

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention provides a vinyl alcohol polymer having properties comparable to the properties of vinyl alcohol polymers of solely petroleum origin, and, in using the vinyl alcohol polymer (PVA), saves petroleum resources, and reduces carbon dioxide emissions in production processes. The present invention relates to a vinyl alcohol polymer (X) obtained through saponification after polymerization of a plant-derived vinyl ester monomer (A) and a petroleum-derived vinyl ester monomer (B), and having a mole ratio (A)/(B) of 5/95 to 100/0.