

Abstract

Object

An object of the present invention is to provide a process for producing a water-absorbent resin by employing a
5 reversed suspension polymerization method, by which a water-absorbent resin having a small particle size and a narrow particle size distribution can be produced.

Means for Achieving the Object

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A process for producing a water-absorbent resin comprising subjecting a water-soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer to a reversed phase suspension polymerization in a petroleum hydrocarbon dispersion medium containing a surfactant
15 and a polymeric dispersion agent, wherein the polymeric dispersion agent is a polymeric protective colloid having a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 2,000 to 15,000 and a molecular weight distribution (Mw/number average molecular weight (Mn)) of 3 to 50.

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Selected Figure: None