

**pre-polymer molecule**

A *macromolecule* or *oligomer molecule* capable of entering, through reactive groups, into further *polymerization*, thereby contributing more than one *monomeric unit* to at least one chain of the final macromolecule.

A pre-polymer molecule capable of entering into further polymerization through reactive *end-groups*, often deliberately introduced, is known as a telechelic molecule.

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