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(54) **POLYARYLATE AND MOLDED ARTICLE USING SAME**

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Description

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 **[0001]** The present invention relates to a polyarylate having a high pencil hardness and a molded article thereof, and relates to a film suitable for applications requiring scratch resistance, particularly for a constituent material for a flat panel display.

BACKGROUND ART

10 **[0002]** Amorphous polyarylates induced from 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane (hereinafter referred to as "bisphenol A") and terephthalic acid and isophthalic acids are known as engineering plastics. Such polyarylates have high heat resistance and excellent mechanical strength typified by impact strength and dimensional stability, and in addition, amorphous polyarylates are transparent. Therefore, molded articles thereof are widely applied to fields of electricity, electronics, automobiles, machines, etc.

15 **[0003]** Recently, liquid crystal displays, organic electroluminescence displays and flat panel displays such as electronic papers used in the field of mobile devices such as mobile phones, portable game devices, smartphones and electronic book readers have been designed based on the premise of operation by direct contact with a screen by fingertips. Therefore, a scratch may be caused by scratching by nails at the time of operation or contact with other articles at the time of transportation. For this reason, display members made of high-hardness glass plates were mainly used at first. However, such members are easily broken by impact at the time of sudden fall, shake, twist, etc., and there is a drawback that such members become heavier because the thickness thereof must be increased in order to enhance the strength thereof. For this reason, acrylic resin which is a transparent resin and polycarbonate resin treated with hard coating are used instead of glass (Patent Document 1).

20 **[0004]** However, with respect to polyarylate resin which has similar transparency, though various polyarylates have been developed, scratch resistance is not necessarily satisfied thereby, and there is a room for improvement (Patent Document 2).

25 **[0005]** In addition, polyarylates have excellent heat resistance, but melt flowability thereof is exerted only at high temperatures, and at the time of injection molding, it is required to mold such polyarylates at a temperature of 350°C or higher. Therefore, various additives such as a mold release agent, antioxidant, ultraviolet absorber and dye added to such polyarylates may be decomposed to be accumulated on a mold, or a bubble defect may be generated in resin, and there is a room for improvement of maintenance properties and yield.

30 **[0006]** Meanwhile, there is a case where compatibility with polyamide and weather resistance were improved by modifying a molecular end of a polyarylate, but there is no description regarding improvement of flowability of the polyarylate alone at the time of molding by heating and melting (Patent Documents 3 and 4). Further, there is a case where toner-cleaning properties of an electrophotographic photoreceptor were improved by using a polyarylate having a long-chain fluoroalkyl group at its molecular end, but this is a case of wet molding, and there is no description regarding improvement of flowability at the time of molding by heating and melting. In addition, since fluorine compounds are expensive, there is a need for improvement of flowability with use of an inexpensive material (Patent Document 5).

35 **[0007]** JP2009-86604 discloses optical films suitable for use as constituent for display panels, wherein the film comprises a polyarylate.

[0008] Patent Document US 2006/0073400 A1 discloses an electrophotographic photoreceptor containing a resin for an electrophotographic photoreceptor.

40 **[0009]** Patent Document JP 2008 293006 A discloses an electrophotographic photoreceptor comprising a conductive support and a photosensitive layer formed on the conductive support containing a polyester resin.

PRIOR ART DOCUMENTS

PATENT DOCUMENTS

45 **[0010]**

Patent Document 1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2009-255521

Patent Document 2: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-302364

50 Patent Document 3: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H06-107778

Patent Document 4: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H06-184287

55 Patent Document 5: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H09-73183

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

5 **[0011]** The problem to be solved by the present invention is to provide a polyarylate having a high pencil hardness and excellent scratch resistance and a molded article and a film using the same.

MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS

10 **[0012]** The present inventors diligently made researches in order to solve the above-described problems and found that a molded article made of a polyarylate induced from a dihydric phenol having a specific structure has a high pencil hardness and excellent scratch resistance, and thus the present invention was achieved.

[0013] Specifically, the present invention relates to a polyarylate and a molded article using the same as described below:

15 <1> A polyarylate obtained from a dihydric phenol component and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component, wherein the dihydric phenol component contains at least one dihydric phenol selected from 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)cyclododecane and 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclododecane as a primary raw material and the ratio of the said dihydric phenol is 50 mol% or more based on the total amount of dihydric phenols, and wherein the pencil hardness of the polyarylate is H or higher as measured in accordance with JIS K5600-5-4. <2> The polyarylate according to item <1>, wherein the polystyrene equivalent weight-average molecular weight measured by gel permeation chromatography is 20000 or more and less than 150000.

<3> A molded article made by molding the polyarylate according to item <1> or <2>.

<4> A film made from the molded article according to item <3>.

20 <5> The film according to item <4>, which has a thickness of 5 to 200 μm .

<6> The film according to item <4> or <5>, which is obtained by means of wet molding or extrusion molding.

<7> The film according to any one of items <4> to <6>, which is used as a constituent material for a flat panel display.

<8> The film according to item <7>, which is used as a constituent material for a mobile terminal display.

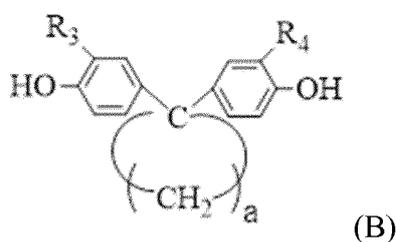
30 ADVANTAGEOUS EFFECT OF THE INVENTION

[0014] According to the present invention, a polyarylate having a high pencil hardness and a molded article using the same can be obtained, and in particular, a film having excellent scratch resistance can be obtained.

35 EMBODIMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0015] Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in detail.

[0016] The present invention is a polyarylate obtained from a dihydric phenol component and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component, wherein the dihydric phenol component contains a compound represented by general formula (B) as a primary raw material, and wherein the pencil hardness of the polyarylate is H or higher:



50 wherein in the formula, R_3 and R_4 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and a is 11.

[0017] The polyarylate of the present invention is a polyarylate obtained from a dihydric phenol component and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component, and specifically, it is an aromatic polyester consisting of a bisphenol residue and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid residue. As production methods thereof, the interfacial polymerization method, the solution polymerization method, the melt polymerization method, etc. are publicly known. In particular, polyarylate resin produced by the interfacial polymerization method has good color tone and physical properties, and therefore is preferred.

[0018] In the present invention, the dihydric phenol represented by general formula (B) include 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)cyclododecane and 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclododecane. These compounds may be used in combi-

nation.

[0019] The polyarylate of the present invention contains the dihydric phenol represented by general formula (B) as the primary component, and specifically, the ratio of the dihydric phenol represented by general formula (B) relative to the total amount of dihydric phenols used is 50 mol% or more, and more preferably 70 mol% or more.

[0020] Specific examples of dihydric phenols which can be used other than the aforementioned dihydric phenol represented by general formula (B) as the primary component include 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane (bisphenol A), 1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diol, 1,1'-biphenyl-3,3'-dimethyl-4,4'-diol, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)methane, 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)ether, bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)ether, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfoxide, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfide, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone, bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)sulfone, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)ketone, 2,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-*t*-butylphenyl)propane, 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexane, 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)hexafluoropropane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)diphenylmethane, 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylethane, 9,9-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)fluorene, 9,9-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)fluorene, α,ω -bis[2-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]polydimethylsiloxane, α,ω -bis[3-(*o*-hydroxyphenyl)propyl]polydimethylsiloxane and 4,4'-[1,3-phenylenebis(1-methylethylidene)]bisphenol. Two or more of these compounds may be used in combination. Further, among them, 2,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propane, 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexane, 9,9-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)fluorene and bisphenol A are preferred.

[0021] Examples of the aromatic dicarboxylic acid component constituting the polyarylate of the present invention include terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, phthalic acid, 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid, 3-*tert*-butylisophthalic acid, diphenic acid, 4,4'-dicarboxylic acid and acid chlorides thereof. These divalent dicarboxylic acids may be used solely, or two or more of them may be used in combination. Aromatic dicarboxylic acids which can be particularly preferably used are terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid and acid chlorides thereof.

[0022] In the case where the polyarylate of the present invention is produced by the interfacial polymerization method, an aqueous phase in which the aforementioned dihydric phenols, an alkali and a polymerization catalyst are dissolved is mixed with an organic phase in which the aromatic dicarboxylic acid component is dissolved, and the mixture is subjected to an interfacial polycondensation reaction with stirring, thereby obtaining the polyarylate.

[0023] In this case, the polymerization catalyst is preferably a quaternary ammonium salt, and specific examples thereof include tri-*n*-butylbenzyl ammonium chloride, tri-*n*-butylbenzyl ammonium bromide, tri-*n*-butylbenzyl ammonium hydroxide, tri-*n*-butylbenzyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate, tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium chloride, tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium bromide, tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium hydroxide and tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate.

[0024] Examples of the alkali to be used in the aqueous phase include sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide.

[0025] As a solvent to be used in the organic phase, a solvent which is incompatible with water and dissolves a polyarylate resin produced is used, and specific examples thereof include chlorine-based solvents such as methylene chloride, 1,2-dichloroethane, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, *o*-dichlorobenzene, *m*-dichlorobenzene and *p*-dichlorobenzene, and aromatic hydrocarbons such as toluene, benzene and xylene.

[0026] In order to adjust the molecular weight of the polyarylate of the present invention, an end terminator can be used at the time of polymerization. Examples of the end terminator include monovalent phenols such as phenol, cresol and *p*-*tert*-butylphenol, and monovalent acid chlorides such as benzoic acid chloride, methanesulfonyl chloride and phenylchloroformate. Moreover, if desired, a small amount of an antioxidant such as sodium sulfite and hydrosulfite and a branching agent such as phloroglucin, isatin bisphenol and trisphenolethane may be added.

[0027] Regarding the polyarylate of the present invention, the polystyrene equivalent weight-average molecular weight (*M_w*) thereof measured by gel permeation chromatography (hereinafter abbreviated as "GPC") is preferably 20000 or more and less than 150000. Further, the polystyrene equivalent number-average molecular weight (*M_n*) thereof is preferably 4000 or more and less than 80000.

[0028] The polyarylate of the present invention can be molded by a publicly-known method such as wet molding, extrusion molding, blow molding and injection molding, and further, it can be molded into a film by means of wet molding or extrusion molding.

[0029] The thickness of the film obtained from the polyarylate of the present invention is preferably in the range of from 5 to 200 μm . When the thickness is 5 μm or more, required strength can be held, and when the thickness is 200 μm or less, deterioration of flex resistance caused by the bend radius difference in the thickness direction can be prevented. The thickness is more preferably in the range of from 15 to 120 μm .

[0030] To the polyarylate of the present invention, various additives generally used may be added without inhibiting physical properties. Examples of the additives include an ultraviolet absorber, an antioxidant, a color protection agent, a flame retardant and a coloring agent.

[0031] A molded article obtained by using the polyarylate of the present invention has high hardness, specifically, a pencil hardness of H or higher. Further, the pencil hardness thereof is preferably 2H or higher for providing scratch resistance.

EXAMPLES

[0032] Hereinafter, the content of the invention will be described in detail by way of working examples of the present invention together with comparative examples.

< GPC conditions >

[0033] The measurement was carried out under the following conditions:

Alliance HPLC system manufactured by Waters;
2 columns of Shodex805L manufactured by Showa Denko K.K.;
a sample of 0.25 w/v% chloroform solution; chloroform eluent of 1 ml/min; and
UV detection at 254 nm.

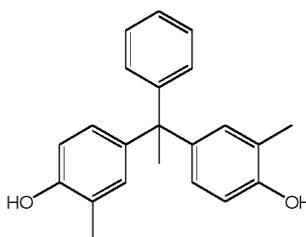
[0034] The polystyrene equivalent weight-average molecular weight (Mw) and number-average molecular weight (Mn) were obtained.

<Pencil hardness test>

[0035] The hardness of the polyarylate film of the present invention formed on a glass substrate was measured by the pencil hardness test based on JIS K5600-5-4.

<Reference Example A1>

[0036] 0.5 g of hydrosulfite and 318 g (1 mol) of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-1-phenylethane represented by the structural formula below (manufactured by Honshu Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., hereinafter abbreviated as "OCAP") were dissolved in 2.3 L of 5 w/w% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide, 2.1 g of tri-n-butylbenzyl ammonium chloride as a polymerization catalyst was added thereto, and in addition, 2.7 L of methylene chloride solution in which 205 g of a mixture of terephthalic acid chloride and isophthalic acid chloride (1:1) (manufactured by Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.) and 6 g of p-tert-butylphenol (manufactured by DIC Corporation, hereinafter abbreviated as "PTBP") were dissolved was added thereto, and the mixture was subjected to an interfacial polycondensation reaction at about 20°C for 2 hours. After the reaction was completed, the reaction solution was separated into an aqueous phase and an organic phase. The organic phase was neutralized with phosphoric acid and washed with water repeatedly until the conductivity of the wash liquid (aqueous phase) became 10 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ or less. The obtained polymer solution was added dropwise to hot water with its temperature being maintained at 60°C and the solvent was removed by evaporation, thereby obtaining a powdery white precipitate. The obtained precipitate was filtered and dried at 105°C for 24 hours, thereby obtaining a polymer powder.



[0037] The molecular weight of this polymer obtained by the GPC measurement was as follows: Mw=57700; and Mn=18100. The obtained polymer was analyzed by infrared spectroscopy. As a result, absorption by a carbonyl group or ester group at a position near 1750 cm^{-1} and absorption by an ester bond at a position near 1220 cm^{-1} were recognized, and it was confirmed that it was a polyarylate having an ester bond.

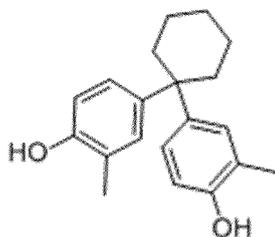
[0038] The obtained polyarylate was dissolved in methylene chloride in an amount of 15% by mass, and a cast film was prepared on a glass substrate using a doctor blade. After drying, a film having a thickness of 20 μm was obtained. The obtained film was subjected to the pencil hardness test.

<Reference Example A2>

[0039] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 296 g of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-

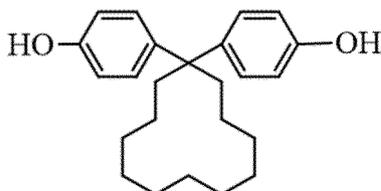
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3-methylphenyl)cyclohexane represented by the structural formula below (manufactured by Honshu Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., hereinafter abbreviated as "OCZ") was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=71400 and Mn=18100. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.



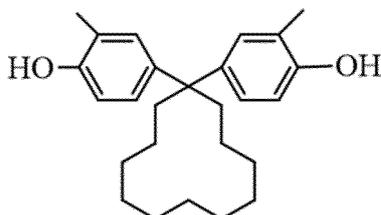
<Example A3>

[0040] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 352 g of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclododecane represented by the structural formula below (manufactured by Taoka Chemical Company, Limited, hereinafter abbreviated as "CD") was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=64000 and Mn=19400. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.



<Reference Example A4>

[0041] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that the amount of OCAP was changed to 190.8 g and 76 g of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)cyclododecane represented by the structural formula below (manufactured by Taoka Chemical Company, Limited, hereinafter abbreviated as "OCCD") and 45.6 g of bisphenol A (manufactured by Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, hereinafter abbreviated as "BPA") were used additionally, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=63100 and Mn=19900. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.



<Example A5>

[0042] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 281.6 g of CD and 51.2 g of 2,2-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propane (manufactured by Honshu Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., hereinafter abbreviated as "BPC") were used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=64700 and Mn=20000. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

<Reference Example A6>

[0043] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that the amount of OCAP was changed to 222.6 g and 80.4 g of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexane (manufactured by Taoka Chemical Company, Limited, hereinafter abbreviated as "BPZ") was used additionally, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=57000 and Mn=17800. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

<Reference Example A7>

[0044] 5.92 kg (20 mol) of OCZ was dissolved in 45 L of 5 w/w% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide, 42 g of tri-n-butylbenzyl ammonium chloride as a polymerization catalyst was added thereto, and in addition, 55 L of methylene chloride solution in which 4.1 kg of a mixture of terephthalic acid chloride and isophthalic acid chloride (1:1) (manufactured by Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.) and 240 g of PTBP were dissolved was added thereto, and the mixture was subjected to an interfacial polycondensation reaction at about 20°C for 2 hours. Neutralization, purification, solidification and drying were carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=37800 and Mn=9770.

[0045] This polyarylate was introduced into a 30 mm single screw extruder with a vent (MK-30 manufactured by Musashino Kikai Co., Ltd.) at a cylinder temperature of 320°C, passed through a feed-block type T-die, and subjected to heat removal using a horizontal twin roll (roll temperature: 150°C), thereby obtaining an extruded film (thickness: about 110 μm). The obtained film was put on a glass plate and subjected to the pencil hardness test in a manner similar to that in Example A1.

<Comparative Example A1>

[0046] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 228 g of BPA was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=78300 and Mn=24400. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

<Comparative Example A2>

[0047] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 268 g of BPZ was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=57700 and Mn=11200. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

<Comparative Example A3>

[0048] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 290 g of 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylethane (manufactured by Honshu Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., hereinafter abbreviated as "BPAP") was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=48600 and Mn=15300. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

<Comparative Example A4>

[0049] The process was carried out in a manner similar to that in Example A1, except that 256 g of BPC was used instead of OCAP, thereby obtaining a polyarylate with Mw=66800 and Mn=17400. The obtained polyarylate was molded in a manner similar to that in Example A1, and it was subjected to the pencil hardness measurement.

[0050] The results of Examples A1 to A7 and Comparative Examples A1 to A4 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

	(A) dihydric phenol		(B) dihydric phenol		Other dihydric phenols		Weight-average molecular weight (Mw)	Pencil Hardness
	Type	mol%	Type	mol%	Type	mol%		
Ref. Example A1	OCAP	100	-	-	-	-	57700	2H

(continued)

	(A) dihydric phenol		(B) dihydric phenol		Other dihydric phenols		Weight-average molecular weight (Mw)	Pencil Hardness	
	Type	mol%	Type	mol%	Type	mol%			
5	Ref. Example A2	-	-	OCZ	100	-	-	71400	2H
10	Example A3	-	-	CD	100	-	-	64000	3H
	Ref. Example A4	OCAP	60	OCCD	20	BPA	20	63100	2H
	Example A5	-	-	CD	80	BPC	20	64700	3H
15	Ref. Example A6	OCAP	70	-	-	BPZ	30	57000	2H
	Ref. Example A7	-	-	OCZ	100	-	-	37800	2H
20	Comparative Example A1	-	-	-	-	BPA	100	78300	B
	Comparative Example A2	-	-	-	-	BPZ	100	57700	F
25	Comparative Example A3	-	-	-	-	BPAP	100	48600	HB
	Comparative Example A4	-	-	-	-	BPC	100	66800	F

30 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

35 **[0051]** Regarding application examples of the present invention, for example, it is possible to provide front plates of flat panel displays and touch panel displays for portable devices which require scratch resistance. The polyarylate of the present invention can be injection-molded at a temperature lower than conventional polyarylates, and this realizes energy saving. Further, mold contamination caused by a mold release agent or additive is reduced, and this contributes to ease of maintenance. Moreover, the present invention can be applied to various injection-molded articles, regarding which high flowability is desired at the time of heating and melting, in particular, light-guiding plates of flat panel displays, various optical lenses, lighting covers, etc.

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Claims

- 45 1. A polyarylate obtained from a dihydric phenol component and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component, wherein the dihydric phenol component contains at least one dihydric phenol selected from 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)cyclododecane and 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclododecane as a primary raw material and the ratio of the said dihydric phenol is 50 mol% or more based on the total amount of dihydric phenols, and wherein the pencil hardness of the polyarylate is H or higher as measured in accordance with JIS K5600-5-4.
- 50 2. The polyarylate according to claim 1, wherein the polystyrene equivalent weight-average molecular weight measured by gel permeation chromatography is 20000 or more and less than 150000.
3. A molded article made by molding the polyarylate according to claim 1 or 2.
- 55 4. A film made from the molded article according to claim 3.
5. The film according to claim 4, which has a thickness of 5 to 200 μm .

6. The film according to claim 4 or 5, which is obtained by means of wet molding or extrusion molding.
7. The film according to any one of claims 4 to 6, which is used as a constituent material for a flat panel display.
- 5 8. The film according to claim 7, which is used as a constituent material for a mobile terminal display.

Patentansprüche

- 10 1. Polyarylat, erhalten aus einer zweiwertigen Phenolkomponente und einer aromatischen Dicarbonsäurekomponente, wobei die zweiwertige Phenolkomponente zumindest ein zweiwertiges Phenol, ausgewählt aus 1,1-Bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-cyclododecan und 1,1-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclododecan, als hauptsächliches Rohmaterial enthält und der Anteil des besagten zweiwertigen Phenols 50 mol% oder mehr, bezogen auf die Gesamtmenge der zweiwertigen Phenole, beträgt und wobei die Bleistifhärte des Polyarylats H oder höher, gemessen gemäss JIS
15 K5600-5-4, ist.
2. Polyarylat gemäss Anspruch 1, wobei das Polystyroläquivalenzgewicht-durchschnittliche Molekulargewicht, gemessen durch Gelpermeationschromatografie, 20.000 oder mehr und weniger als 150.000 beträgt.
- 20 3. Formkörper, hergestellt durch Formen des Polyarylats gemäss Anspruch 1 oder 2.
4. Folie, hergestellt aus dem Formkörper gemäss Anspruch 3.
5. Folie gemäss Anspruch 4, die eine Dicke von 5 bis 200 μm aufweist.
- 25 6. Folie gemäss Anspruch 4 oder 5, die durch Nassformen oder Extrusionsformen erhalten wird.
7. Folie gemäss irgendeinem der Ansprüche 4 bis 6, die als Bestandteil eines Flachbildschirms verwendet wird.
- 30 8. Folie gemäss Anspruch 7, die als Bestandteil eines Displays für ein mobiles Endgerät verwendet wird.

Revendications

- 35 1. Polyarylate obtenu à partir d'un composant phénol dihydrique et d'un composant acide dicarboxylique aromatique, dans lequel le composant phénol dihydrique contient au moins un phénol dihydrique sélectionné à partir du 1,1-bis(4-hydroxy-3-méthylphényl)cyclododécane et du 1,1-bis(4-hydroxyphényl)cyclododécane comme matière première primaire et le rapport dudit phénol dihydrique est de 50% en moles ou plus sur la base de la quantité totale des phénols dihydriques, et dans lequel la dureté au crayon du polyarylate est H ou supérieure telle que mesurée
40 conformément à la norme JIS K5600-5-4.
2. Polyarylate selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la masse moléculaire moyenne en poids équivalent de polystyrène mesurée par chromatographie par perméation de gel est de 20 000 ou plus et de moins de 150 000.
- 45 3. Article moulé réalisé par moulage du polyarylate selon la revendication 1 ou 2.
4. Film réalisé à partir de l'article moulé selon la revendication 3.
5. Film selon la revendication 4, qui a une épaisseur de 5 à 200 μm .
- 50 6. Film selon la revendication 4 ou 5, qui est obtenu au moyen d'un moulage en phase humide ou d'un moulage par extrusion.
7. Film selon l'une quelconque des revendications 4 à 6, qui est utilisé comme matière constitutive pour un affichage à écran plat.
- 55 8. Film selon la revendication 7, qui est utilisé comme matière constitutive pour un affichage de terminal mobile.

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