are designed for rapid polymer analysis. With its linear calibration up to 2 million MW, this is the column of choice for highest resolution and accuracy in molecular weight distribution analyses. Rapid solvent change capability, excellent temperature stability and the high resolution of the PLgel 5 µm MIXED-C also provide the versatility essential for today's R&D laboratory.

**Conditions**

- **Columns:** 2 x PLgel 5 µm MIXED-C, 300 x 7.5 mm (part number PL1110-6500)
- **Eluent:** DMF + 0.1% LiBr
- **Flow Rate:** 1.0 mL/min
- **Temperature:** 60 °C
- **Detection:** 390-MDS Multi Detector Suite (differential refractive index)

*Figure 1. Analysis of polyurethane using PLgel 5 µm MIXED-C columns*