

Supplementary Information for publication

Multi-modal compositional analysis of layered paint chips of automobiles by the combined application of ATR-FTIR imaging, Raman microspectrometry, and SEM/EDX

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Figure S1. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #1, #2, #4, and #5 of sample A in comparison with two library spectra showing the best match. Peak notations are ↓: alkyd, ♥: melamine, and ∇: PAP.

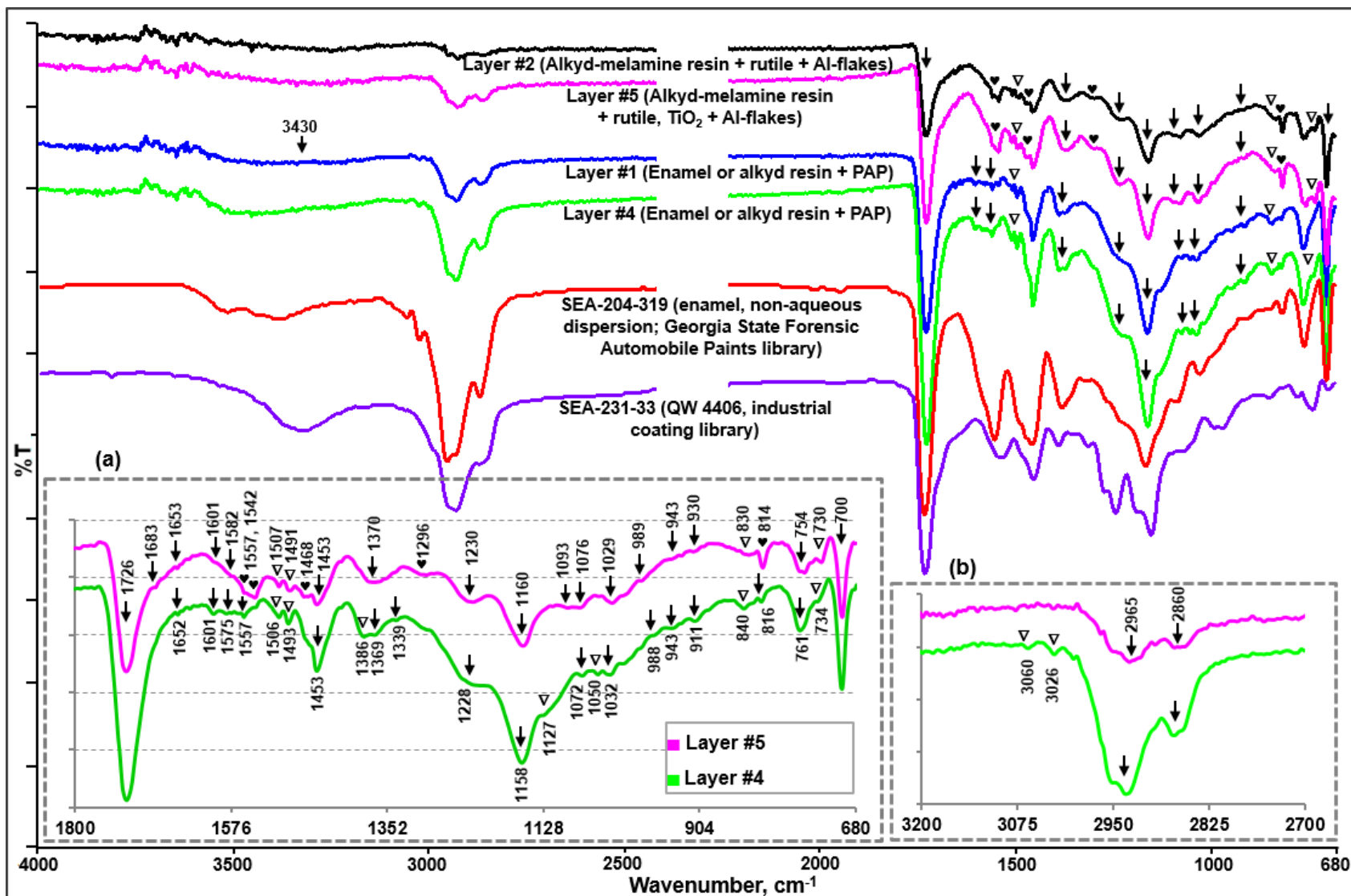


Figure S2. Representative Raman spectra of layers #2, #3, #6 and #7 of sample A (magnified in an inset over 750 – 1800 cm^{-1}) compared with that of standard rutile, anatase, and kaolinite. Peak notations are \star : rutile (TiO_2); ∇ : anatase (TiO_2)

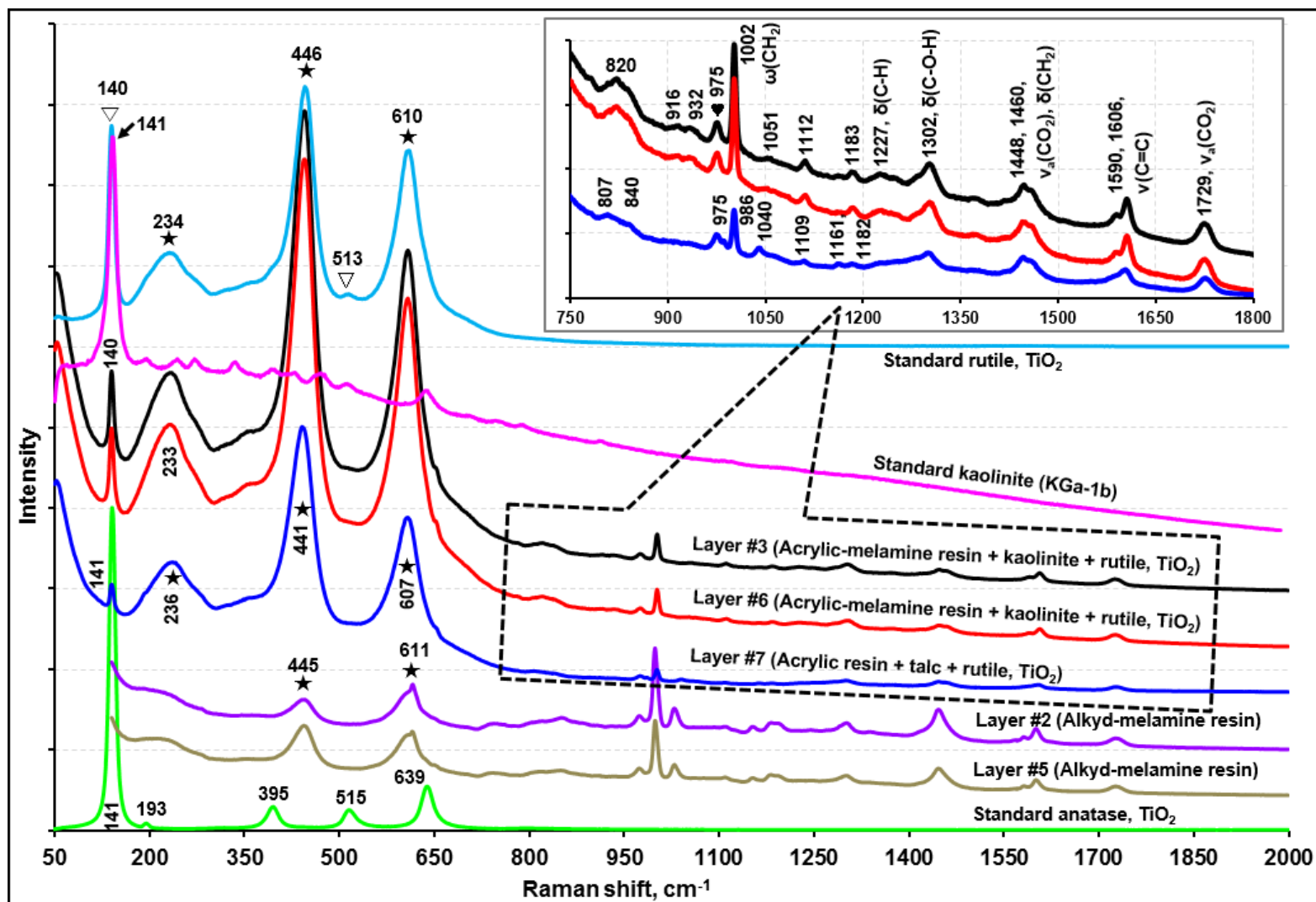


Figure S3. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #3, #6, and #7 of sample A in comparison with two library spectra showing the best match. The peak notations are \diamond : acrylic, \heartsuit : melamine, \blacklozenge : kaolinite, and \star : TiO_2 .

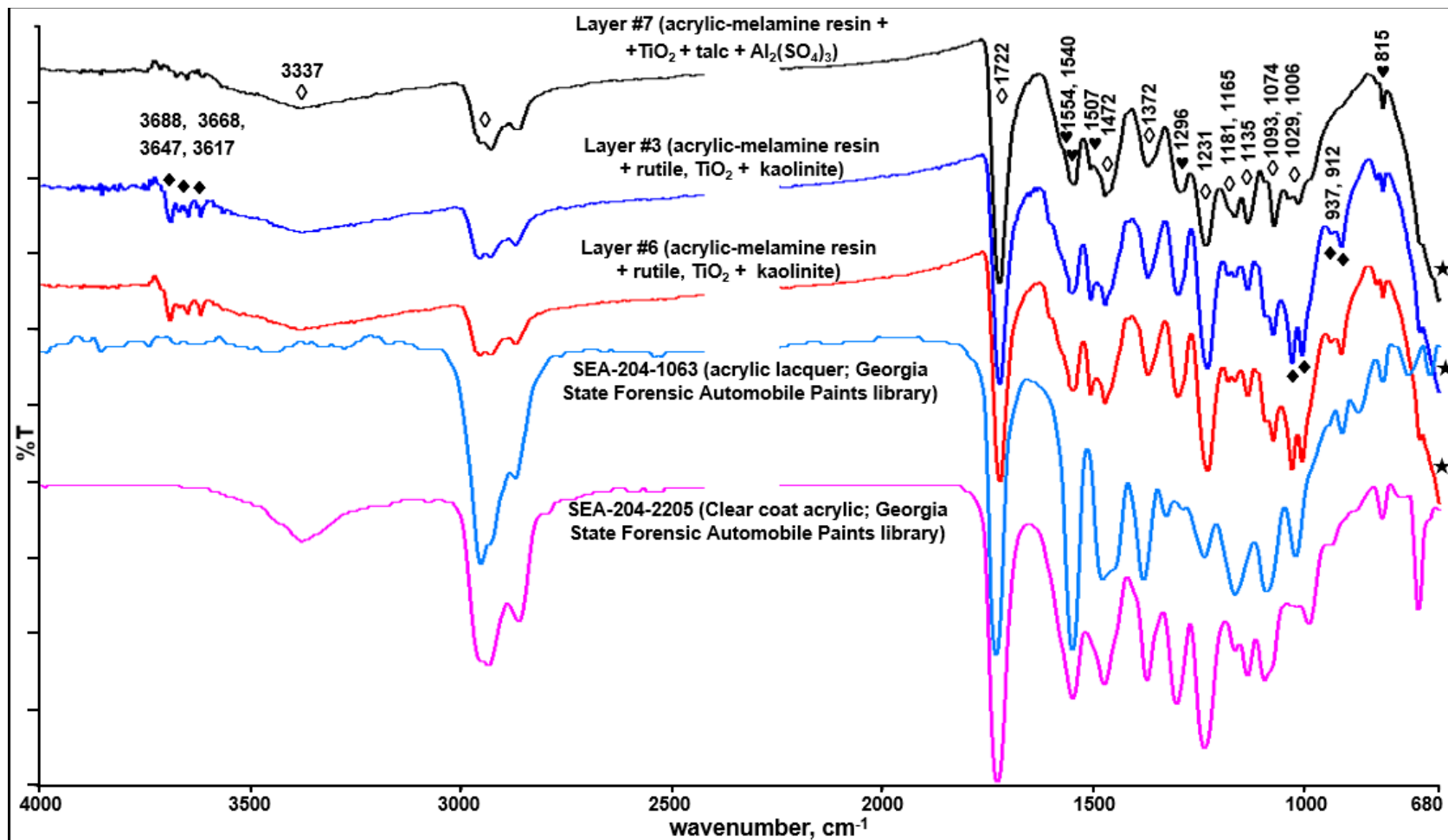


Figure S4. ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #3, #6, and #7 of sample A and standard kaolinite, talc, and rutile (TiO₂). The peak notations are \diamond : acrylic, \heartsuit : melamine, \blacklozenge : kaolinite, $*$: TiO₂, \blacktriangle : talc, and \triangle : SO₄²⁻.

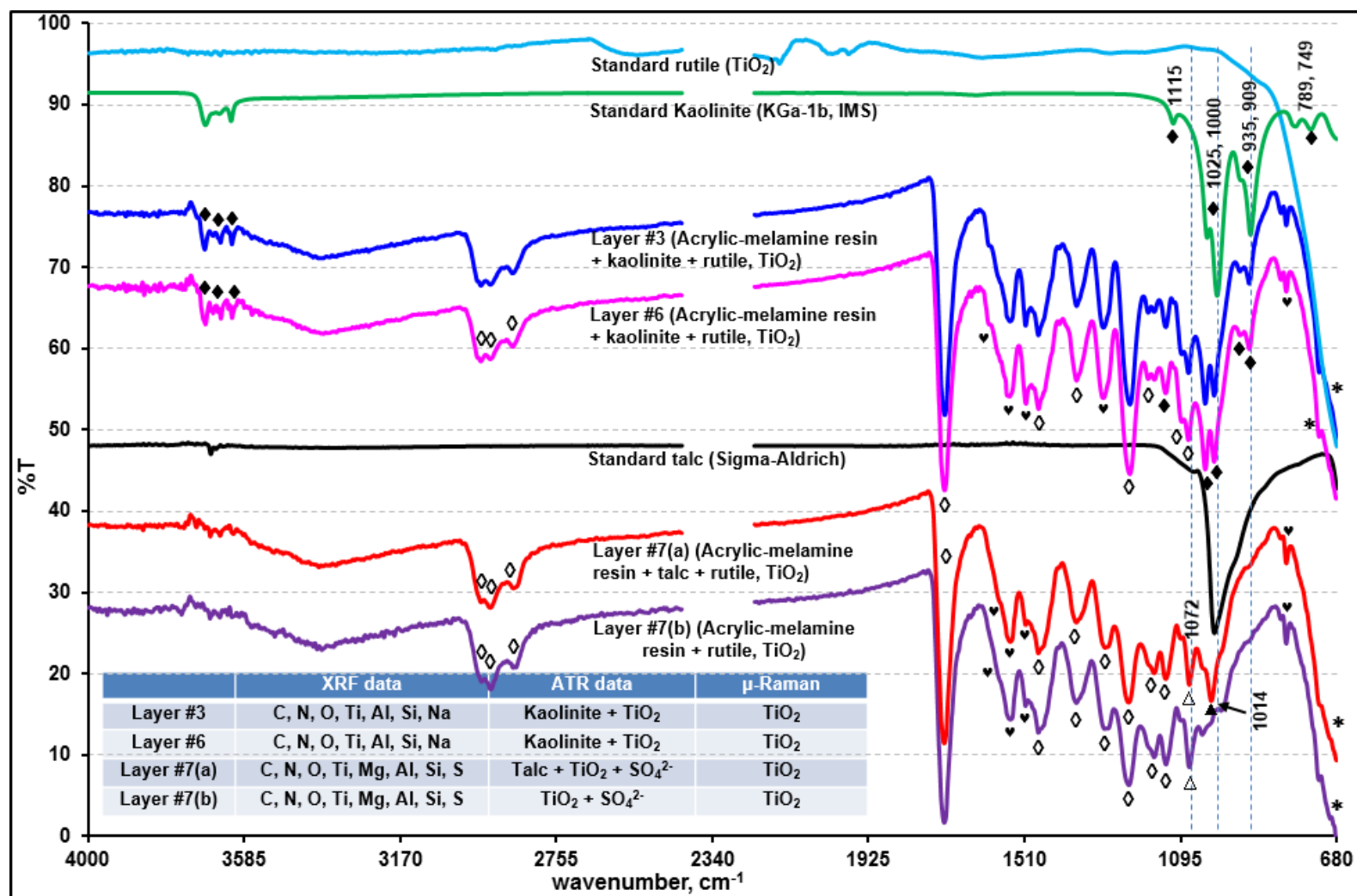


Figure S5. (a) Two pairs of X-ray spectra for layers #3 and #6 of sample A, showing that Ti peak intensities increase as Al and Si decrease and vice versa and (b)-(d) X-ray spectra obtained at various locations in layers #7-#9 of sample A.

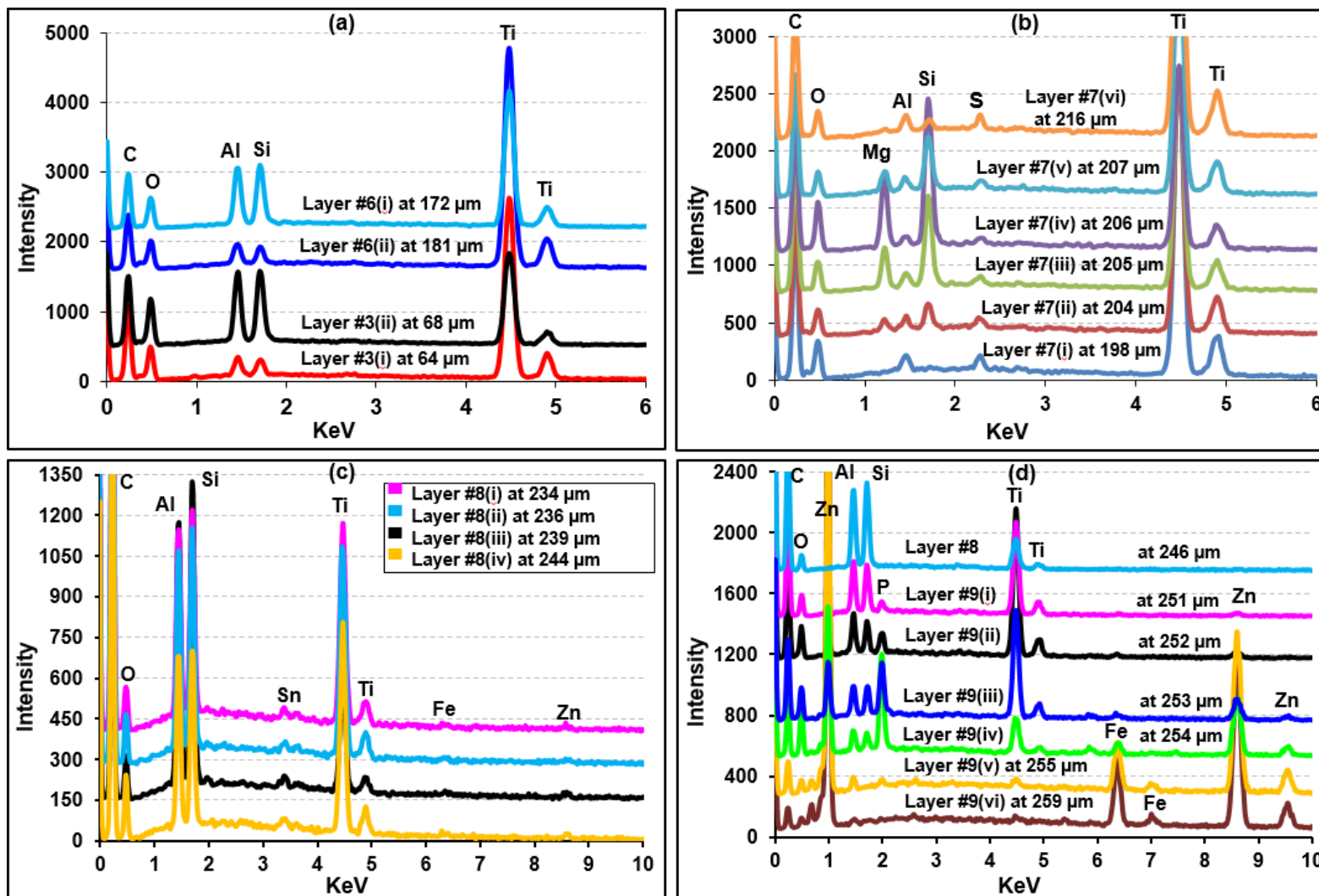


Figure S6. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #8 and #9 of sample A in comparison with a spectrum of the resin mold used for the cross-section preparation and two library spectra of epoxy resins with and without carbonyl peak at $\sim 1730\text{ cm}^{-1}$. [*DGEBA: Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol-A]

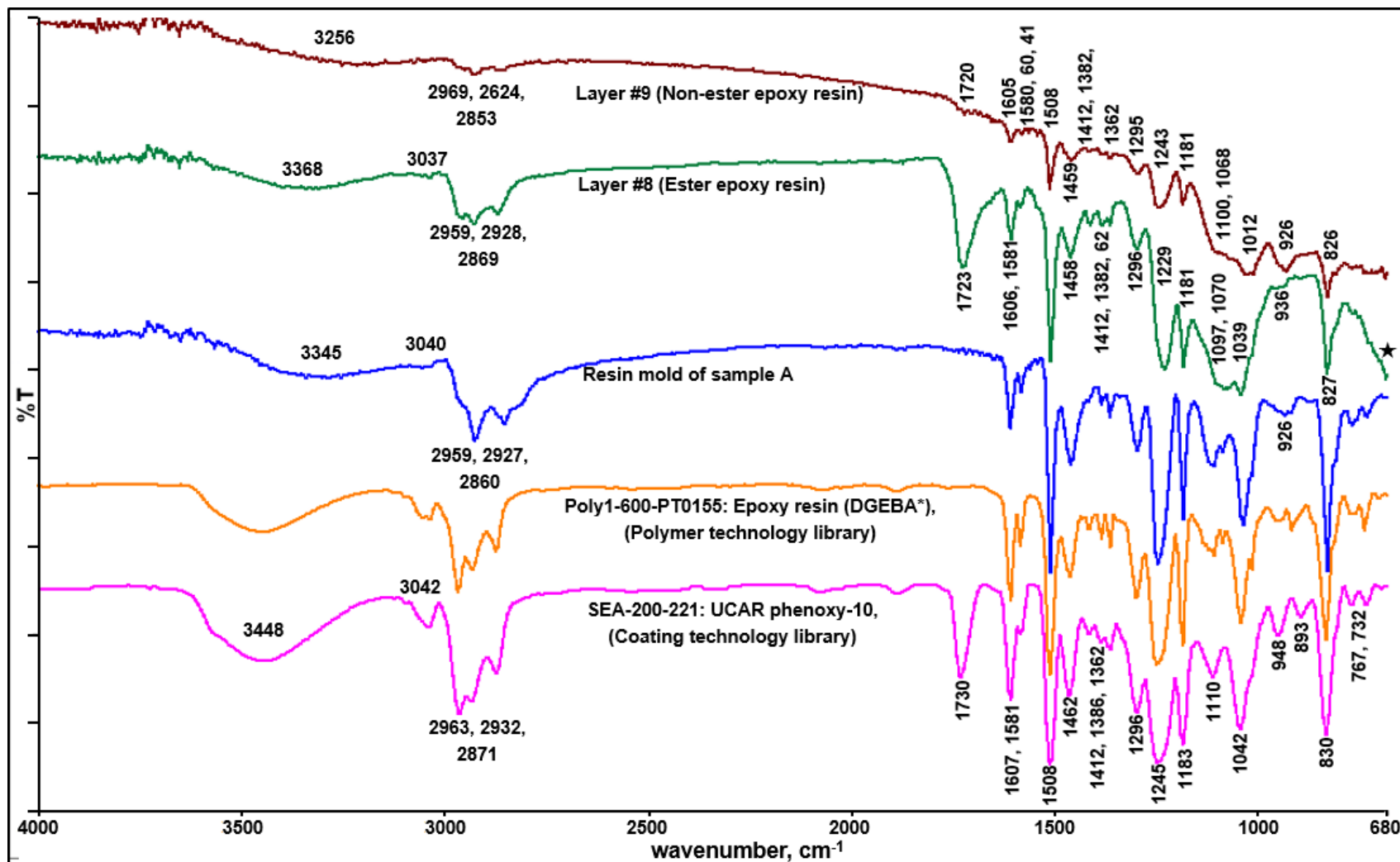


Figure S7. ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #8 and #9 of sample A in comparison with those of the resin mold used for cross-section preparation and standard kaolinite, pyrophyllite, and $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$.

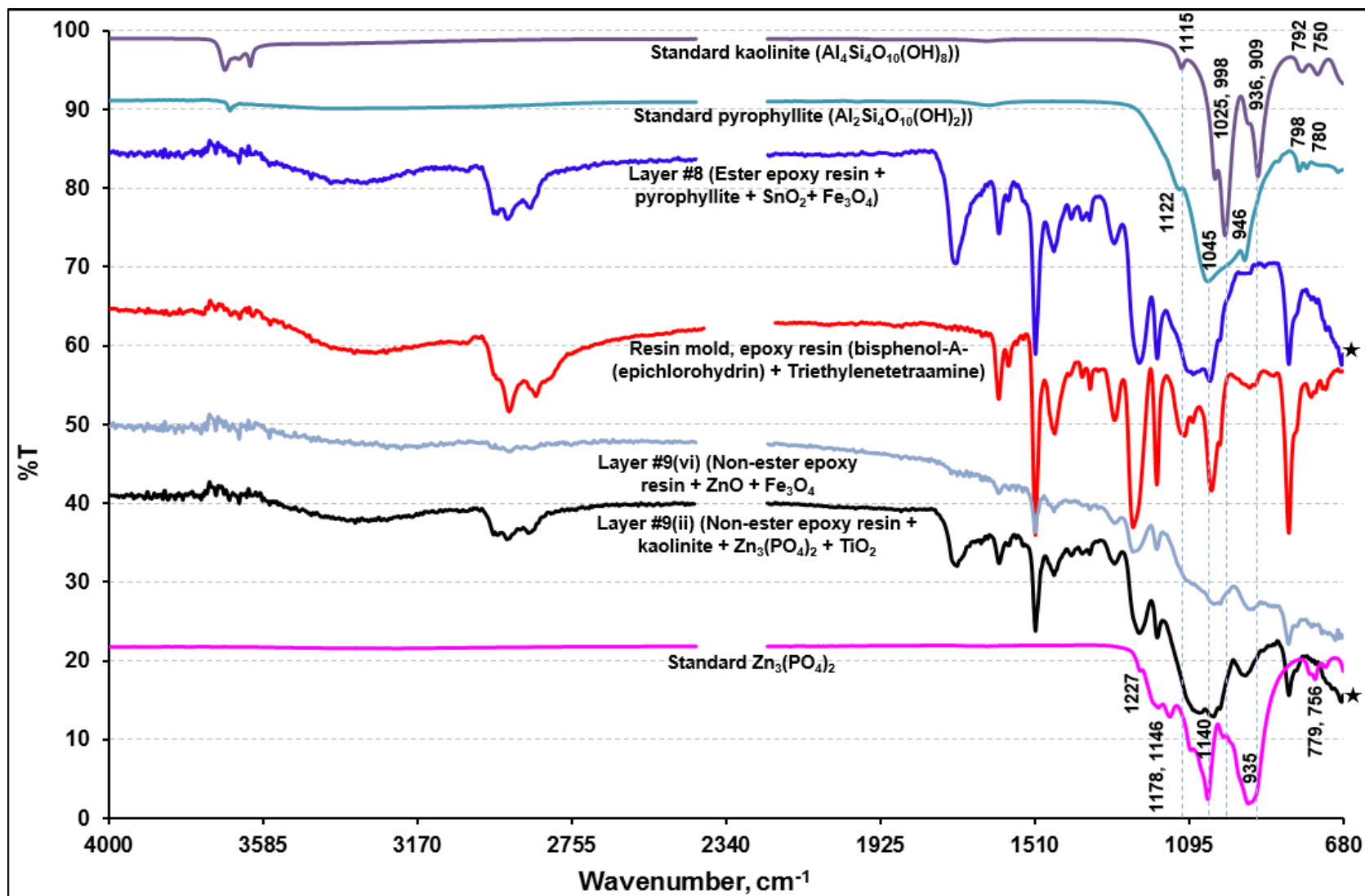


Figure S8. Representative Raman spectra of layers #8 and #9 of sample A in comparison with standard Fe_3O_4 .

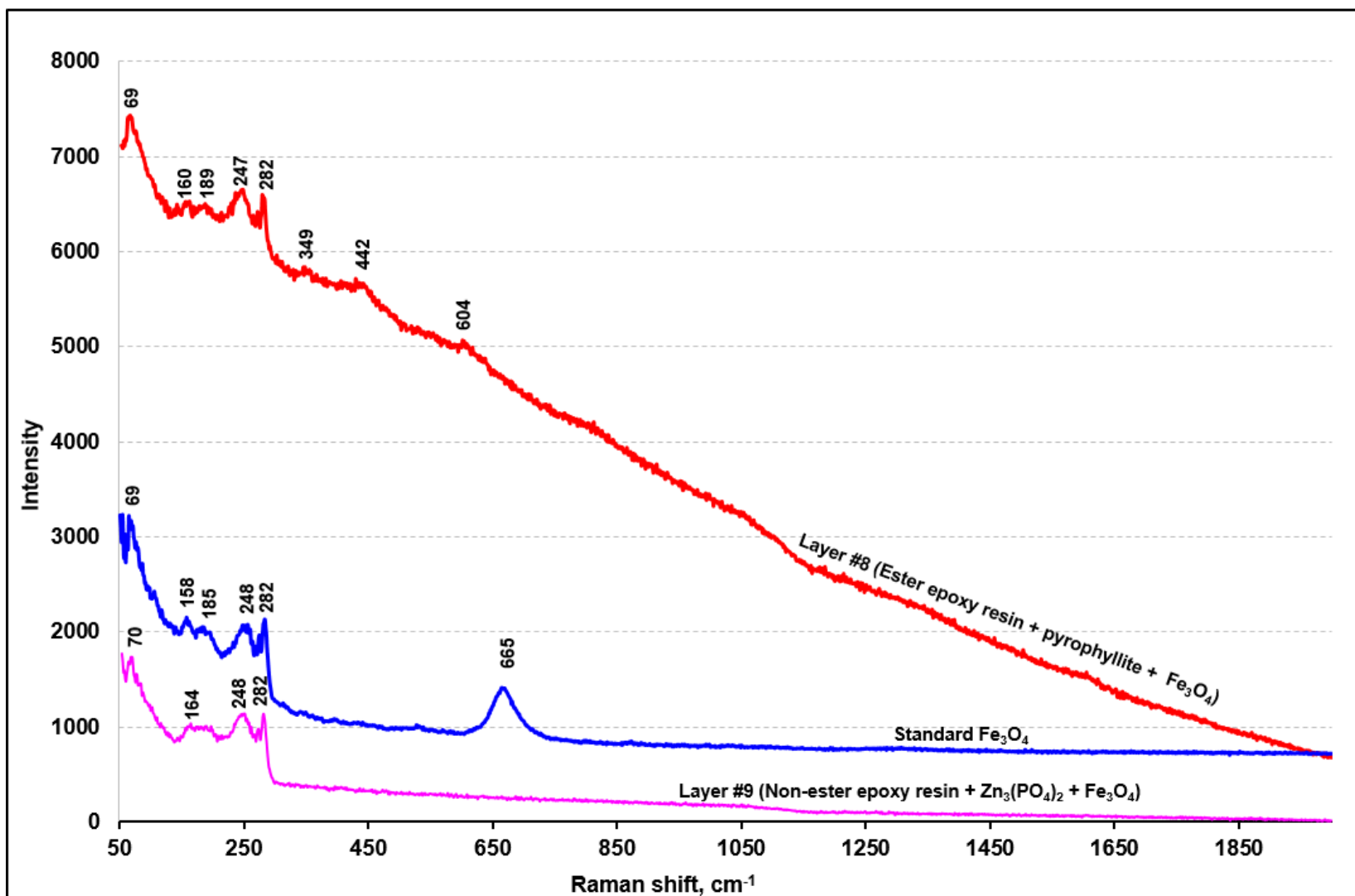


Figure S9. Plot of the baseline corrected ATR-FTIR spectra at successive pixels on a line across the boundary between layer #8 and #9 of sample A. ATR-FTIR spectra of standard kaolinite, pyrophyllite, and $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$ are included for comparison.

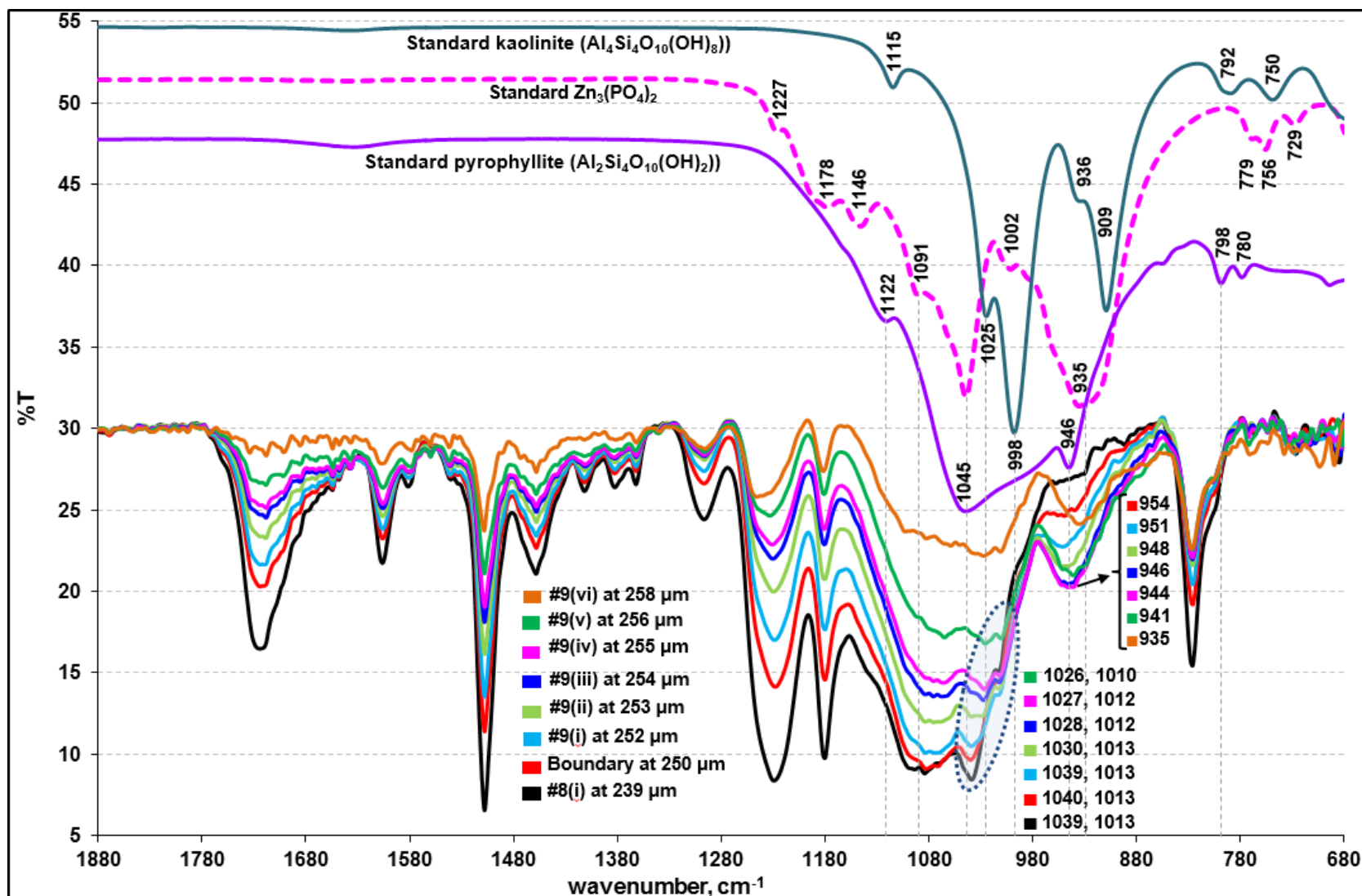


Figure S10. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layer #1 of sample B in comparison with a spectrum of the resin mold used for cross-section preparation, standard kaolinite, and two library spectra showing the best match. The peak notations are ↓: epoxy, ◆: kaolinite, and ★: rutile (TiO₂).

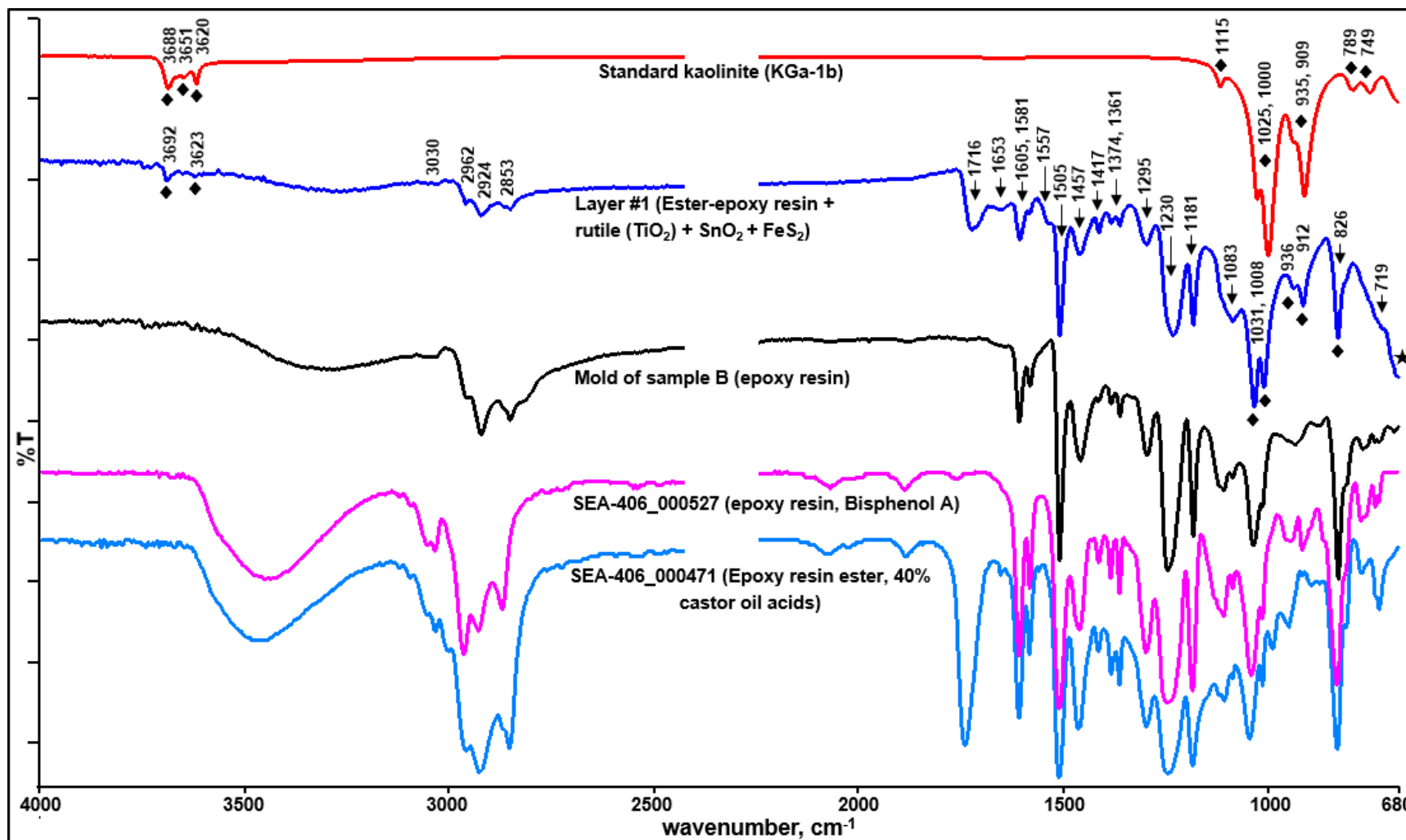


Figure S11. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #2, #3, and #4 of sample B in comparison with a spectrum of standard BaSO₄ and three library spectra showing the best match. The peak notations are ↓: alkyd, ♥: melamine, ★: TiO₂, and S: SO₄²⁻.

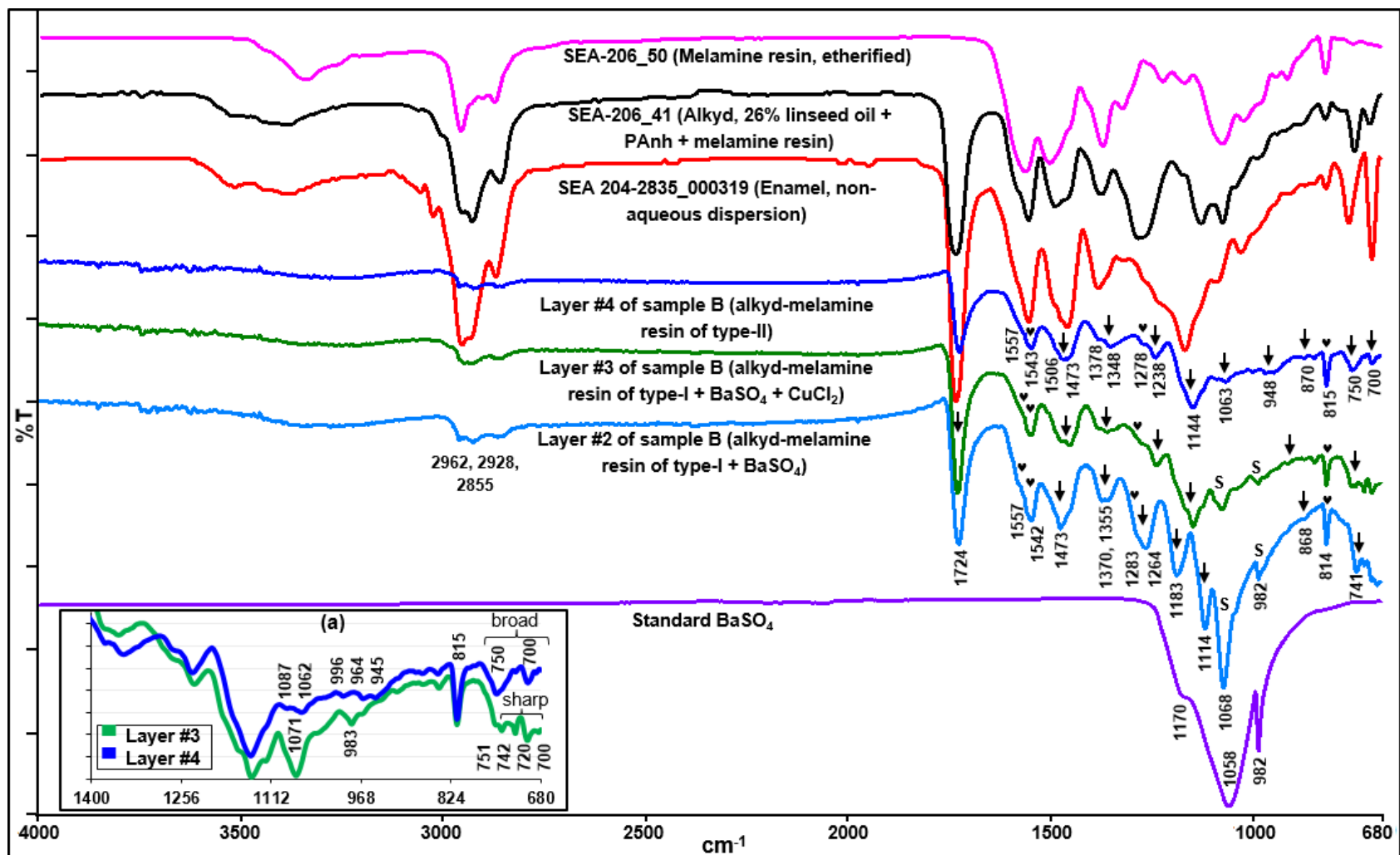


Figure S12. Representative ATR-FTIR spectrum of layer #5 of sample B and three library spectra showing the best match.

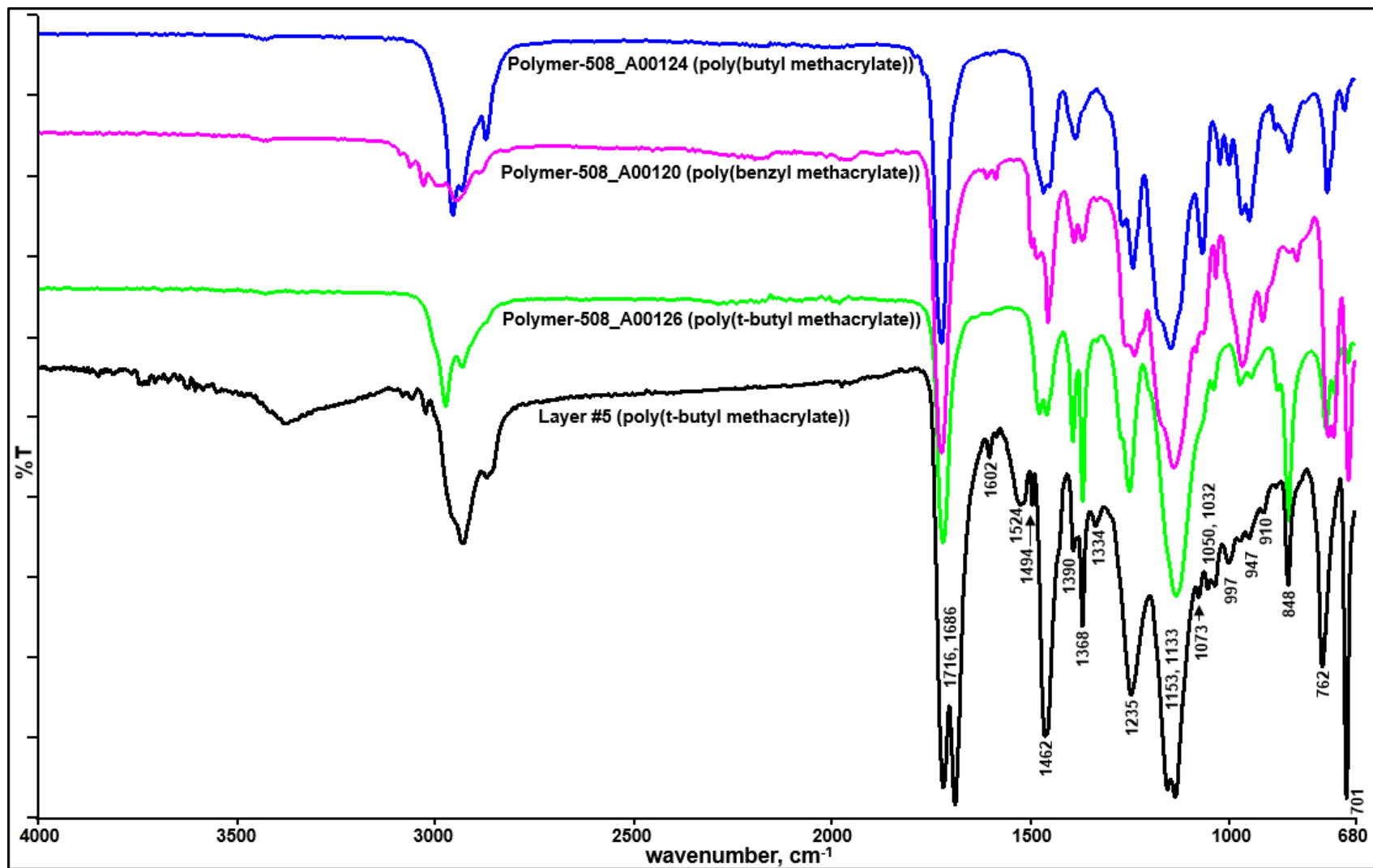


Figure S13. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #1 and #2 of sample C and two library spectra showing the best match.

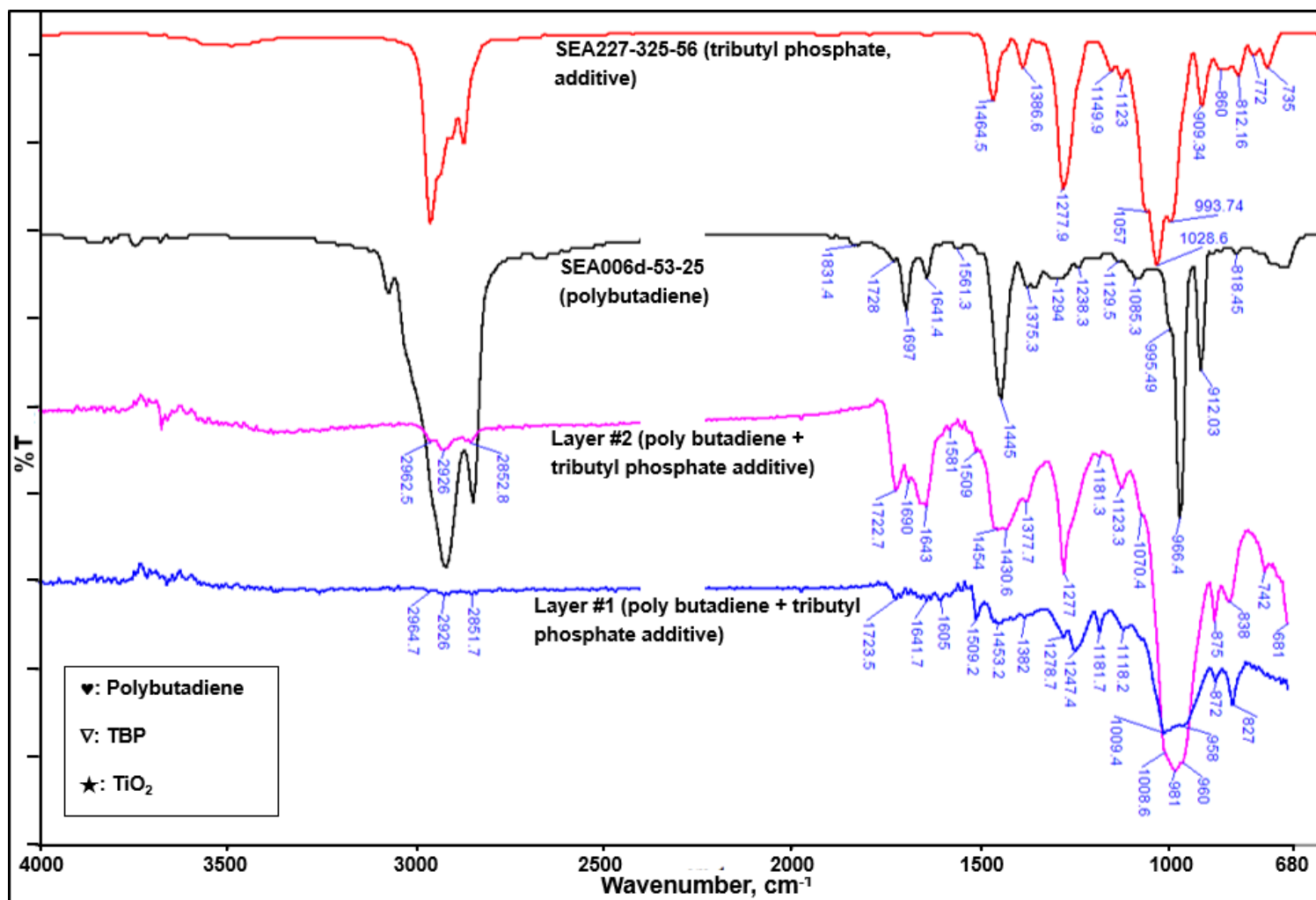


Figure S14. ATR-FTIR spectra at different locations within layers #1 and #2 of sample C in comparison with those of standard talc and CaCO₃. The peak notations are ↓: poly butadiene, ◆: TBP, ★: rutile (TiO₂), C: CaCO₃, and T: talc.

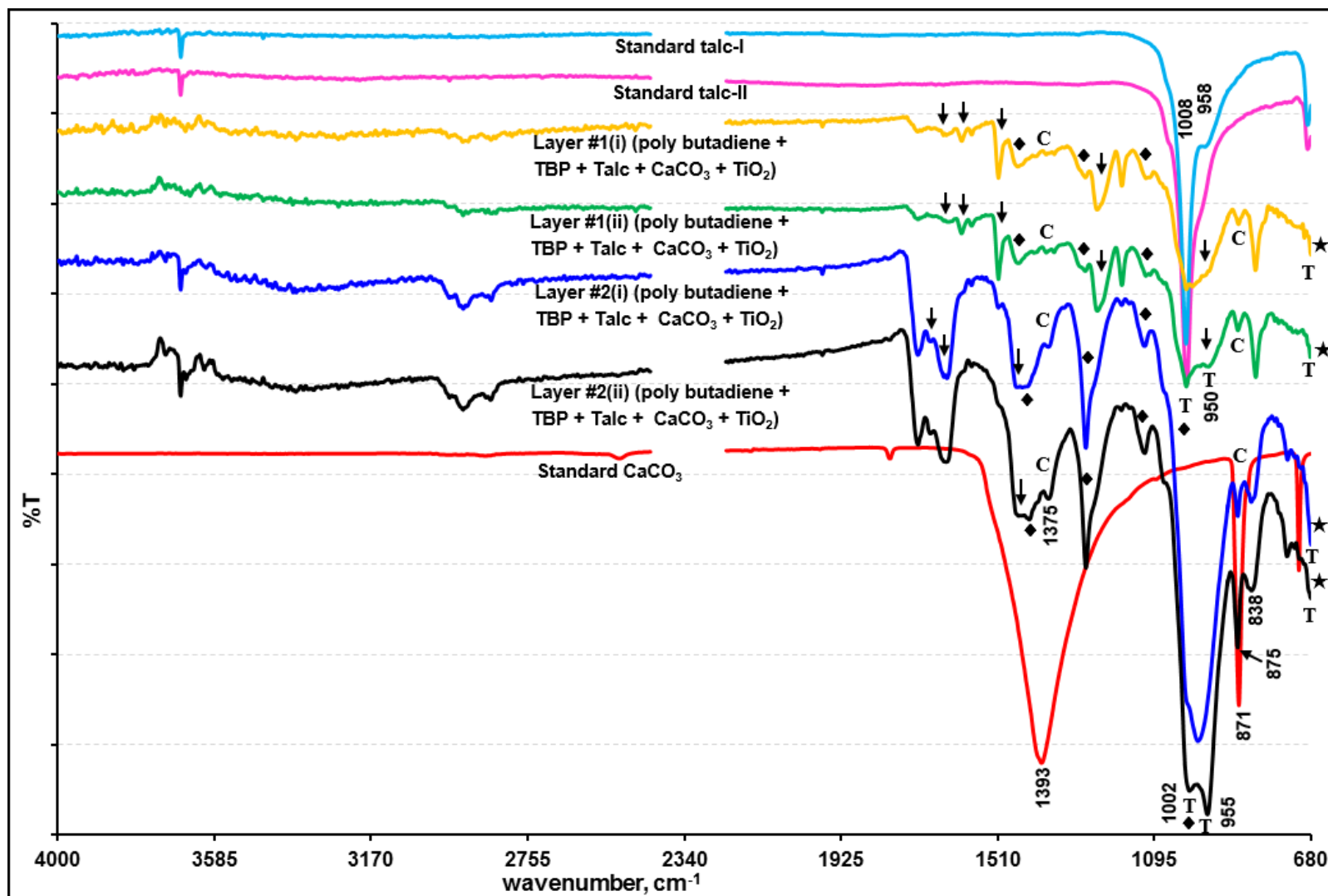


Figure S15. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of layers #3 and #4 of sample C and one library spectrum showing the best match.

