

## **aging (ageing)**

*of a polymer*

Processes that occur in a polymeric material during a specified period of time, and that usually result in changes in physical and/or chemical structure and the values of the properties of the material.

### **Source:**

PAC, 1996, 68, 2313 (*Definitions of terms relating to degradation, aging, and related chemical transformations of polymers (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 2315