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(57) **Abstract:** A crosslinkable, branched polyester prepared by free radical polymerization of unsaturated polyester prepolymers, wherein the polymerization occurs primarily by reaction of the unsaturation is disclosed. Coatings comprising the same are also disclosed, as are substrates coated at least in part with such coatings.

