

# A NEW METHOD FOR CHEMICALLY RECYCLING DICYCLOPENTADIENE THERMOSETS

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## PATENT STATUS

Patent Pending

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The invention addresses the problem of recycling high-performance thermosets by developing a chemical process to deconstruct cycloolefin resins (CORs) that contain dicyclopentadiene (DCPD) crosslinkers. This process, developed by UC Berkeley researchers, uses a second-generation Hoveyda–Grubbs ruthenium(II) alkylidene catalyst for deconstruction via ring-closing metathesis. The method selectively reforms the cyclopentene ring in DCPD, allowing the resulting linear polyDCPD chains to be reused in new manufacturing cycles. This enables resin-to-resin circularity, with up to 84% of the linear DCPD being retrievable from end-of-life thermosets. The properties of the recycled material are comparable to the original, and the process works on various commercial and model CORs.

## SUGGESTED USES

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Creating a circular economy for high-performance thermosets.

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Recycling of single-use products made from CORs.

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Manufacturing new products from recycled DCPD materials.

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Reducing waste and environmental impact from thermoset production.

## ADVANTAGES

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Enables resin-to-resin circularity for DCPD thermosets, which are typically difficult to recycle.

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Achieves a high material recovery rate, with up to 84% of linear DCPD being retrievable.

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Reproduces the properties of the original thermoset in subsequent generations of recycled material.

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Provides a method for deconstructing various CORs, including copolymers.

## RELATED MATERIALS

## ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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