The Properties of methacrylate based gel polymer electrolytes

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Gel electrolytes were prepared by radical crosslinking polymerization of various alkylmethacrylates with the addition of the 0.5 M solution of lithium perchlorate in anhydrous propylene carbonate. Methyl, ethyl, butyl and hexyl methacrylates were tested. The amount of added solution was changed within certain limits. The polymerization was initiated by UV irradiation. The electrolytic conductivity in the range down to -50°C and selected chemical, physical and mechanical properties of the samples were investigated. Some of the gels appeared to be fairly freeze resistant and suitable for electrochromic devices.

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