polymer (MPI), and characterized in that the polymer (Cl) has a mass average molecular weight Mw of at least IO0 000g/mol and that the component c) represents at most 40wt% of the composition based on the total weight of.

[029] None of the prior art documents discloses powder composition comprising a multistage polymer combined with a (meth)acrylic polymer in form of a powder having the having a porosity expressed in total intruded volume of at last 1.2ml/g as measured by mercury intrusion or a process for preparing it.

[Brief description of the disclosure]

[029a] In an aspect, there is provided a polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder comprising

a) one stage (A) comprising a polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

b) one stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C, and

c) and a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C, said polymer (C1) represents at most 40wt% of the composition based on a), b) and c) only,

characterized in that at least the component a) and the component b) of composition (PC1) are part of a multistage polymer (MP1), and characterized in that the polymer (C1) has a mass average molecular weight Mw between 10 000g/mol and 500 000g/mol and that the polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder is having a total intruded volume of at least 1.2 ml/g as measured by mercury porosimetry and characterized in that the incremental intrusion of the polymer powder between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm is at least 0.1ml/g and the relative incremental intrusion between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm is at least 8%.

[030] Surprisingly it has been found that a polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder comprising

a) one stage (A) comprising a polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

b), one stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C, and

c) and a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C, said polymer (C1) represents at most 40wt% of the composition based on a), b) and c) only;

characterized in that at least the component a) and the component b) of composition (PC1) are part of a multistage polymer (MP1), and characterized in that the polymer (C1) has a mass average molecular weight Mw between 10 000g/mol and 500 000g/mol and that the polymer powder is having a total intruded volume of at least 1.2 ml/g as measured by mercury porosimetry; can be easily and rapidly dispersed in a polymeric matrix material for thermosetting polymers or thermoplastic polymers or their respective precursors as liquid resins and/or monomers.

[030a] In another aspect, there is provided a process for manufacturing the polymer composition as defined above comprising the steps of

a) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (A_m) to obtain one layer in stage (A) comprising polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C

b) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (B_m) to obtain layer in stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C

c) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (Cm) to obtain a layer in stage (C) comprising a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C,

d) coagulating the composition obtained in steps a) to c).

[031] Surprisingly it has also been found that a process for manufacturing the polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder comprising the steps of

a) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (A_m) to obtain one layer in stage (A) comprising polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C;

b) bringing into contact the polymeric composition (PC1) with a liquid composition LC1,

which is faster than the same process using a polymeric composition in form of a polymer powder having a lower total intruded volume as measured by mercury porosimetry.

[036a] In another aspect, there is provided a polymer composition PC2 comprising the polymer composition (PC1) as defined above as impact modifier.

[Detailed description of the invention]

[037] According to a first aspect, the present invention relates to a polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder comprising

a) one stage (A) comprising a polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

b) one stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C, and

c) and a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C said polymer (C1) represents at most 40wt% of the composition based on a), b) and c) only;

characterized in that at least the component a) and the component b) of composition (PC1) are part of a multistage polymer (MP1), characterized that the polymer (C1) has a mass average molecular weight Mw between 10 000g/mol and 500 000g/mol and that the polymer powder is having a total intruded volume of at least 1.2 ml/g as measured by mercury porosimetry.

[038] According to a second aspect, the present invention relates to a process for manufacturing the polymer composition (PC1) comprising the steps of

a) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (A_m) to obtain one layer in stage (A) comprising polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

b) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (B_m) to obtain a layer in stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C,

c) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (Cm) to obtain a layer in stage (C) comprising

Claims

1. A polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder comprising

   a) one stage (A) comprising a polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

   b) one stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C, and

   c) and a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C, said polymer (C1) represents at most 40wt% of the composition based on a), b) and c) only,

   characterized in that at least the component a) and the component b) of composition (PC1) are part of a multistage polymer (MP1), and characterized in that the polymer (C1) has a mass average molecular weight Mw between 10 000g/mol and 500 000g/mol and that the polymer composition (PC1) in form of a polymer powder is having a total intruded volume of at least 1.2 ml/g as measured by mercury porosimetry and characterized in that the incremental intrusion of the polymer powder between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm is at least 0.1ml/g and the relative incremental intrusion between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm is at least 8%.

2. The polymer composition (PC1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the total intruded volume is between 1.2ml/g and 10ml/g, more preferably between 1.25ml/g and 8 ml/g, even more preferably between 1.3 ml/g and 7 ml/g, advantageously between 1.35 ml/g and 6 ml/g, more advantageously between 1.35 ml/g and 5ml/g and most advantageously between 1.35 ml/g and 4ml/g.

3. The polymeric composition (PC1) according to any of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the relative incremental intrusion

of the polymer powder for a pore size above 10µm of at most 85%.

4. The polymer composition (PC1) according to claim 1 or 2 characterized in that the incremental intrusion of the polymer powder between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm is at least 0.12ml/g and more preferably at least 0.15ml/g.

5. The polymeric composition according to claim 1 or 2 characterized in that the relative incremental intrusion between a pore size from 10µm to 1µm of at least 10%.

6. A process for manufacturing the polymer composition according to any of claims 1 to 5 comprising the steps of

a) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (A_m) to obtain one layer in stage (A) comprising polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C

b) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (B_m) to obtain layer in stage (B) comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C

c) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (Cm) to obtain a layer in stage (C) comprising a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C,

d) coagulating the composition obtained in steps a) to c).

7. A process for manufacturing the polymer composition (PC1) according to any of claims 1 to 5 comprising the steps of

a) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (A_m) to obtain one layer in stage (A) comprising polymer (A1) having a glass transition temperature of less than 10°C,

b) polymerizing by emulsion polymerization of a monomer or monomer mixture (B_m) to obtain layer in stage (B)

comprising a polymer (B1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 60°C,
both together steps a) and b) giving a multistage polymer (MP1) and step
c) blending multistage polymer (MP1) with a polymer (C1) having a glass transition temperature of at least 30°C,
d) coagulating the composition obtained in steps a) to c).

8. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the solid content before starting the coagulation is below 32wt%.

9. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the solid content before starting the coagulation is between 5wt% and 35wt%.

10. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the solid content before starting the coagulation is between 20wt% and 35wt%.

11. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the solid content before starting the coagulation is between 5wt% and 20wt%.

12. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the solid content before starting the coagulation is between 10wt% and 25wt%.

13. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the solid content before starting the coagulation is between 15wt% and 27wt%.

14. The process according to any of claims 6 to 7, characterized in that the in the step d) the coagulation is made with a salt or an inorganic acid.

15. Use of the polymer composition (PC1) according to any of claims 1 to 5 or obtained by the process according to any of claims 6 to 14 as impact modifier.

16. Use of the polymer composition (PC1) according to any of claims 1 to 5 as a reduced dispersing time composition.

17. A process to reduce the dispersing time of a polymer powder in a liquid composition by using the polymeric composition (PC1) according to any of claims 1 to 5.

18. A process to reduce the time of dispersing a polymeric composition (PC1) in a liquid composition comprising the steps of:

a) providing a polymeric composition (PC1) in form of a porous polymer powder POW1 having total intruded volume of at least 1.2 ml/g as measured by mercury porosimetry,

b) bringing into contact the polymeric composition with a liquid composition LC1.

19. A polymer composition PC2 comprising the polymer composition (PC1) according to claims 1 to 5 as impact modifier.