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(54) Title: POLYMERIC COMPOSITION (57) Abstract Novel modifying agents contain a sharply-melting crystalline polymer moiety, preferably a side chain crystalline (SCC) moiety, and an active chemical moiety. Such modifying agents, especially when in the form of particles, can be placed in contact with a matrix, will not modify the matrix below the crystalline melting point T_p, but will rapidly modify the matrix above T_p. The active chemical moiety can react with the matrix, catalyze a reaction of the matrix, or inhibit a reaction of the matrix. Particularly useful compositions are polymer precursors which are storage-stable at low temperatures but which are rapidly converted to cross-linked resins when heated to temperatures above T_p, optionally in the presence of light.		