

Supporting Information

Design of Softened Polystyrene for Crack- and Contamination-Free Large-Area Graphene Transfer

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Table S1. FTIR peak positions corresponding to polystyrene and DIPB

| Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 3085, 3020 | C-H (sp ² , aromatic) |
| 2924, 2840 | C-H (sp ³ , stretch) |
| 1642, 1479 | C=C (stretch) |
| 1467, 1378 | CH ₂ , CH ₃ (sp ³ , bend) |
| 1030 | =C-H (bending in ring plane) |
| 750, 670 | =C-H (oop bending) |
| 820 | Para-disub benzene |

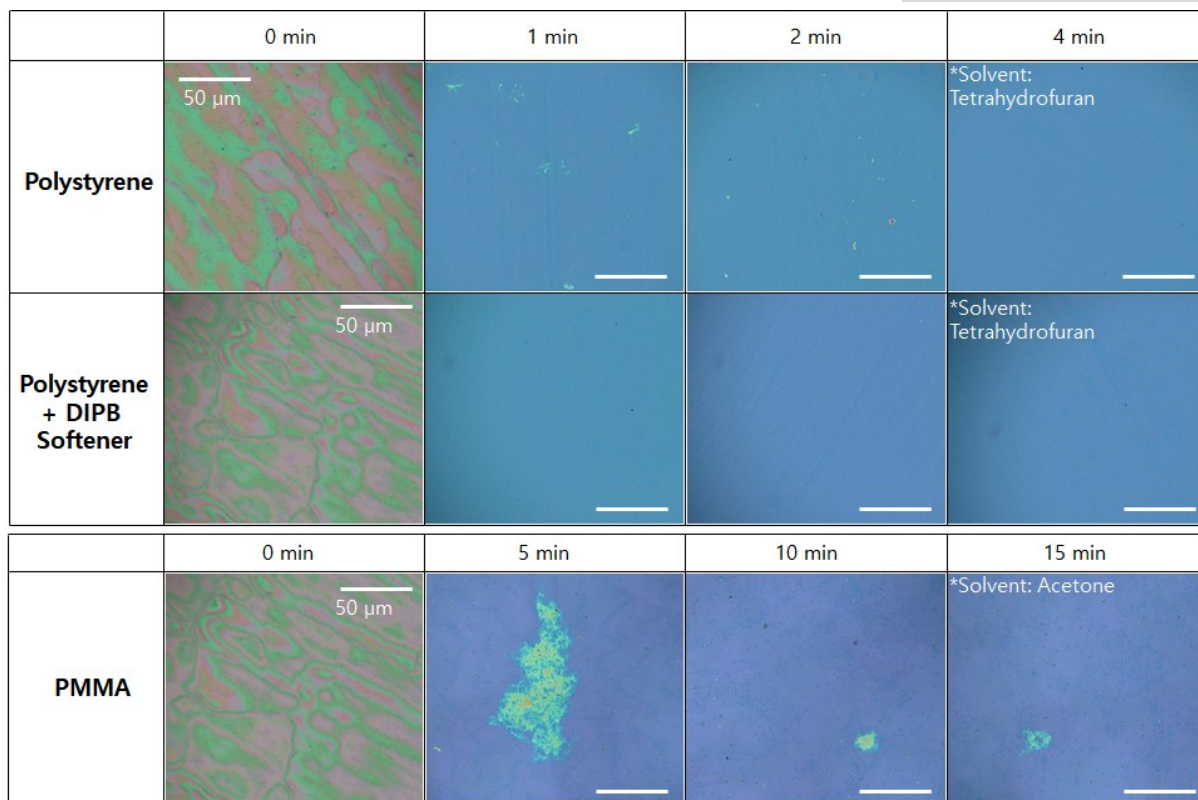


Figure S1. Comparison of solubility rate in organic solvents by optical microscopy (PS and PS with DIPB in THF solvent, PMMA in acetone solvent).

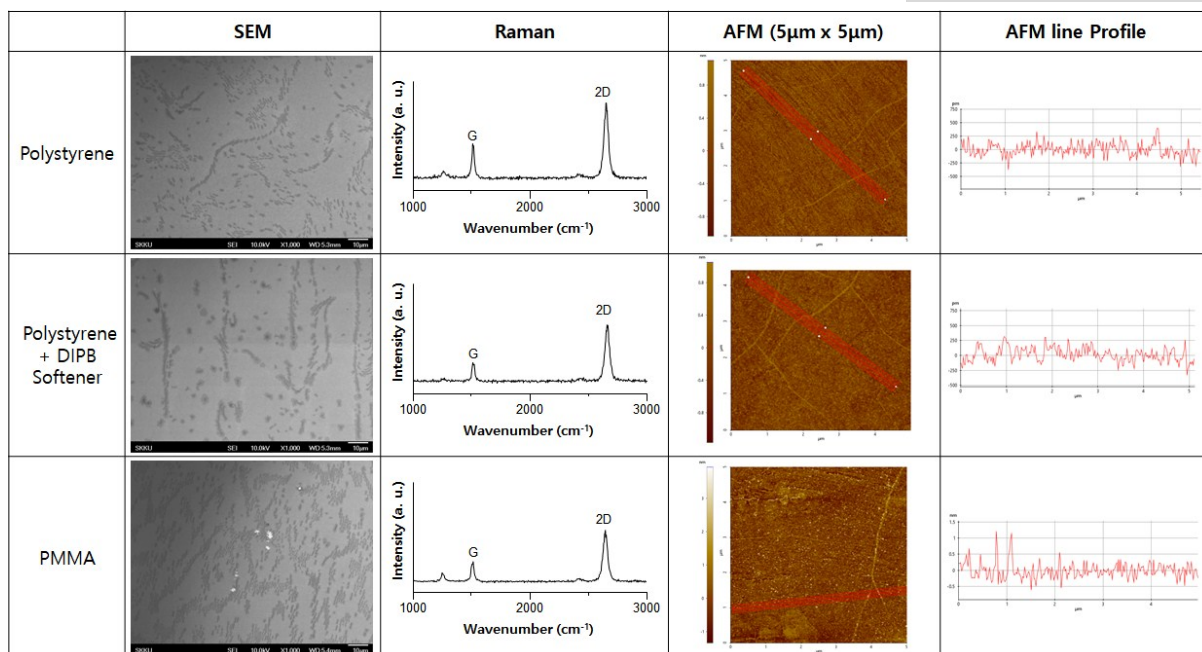


Figure S2. SEM images, Raman spectra, and AFM images (graphene on SiO₂/Si substrate, after removing polymer carrier films (PS, PS with DIBP, and PMMA).



PMMA/graphene layer
on copper etchant



PS/graphene layer
on copper etchant



PS+DIPB/graphene layer
on copper etchant

Figure S3. Mechanical cracks on carrier film during Cu-etching over large area (5 cm × 5 cm)

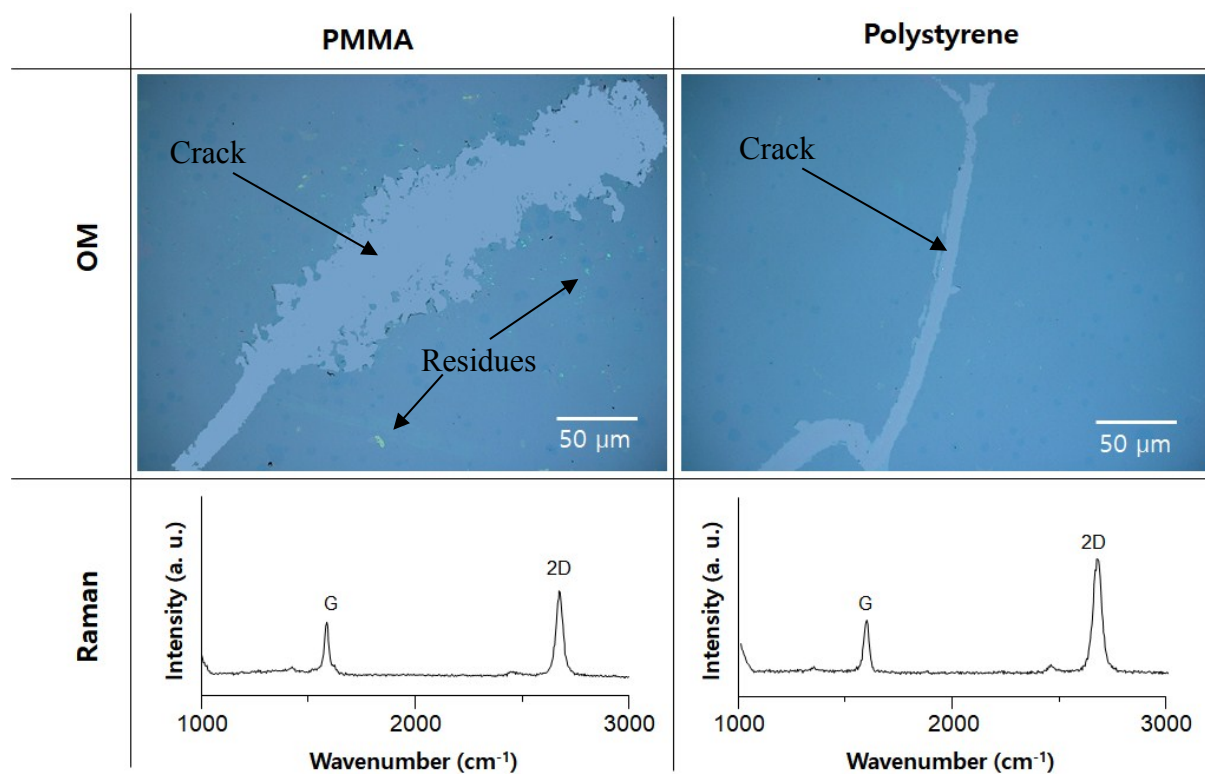


Figure S4. Test for feasibility of large-scale roll-to-roll transfer ($10\text{ cm} \times 10\text{ cm}$ size) using PMMA and pure PS carrier films. Graphene transferred by PMMA has large mechanical crack and a number of residues. Graphene transferred by pure PS without softener does have mechanical crack without any residues.

Table S2. Sheet resistance measurement of graphene transferred by PMMA, polystyrene and polystyrene + DIPB

| Sheet resistance measurement with no bending stress applied | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Support Polymer | Sheet Resistance $\Omega/\text{sq.}$ | | | | | | | | | Average R_s $\Omega/\text{sq.}$ |
| | Point 1 | Point 2 | Point 3 | Point 4 | Point 5 | Point 6 | Point 7 | Point 8 | Point 9 | |
| PMMA | 553 | 727 | 678 | 806 | 950 | 524 | 340 | 552 | 430 | 617.8 |
| PS | 371 | 481 | 526 | 481 | 419 | 296 | 326 | 271 | 315 | 387.3 |
| PS + DIPB Softener | 444 | 405 | 456 | 225 | 540 | 424 | 351 | 203 | 331 | 375.4 |
| Sheet resistance measurement after roll to roll transfer (Bending stress applied) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support Polymer | Sheet Resistance $\Omega/\text{sq.}$ | | | | | | | | | Average R_s $\Omega/\text{sq.}$ |
| | Point 1 | Point 2 | Point 3 | Point 4 | Point 5 | Point 6 | Point 7 | Point 8 | Point 9 | |
| PMMA | 649 | X | 781 | X | 594 | X | 961 | 642 | X | 725.4 |
| PS | 339 | 368 | X | 350 | 360 | X | 564 | X | 564 | 424.2 |
| PS + DIPB Softener | 305 | 450 | 392 | 362 | 216 | 512 | 261 | 360 | 412 | 363.3 |

Measurement Points for Sheet Resistance measurement

