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Abstract: A novel polysiloxane (APID) containing phosphorus, nitrogen and benzene rings was

synthesized as a flame retardant, which is hydrophobic and thermally stable in air (residual weight

being 46.1 wt.% at 800 °C). APID is synergistic with ammonium polyphosphate (APP) in the formation

of strong cross-linked intumescent char layer, resulting in improved flame retardancy, smoke

suppression and dripping resistance of polypropylene (PP). With 23 wt.% of APP and APID (3:2), the

flame retarded PP achieved V-0 rating at UL-94 test and its peak heat release rate was reduced by

75.7 % in the cone calorimeter test. Moreover, APID improved the compatibility of APP with PP matrix

to minimize the negative effect of APP on the mechanical properties of PP. The detailed flame retardant

mechanism was discussed in the text.

Keywords: Polysiloxane; Flame retardancy; Polypropylene; Compatibility

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