

## H NMR data

### isobutyl POSS chloride [(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>]-Cl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.87 (m, 7H), 0.95 (m, 42H), 0.62 (m, 14H).

Analysis Calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>63</sub>ClO<sub>12</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>: C 39.47, H 7.45.

Found: C 39.02, H 7.58.

### cyclopentyl POSS chloride [(c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>]-Cl

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.77 (m, 14H), 1.54 (m, 42H), 1.04 (m, 7H).

Analysis Calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>63</sub>ClO<sub>12</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>: C 44.91, H 6.79.

Found: C 44.37, H 6.88.

### isobutyl POSS mono-ol [(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>]-OH

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.85 (m, 7H), 0.96 (m, 42H), 0.56 (m, 14H).

Analysis Calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>13</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>: C 40.35, H 7.74.

Found: C 39.96, H 7.68.

### Cyclopentyl POSS mono-ol [(c-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>]-OH

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.74 (m, 14H), 1.56 (m, 42H), 0.98 (m, 7H).

Analysis Calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>13</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>: C 45.84, H 7.03.

Found: C 44.16, H 7.10.

### 4-methyl phenyl (trioxysisobutyl POSS) silane [(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>-O]<sub>3</sub>-Si-ArCH<sub>3</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 7.60 (dd, 2H), 7.15 (dd, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H),

1.81 (m, 21H), 0.94 (m, 126H), 0.59 (m, 42H). Analysis

Calculated for C<sub>91</sub>H<sub>196</sub>O<sub>39</sub>Si<sub>25</sub>: C 41.94, H 7.54. Found: C

41.17, H 7.68.

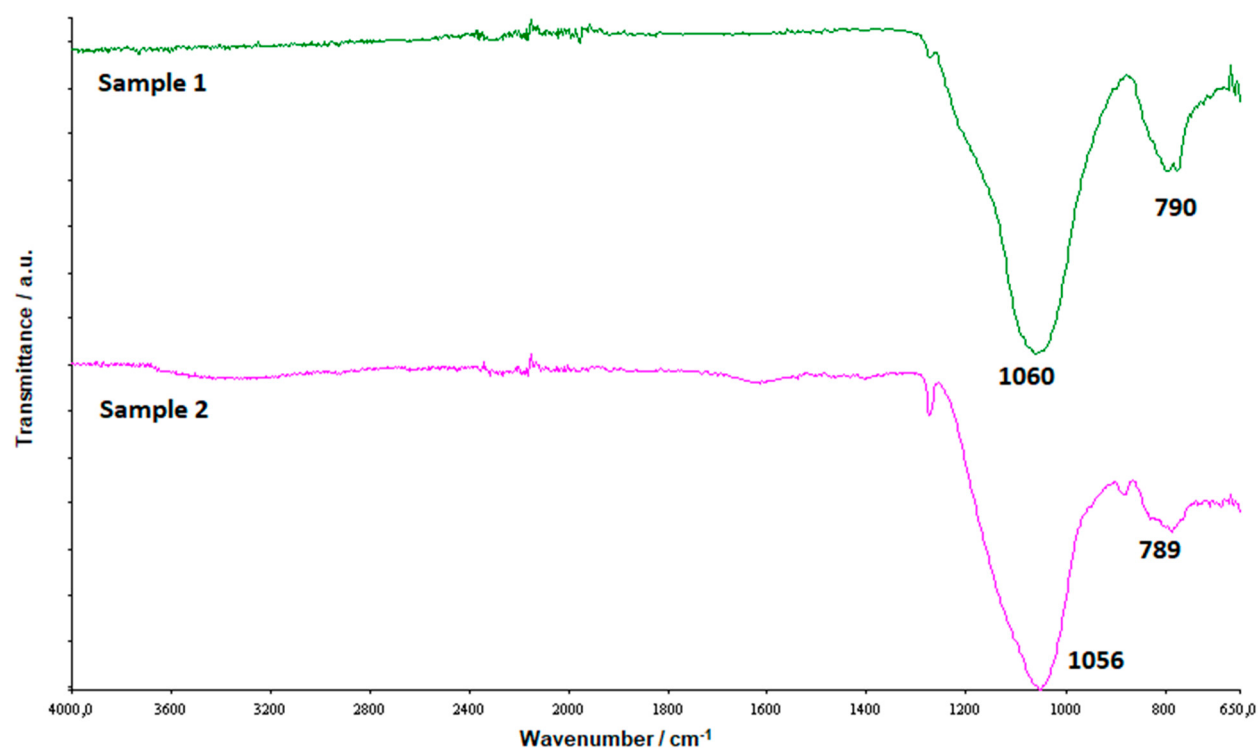
### 4-methyl phenyl (trioxycyclopentyl POSS) silane [(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>-O]<sub>3</sub>-Si-ArCH<sub>3</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 7.63 (dd, 2H), 7.12 (dd, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H),

1.73 (m, 42H), 1.54 (m, 126H), 0.99 (m, 21H). Analysis

Calculated for C<sub>112</sub>H<sub>196</sub>O<sub>39</sub>Si<sub>25</sub>: C 47.06, H 7.54. Found: C

41.17, H 6.87.



**Figure SM1.** FTIR spectra of the solid residues at 700 °C for the samples 1 and 2.

**Table SM1.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for **PS** in static air.

| $\alpha$ | $a$                | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | r      | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1      | 24.8 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 13.9 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9968 | 116 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.2      | 25.5 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 14.8 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9979 | 123 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.3      | 25.4 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 15.1 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9977 | 125 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.4      | 25.1 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 15.1 ( $\pm 0.7$ )    | 0.9931 | 125 ( $\pm 6$ )             |
| 0.5      | 24.5 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 14.8 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9956 | 123 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.6      | 24.4 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 15.0 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9964 | 125 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.7      | 24.2 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 14.9 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9957 | 124 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.8      | 23.9 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 14.9 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9967 | 124 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.9      | 22.8 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 14.4 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9960 | 120 ( $\pm 4$ )             |

**Table SM2.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for **PS** in flowing nitrogen.

| $\alpha$ | $a$                | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | r      | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1      | 33.4 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 20.4 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9986 | 170 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.2      | 33.3 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 20.8 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9989 | 173 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.3      | 35.1 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 22.2 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9990 | 185 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.4      | 34.8 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 22.3 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9982 | 185 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.5      | 34.8 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 22.5 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9986 | 187 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.6      | 34.6 ( $\pm 1.1$ ) | 22.5 ( $\pm 0.8$ )    | 0.9966 | 187 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.7      | 34.7 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 22.7 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9981 | 189 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.8      | 34.2 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 22.6 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9979 | 188 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.9      | 33.7 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 22.6 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9986 | 188 ( $\pm 4$ )             |

**Table SM3.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for sample **1** in static air.

| $\alpha$ | $a$                | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | r      | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1      | 30.1 ( $\pm 1.4$ ) | 17.2 ( $\pm 0.9$ )    | 0.9923 | 143 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.2      | 29.9 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 17.5 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9977 | 145 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.3      | 29.3 ( $\pm 1.1$ ) | 17.6 ( $\pm 0.7$ )    | 0.9950 | 146 ( $\pm 6$ )             |
| 0.4      | 29.1 ( $\pm 1.6$ ) | 17.7 ( $\pm 1.0$ )    | 0.9898 | 147 ( $\pm 8$ )             |
| 0.5      | 28.4 ( $\pm 1.4$ ) | 17.4 ( $\pm 0.9$ )    | 0.9915 | 145 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.6      | 28.4 ( $\pm 1.2$ ) | 17.5 ( $\pm 0.8$ )    | 0.9939 | 145 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.7      | 28.6 ( $\pm 1.5$ ) | 17.8 ( $\pm 1.0$ )    | 0.9907 | 148 ( $\pm 8$ )             |
| 0.8      | 28.3 ( $\pm 1.2$ ) | 17.7 ( $\pm 0.8$ )    | 0.9932 | 147 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.9      | 27.9 ( $\pm 1.4$ ) | 17.6 ( $\pm 1.0$ )    | 0.9911 | 146 ( $\pm 8$ )             |

**Table SM4.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for sample **1** in flowing nitrogen.

| $\alpha$ | $a$                | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | r      | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1      | 37.2 ( $\pm 1.3$ ) | 23.0 ( $\pm 0.9$ )    | 0.9958 | 191 ( $\pm 7$ )             |
| 0.2      | 36.8 ( $\pm 0.5$ ) | 23.2 ( $\pm 0.3$ )    | 0.9994 | 193 ( $\pm 2$ )             |
| 0.3      | 37.1 ( $\pm 0.5$ ) | 23.6 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9993 | 196 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.4      | 37.1 ( $\pm 0.5$ ) | 23.8 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9993 | 198 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.5      | 37.1 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 24.0 ( $\pm 0.4$ )    | 0.9990 | 199 ( $\pm 3$ )             |
| 0.6      | 37.1 ( $\pm 0.5$ ) | 24.2 ( $\pm 0.3$ )    | 0.9994 | 201 ( $\pm 2$ )             |
| 0.7      | 36.9 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 24.2 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9989 | 201 ( $\pm 4$ )             |
| 0.8      | 36.1 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 24.0 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9980 | 199 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.9      | 35.5 ( $\pm 1.6$ ) | 23.9 ( $\pm 1.2$ )    | 0.9930 | 199 ( $\pm 10$ )            |

**Table SM5.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for sample **2** in static air.

| $\alpha$ | $a$ | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | r | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|-----|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
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|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 0.1 | 31.1 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 18.2 ( $\pm 0.3$ ) | 0.9989 | 151 ( $\pm 2$ ) |
| 0.2 | 30.7 ( $\pm 1.5$ ) | 18.4 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 0.9918 | 153 ( $\pm 7$ ) |
| 0.3 | 30.7 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 18.4 ( $\pm 0.4$ ) | 0.9988 | 153 ( $\pm 3$ ) |
| 0.4 | 30.4 ( $\pm 1.5$ ) | 18.7 ( $\pm 1.0$ ) | 0.9915 | 155 ( $\pm 8$ ) |
| 0.5 | 30.1 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 18.7 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 0.9970 | 155 ( $\pm 5$ ) |
| 0.6 | 30.2 ( $\pm 1.2$ ) | 18.9 ( $\pm 0.8$ ) | 0.9948 | 157 ( $\pm 7$ ) |
| 0.7 | 29.4 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 18.7 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 0.9965 | 155 ( $\pm 5$ ) |
| 0.8 | 29.2 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 18.6 ( $\pm 0.6$ ) | 0.9965 | 155 ( $\pm 5$ ) |
| 0.9 | 28.8 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 18.5 ( $\pm 0.5$ ) | 0.9981 | 154 ( $\pm 4$ ) |

**Table SM6.** Regression coefficients and apparent activation energies ( $E_a$ ) of degradation by the FWO integral isoconversional method for sample **2** in flowing nitrogen.

| $\alpha$ | $a$                | $b \cdot 10^{-3} / K$ | $r$    | $E_a / (kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$ |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1      | 37.5 ( $\pm 1.7$ ) | 23.3 ( $\pm 1.1$ )    | 0.9932 | 194 ( $\pm 9$ )             |
| 0.2      | 37.1 ( $\pm 1.1$ ) | 23.4 ( $\pm 0.7$ )    | 0.9970 | 194 ( $\pm 6$ )             |
| 0.3      | 36.0 ( $\pm 1.0$ ) | 23.6 ( $\pm 0.7$ )    | 0.9974 | 196 ( $\pm 6$ )             |
| 0.4      | 36.2 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 23.3 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9977 | 194 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.5      | 36.2 ( $\pm 1.6$ ) | 23.5 ( $\pm 1.1$ )    | 0.9933 | 195 ( $\pm 9$ )             |
| 0.6      | 36.1 ( $\pm 1.9$ ) | 23.6 ( $\pm 1.3$ )    | 0.9909 | 196 ( $\pm 11$ )            |
| 0.7      | 36.2 ( $\pm 1.6$ ) | 23.9 ( $\pm 1.1$ )    | 0.9937 | 199 ( $\pm 9$ )             |
| 0.8      | 35.7 ( $\pm 0.9$ ) | 23.8 ( $\pm 0.6$ )    | 0.9980 | 198 ( $\pm 5$ )             |
| 0.9      | 34.9 ( $\pm 0.7$ ) | 23.6 ( $\pm 0.5$ )    | 0.9985 | 196 ( $\pm 4$ )             |