CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A liquid-retaining sheet comprising a liquid-retaining layer that is able to absorb a liquid component, the liquid-retaining layer having a nonwoven structural member containing a transparent fiber,

wherein the liquid-retaining sheet has a transparency shown below of not more than 0.27:

Transparency =
Whiteness (%) of a sheet impregnated with 700% by mass of water relative to the sheet mass / Basis weight ($g/m^2$),

the transparent fiber comprises a staple fiber having a coloring agent content of not more than 0.1% by mass and containing at least one of a solvent-spinning cellulose fiber and an ethylene-vinyl alcohol-series fiber.

[Claim 2]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to claim 1, wherein the solvent-spinning cellulose fiber is a cellulose-series fiber substantially free from a carboxyl group.

[Claim 3]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the transparent fiber further contains a rayon fiber.

[Claim 4]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the proportion of the solvent-spinning cellulose fiber is not less than 30% by mass in the liquid-retaining layer.

[Claim 5]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the transparent fiber comprises a staple fiber having a coloring agent content of not more than 0.01% by mass.

[Claim 6]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the coloring agent comprises titanium oxide.

[Claim 7]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims

1 to 6, wherein the nonwoven structural member contains a staple fiber having an average fiber diameter of 1 to 15 μm.

[Claim 8]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the staple fiber has an average fiber length of 20 to 70 mm, and the nonwoven structural member has an apparent density of 0.08 to 0.15 $g/cm^3$ and a void ratio of 90 to 95%.

[Claim 9]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the nonwoven structural member comprises a spunlace nonwoven fabric obtainable by hydroentangling a semi-random web, a parallel web, or a cross web.

[Claim 10]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the nonwoven structural member has a basis weight of 30 to 100 $g/m^2$.

[Claim 11]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 10, which further comprises a nonporous transparent layer over a first side of the liquid-retaining layer, the nonporous transparent layer containing a transparent resin.

[Claim 12]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 11, which further comprises an adhesion layer over at least one side of the liquid-retaining layer, the adhesion layer containing a meltblown nonwoven fabric.

[Claim 13]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to claim 12, wherein the meltblown nonwoven fabric contains a transparent fiber having a coloring agent content of not more than 0.1% by mass.

[Claim 14]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 13, which has a stress at 30% elongation of not less than 1.5 N/5cm in at least one direction under wetting in accordance

with JIS L 1913.

[Claim 15]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the whiteness (%) of the sheet impregnated with 700% by mass of water relative to the sheet mass is 1 to 10%.

[Claim 16]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the liquid-retaining layer is impregnated with a liquid component.

[Claim 17]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to claim 16, which is a skin care sheet that comprises the liquid-retaining layer impregnated with the liquid component, the liquid component containing a cosmetic preparation.

[Claim 18]

A liquid-retaining sheet according to claim 17, which is a facial mask.