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Isothermal crystallization and subsequent melting behavior for three different types of linear aromatic polyester, namely poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET), poly(trimethylene terephthalate) (PTT), and poly(buthylene terephthalate) (PBT), which are different in their number of methylene groups (i.e., 2, 3, and 4 for PET, PTT, and PBT, respectively), were investigated using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and wide-angle X-ray diffraction (WAXD) technique. The kinetics of the crystallization process was assessed by directly fitting the experimental data to the Avrami, Tobin, Malkin and Urbanovici-Segal macrokinetic models. In case of non-isothermal crystallization, the experiment was carried out on PET, PTT, and PBT and the data was analyzed based on the Avrami, Tobin, Ozawa, and Ziabicki models. Moreover, the miscibility and crystallization behavior of PTT/PET and PTT/PBT blends were also studied. A single composition-dependent glass transition temperature  $(T_g)$  was observed in both systems, implying that these blends are fully miscible in amorphous phase. The presence of the characteristic Xray peaks for pure polymers in the blends without the presence of a new peak in the diffraction pattern revealed that each component forms its own crystal phase and there was no co-crystallite in the blends under our experimental condition. The steady rate sweep test showed that these blends behaved as a shear thinning fluid within shear rates studied.

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