

A B S T R A C TPOLYETHER POLYOLS CONTAINING POLYMER DISPERSIONS
FOR POLYURETHANE FOAMS AND/OR POLYISOCYANURATE FOAMS

A process for preparing a stable, polymer/polyol composition, which composition is formed by polymerising, in the presence of a free radical initiator, (1) from 10 to 50 weight percent of one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers, dissolved or dispersed in (2) from 50 to 90 weight percent of a polyol mixture comprising (a) a base polyol (B) having a number average molecular weight of at least 500 and (b) a coupled polyol consisting essentially of the reaction product of a base polyol (A) having a functionality of at least 2 reacted with a polyisocyanate in such proportion that the ratio of hydroxyl groups to isocyanate groups is greater than 1, the coupled polyol being present in an amount sufficient to stabilise the resulting polymer/polyol, characterised in that (I) the monomer or monomer mixture comprises in excess of 80% by weight of styrene and/or structurally related vinyl aromatics and is polymerised in the presence of (II) a peroxide free radical initiator, preferably selected from t-alkyl peroxyesters or peroxyethers, dissolved or dispersed in (III) a polyol mixture prepared by first producing the coupled polyol separately, and then blending it with the base polyol (B), preferably with additional dilution with base polyol (B) subsequent to preparation.