

Supporting Information

for

Aromatic vs. aliphatic hyperbranched polyphosphoesters as flame retardants in epoxy resins

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Table S1. Polymerization conditions of **1** with Grubbs Hoveyda 2nd in 1-chloronaphthalene generation catalyst at 40 °C in solution.

1 st addition					
Polymer	%mol Catalyst	Time (min)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	D
1.2	0.32	60	1300	1400	1.1
1.3 ⁱ	0.65	60	1700	2400	1.4
1.5 ⁱⁱ	0.65	45	-	-	-
1.15	0.81	120	3000	8700	2.9
2 nd addition (after sampling of 1 st addition)					
Polymer	%mol Catalyst	Time (min)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	D
1.2	0.32	60	1756	2390	1.36
1.3	0.65	30	4185	56306	13.45
1.5	0.32	25	4875	55333	11.35

ⁱ in bulk. ⁱⁱ cross-linked.

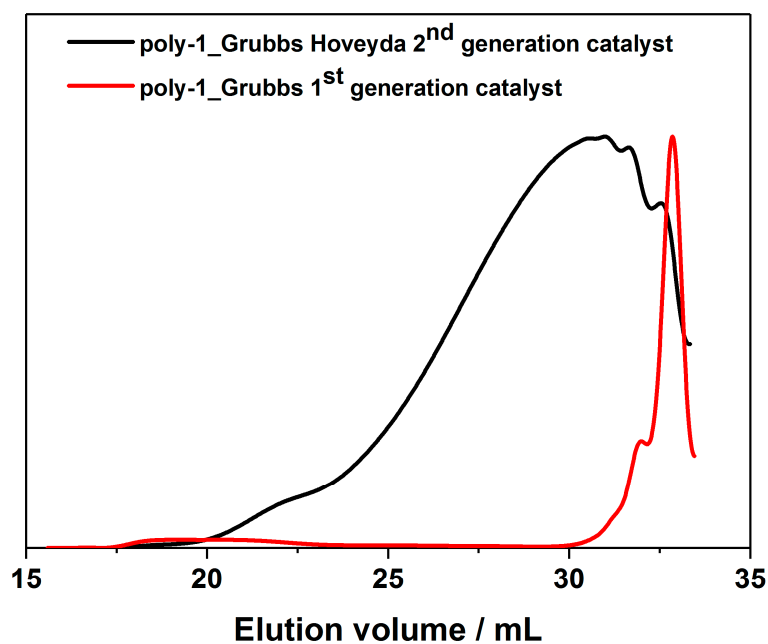


Figure S1. SEC curves (VWD-Signal 270 nm) of **poly-1** in DMF polymerized with Grubbs 1st generation catalyst and Grubbs Hoveyda 2nd generation catalyst at 40 °C.

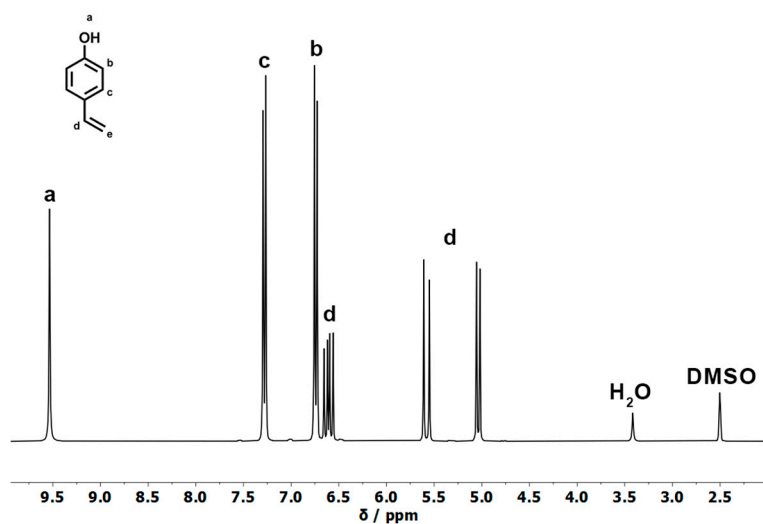


Figure S2. ^1H NMR (300 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of 4-vinylphenol.

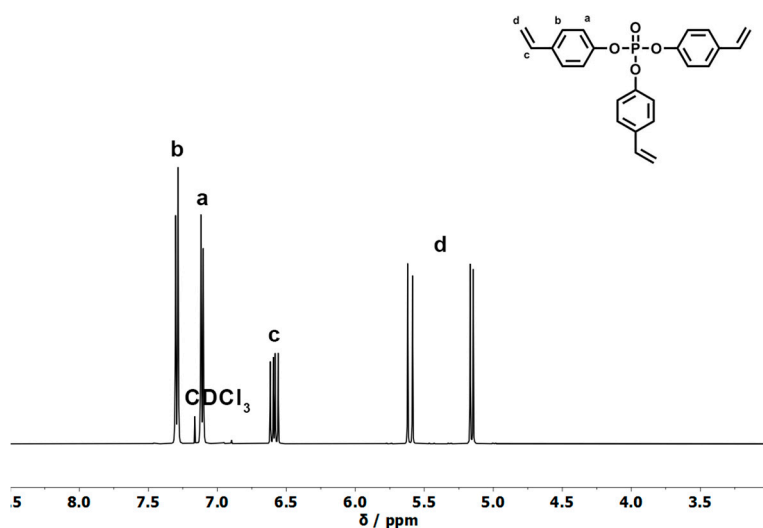


Figure S3. ^1H -NMR (500 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **1**.

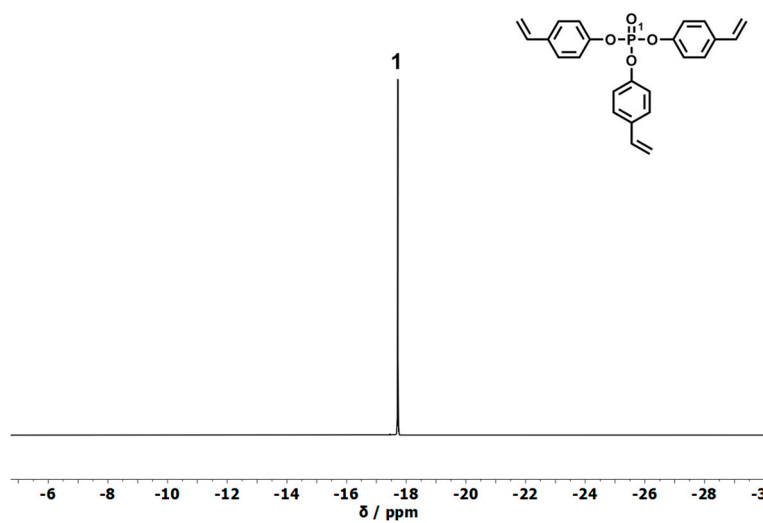


Figure S4. ^{31}P $\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (121 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **1**.

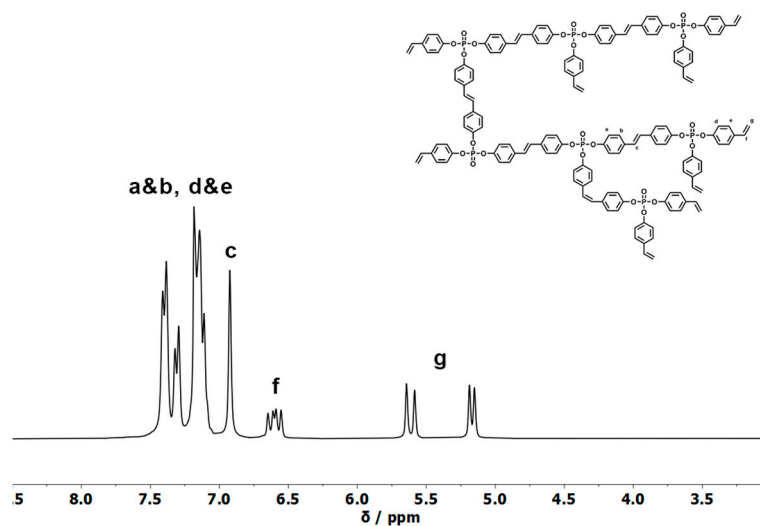


Figure S5. ^1H -MR (300 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **poly-1**.

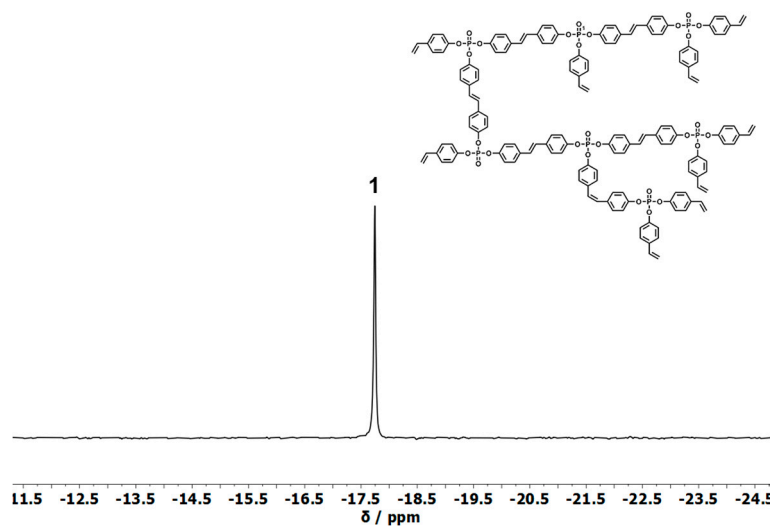


Figure S6. ^{31}P {H}-NMR (121 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **poly-1**.

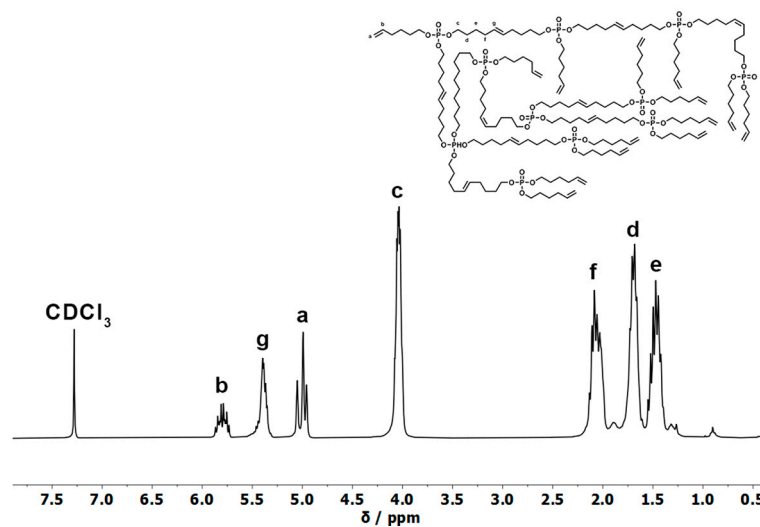


Figure S7. ^1H -MR (300 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **poly-2**.

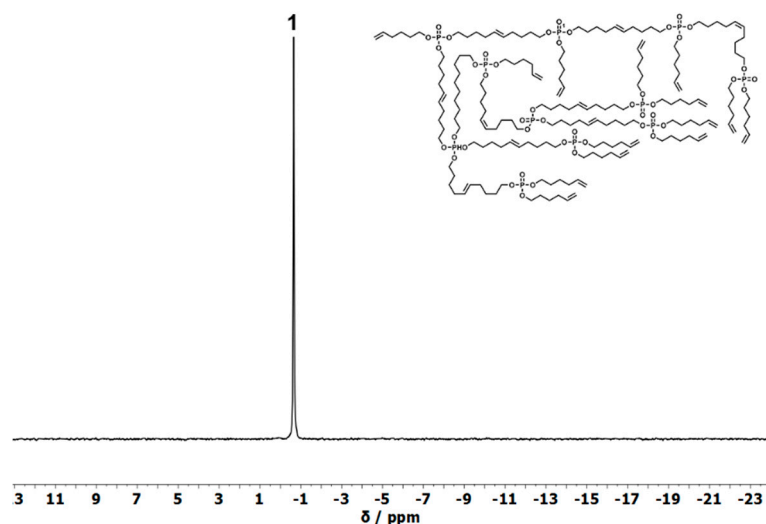


Figure S8. ^{31}P {H}-NMR (121 MHz in CDCl_3 at 298 K) spectra of **poly-2**.

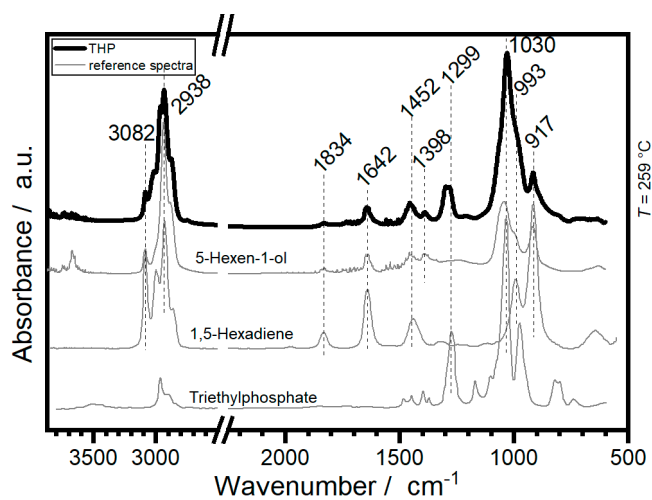


Figure S9. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **2** (top, black), identifying the main decomposition products (1,5-hexadiene; 5-hexen-1-ol and phosphate species, comparison shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (259 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

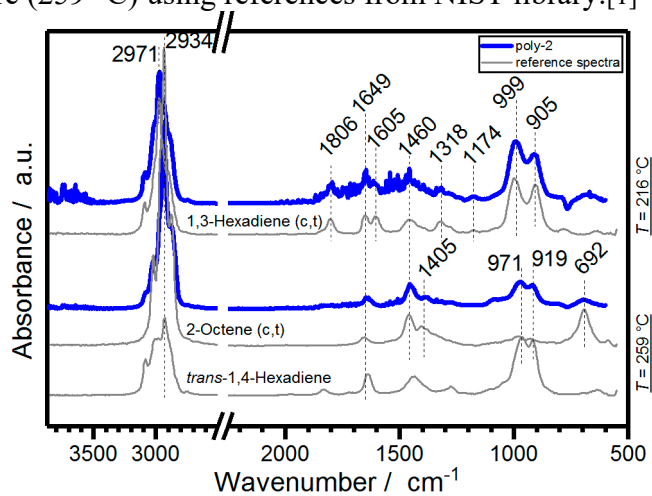


Figure S10. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **poly-2** (top, blue), identifying the main decomposition products (1,3-hexadiene (c,t) and 2-octene (c,t) and trans-1,4-hexadiene, comparison shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (216 °C, 259 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

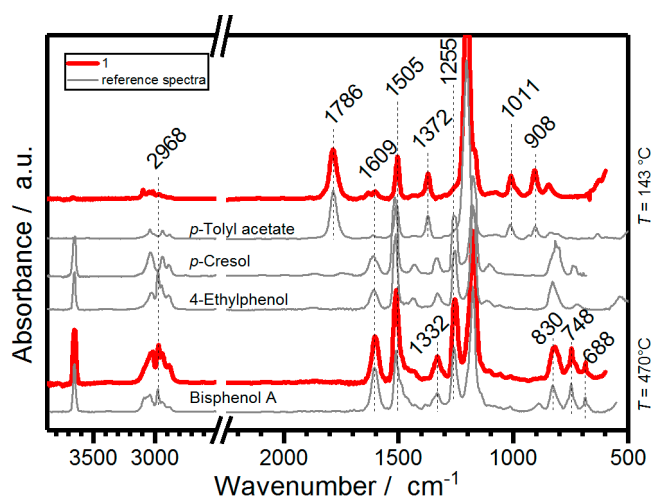


Figure S11. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **1** (top, red), identifying the main decomposition products (p-tolyl acetate; p-cresol; 4-ethylphenol and bisphenol A, comparison shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (143 °C, 470 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

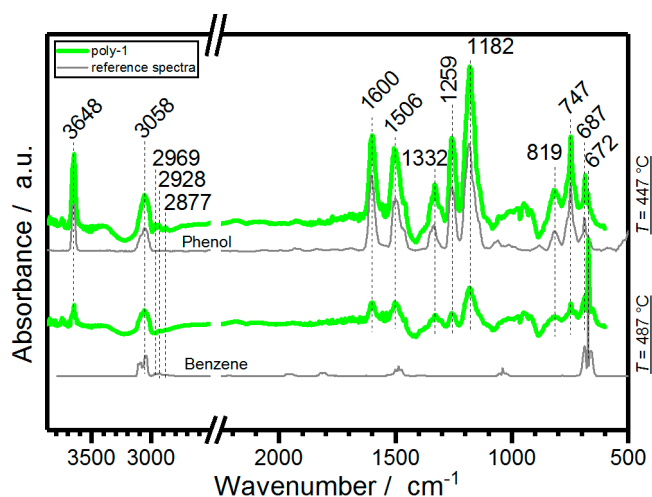


Figure S12. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **poly-1** (top, green), identifying the main decomposition products (phenol and benzene, comparison shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (447 °C and 487 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

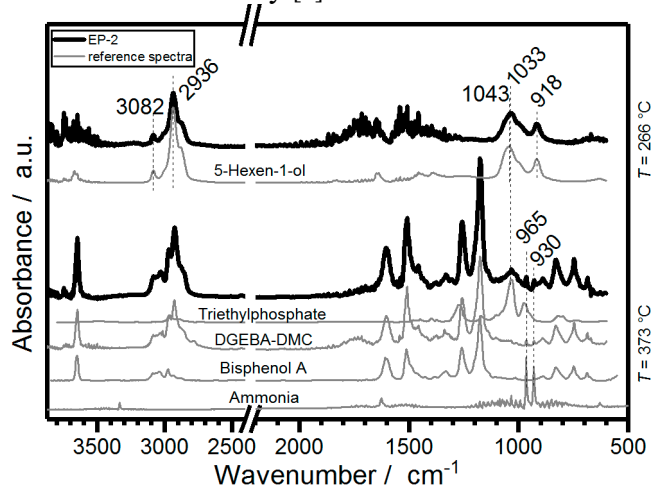


Figure S13. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **EP-2** (top, black), identifying the main decomposition products (5-hexen-1-ol; phosphate species and decomposition products of the matrix, a comparison is shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (266 °C, 373 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

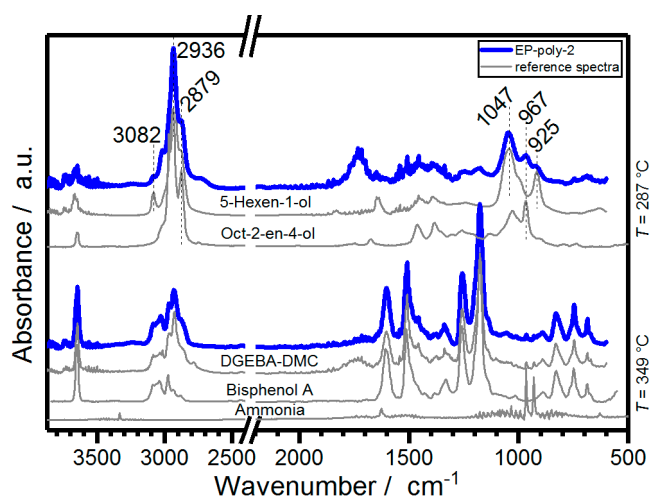


Figure S14. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **EP-poly-2** (top, blue), identifying the main decomposition products (5-hexen-1-ol; oct-2-en-4-ol and decomposition products of the matrix, a comparison is shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (287 °C, 349 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

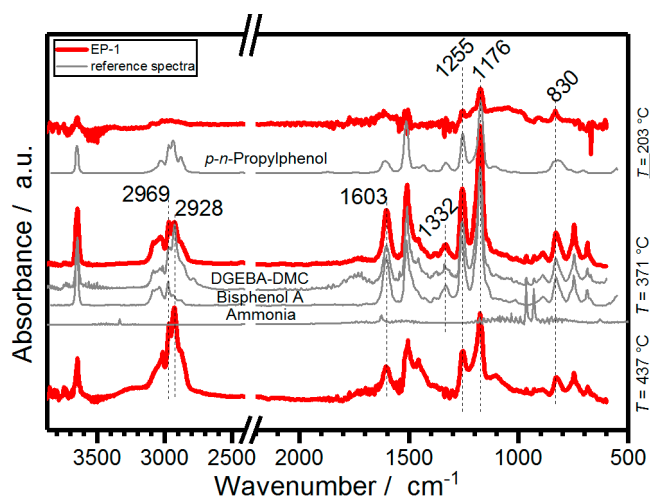


Figure S15. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **EP-1** (top, red), identifying the main decomposition products (p-n-propylphenol and decomposition products of the matrix, a comparison is shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (203 °C, 371 °C, 437 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

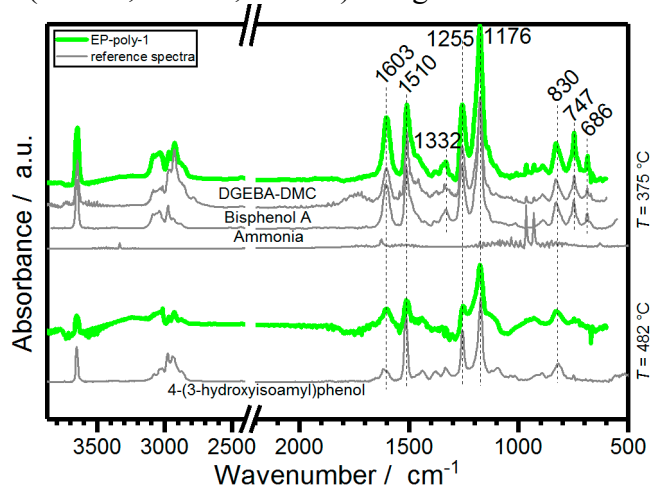


Figure S16. TGA-FTIR spectrum of **EP-poly-1** (top, green), identifying the main decomposition products (4-(3-hydroxyisoamyl)phenol and decomposition products of the matrix, a comparison is shown in gray below) at specific decomposition temperature (375 °C, 482 °C) using references from NIST library.[1]

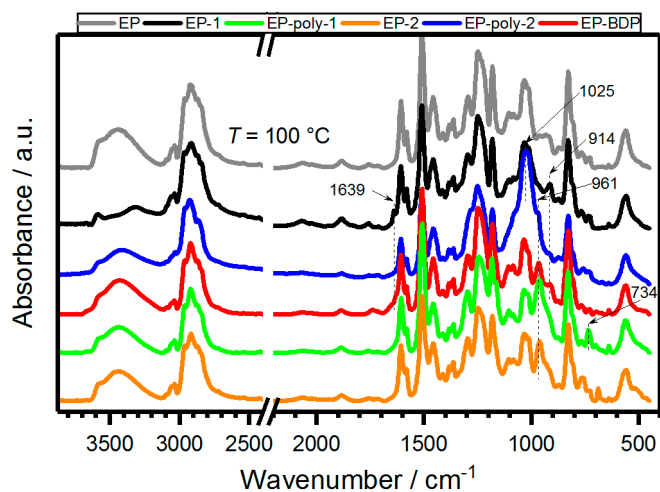


Figure S17. Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of EP-FRs at 100 °C.

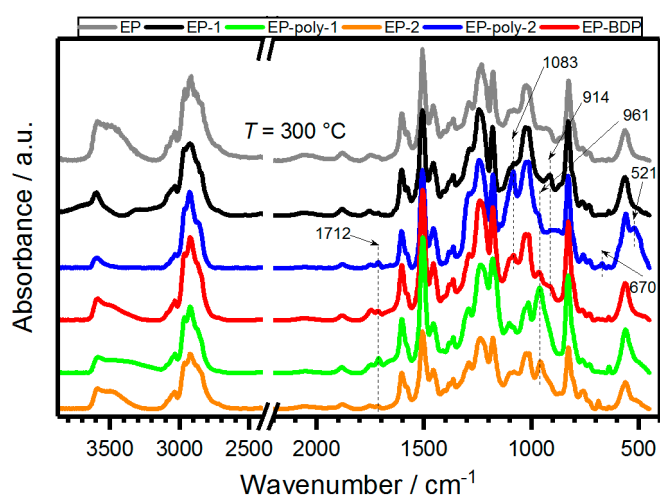


Figure S18. Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of EP-FRs at 300 °C.

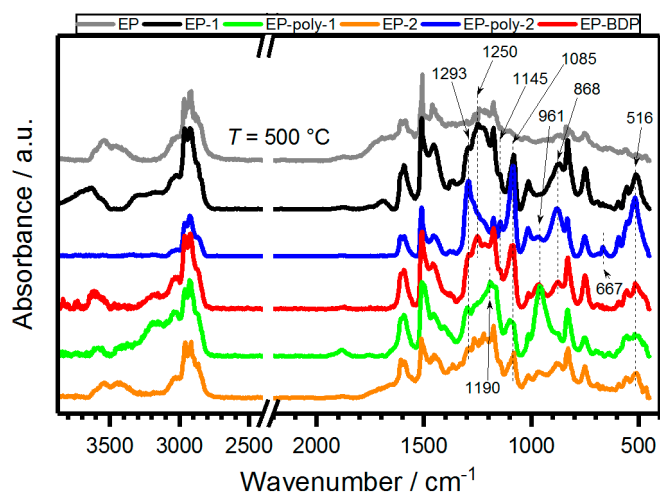


Figure S19. Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of EP-FRs at 500 °C.

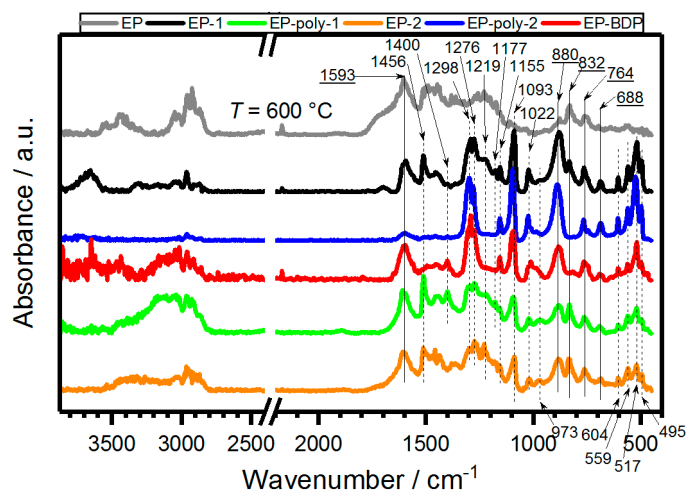


Figure S20. Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of **EP-FRs** at 600 °C, underlined bands are typical to DGEBA-DMC.

Table S2. Glass transition temperatures (T_g) of the flame retardant containing epoxy resins (measured by DSC).

Material	T_g
EP-1	149 ± 1
EP-poly-2	127 ± 3
EP- 2	113 ± 1
EP-poly-2	154 ± 2

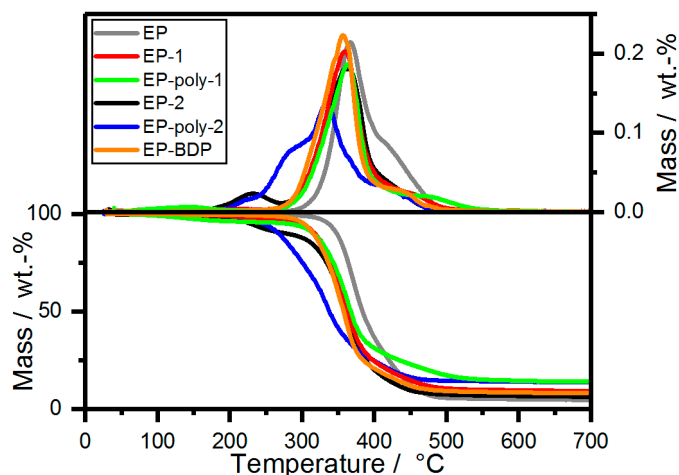


Figure S21. Mass loss (bottom) and mass loss rate (top) over T of neat epoxy resin and flame retardant containing epoxy resins from TGA measurements (10 K min⁻¹; N₂).

Table S3. TGA data of the flame retardant containing epoxy resins. $T_{5\%}$: Temperature at which 5% mass-loss happened; T_{max} : Temperature of maximum degradation; Residue: Residue at 700 °C.

Material	$T_{5\%} / ^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{max} / ^\circ\text{C}$	Residue / wt.-%
DGEBA-DMC (EP)	338 ± 1	372 ± 1	4.5 ± 0.1
EP-1	279 ± 1	359 ± 1	9.1 ± 0.2
EP-poly-1	299 ± 3	361 ± 1	14.7 ± 0.5
EP-2	231 ± 1	367 ± 0	5.1 ± 0.1
EP-poly-2	249 ± 3	337 ± 2	13.3 ± 0.2
EP-BDP	304 ± 1	357 ± 0	8.2 ± 0.1

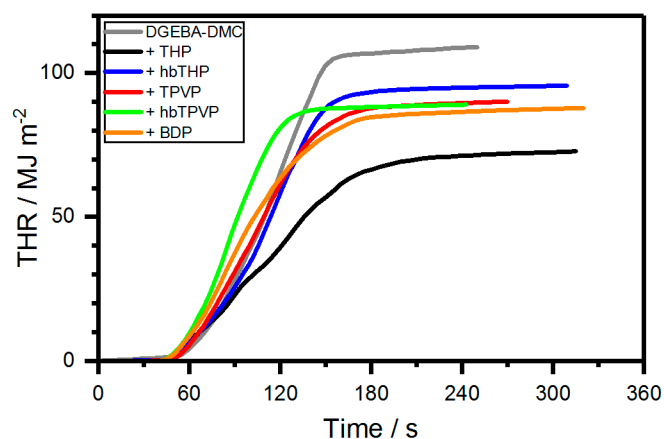


Figure S22. Total heat released (THR) of epoxy resin and epoxy resin with flame retardant measured by cone calorimeter.

Table S4. Results from cone calorimeter measurements of the flame retardant containing epoxy resins.

Material	THE / MJ m^{-2}	PHRR / kW m^{-2}	Residue / wt.-%	EHC / MJ kg^{-1}	FIGRA / $\text{kW m}^{-2} \text{s}$
DGEBA-DMC (EP)	108 ± 3	1696 ± 180	0.7 ± 0.1	26.9 ± 1.0	15.5 ± 2.3
EP-1	88 ± 1	1194 ± 100	5.3 ± 0.0	23.3 ± 0.2	11.2 ± 0.0
EP-poly-1	92 ± 4	1969 ± 353	7.0 ± 1.5	25.0 ± 1.5	15.0 ± 0.7
EP-2	78 ± 6	885 ± 16	9.2 ± 0.1	21.7 ± 1.8	9.0 ± 0.2
EP-poly-2	95 ± 0	1248 ± 32	5.1 ± 0.7	24.9 ± 0.2	9.0 ± 0.0
EP-BDP	87 ± 1	1180 ± 41	3.1 ± 0.2	22.7 ± 0.2	11.0 ± 0.7



Figure S23. Cross-linking of **1** at 300 °C in a silicon form for 2 h, producing a hard, cross-linked PPE resin.

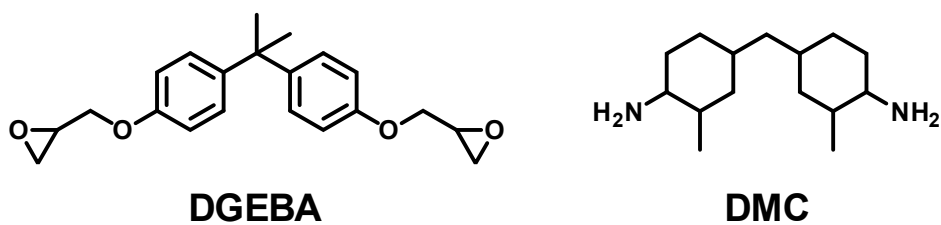


Figure S24. Chemical structure of Diglycidyl ether of Bisphenol A (DGEBA) and 2,2'-Dimethyl-4,4'-methylene-bis(cyclohexylamine) (DMC).



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Figure S25. Residue of EP-1 after cone calorimeter measurement, exhibiting a moderate protective layer effect from the formation of a rigid char layer.



Figure S26. Residue of EP-2 after cone calorimeter measurements, exhibiting a strong protective layer from the large voluminous, multicellular char.

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