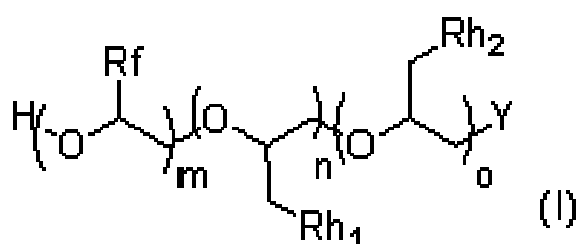


ABSTRACT

HYDROPHILIC POROUS POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE
MEMBRANE (II)

Disclosed are hydrophilic porous PTFE membranes comprising PTFE and an amphiphilic copolymer of the formula (I):



wherein Rf, Rh₁, Rh₂, Y, m, n, and o are as described herein. Also disclosed are a method of preparing hydrophilic porous PTFE membranes and a method of filtering fluids through such membranes.

(Figure 1)