

spacer

A flexible segment used to link successive mesogenic units in the molecules of MCPLCs (main-chain polymer liquid crystals) or to attach mesogenic units as side-groups onto the polymer backbone of SGPLCs (side-group polymer liquid crystals).

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PAC, 2002, 74, 493 (*Definitions of basic terms relating to polymer liquid crystals(IUPAC Recommendations 2001)*) on page 504