

ABSTRACT

Provided are: a novel vinyl alcohol polymer and a method for producing the same; and a dispersant for suspension polymerization, a dispersion aid for suspension polymerization, and a method for producing a vinyl polymer, each of which enables obtaining polymer particles which are superior in plasticizer absorptivity, and in which an average particle diameter is small, with few coarse particles. One aspect of the present invention is a vinyl alcohol polymer having, in the same molecule or in different molecules, a carbonyl group, a formyl group, and an alkenyl group. Another aspect of the present invention is a method for producing a vinyl alcohol polymer, the method including: a step of polymerizing a vinyl ester in the presence of an unsaturated aliphatic aldehyde; and a step of saponifying a vinyl ester polymer obtained.