

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A detergent composition is disclosed. The composition comprises polymer particles having an average particle size of 50-500 μm in 5% by weight sodium chloride aqueous solution and a modulus of elasticity of $1 \times 10^3 - 5 \times 10^5$ dyne/cm² in said sodium chloride aqueous solution. It exhibits a superior physical or mechanical washing performance, and gives remarkably reduced irritation and minimal damage to the object being washed. When a germicide is incorporated in addition to the polymer particles, its sterilization effect is greatly enhanced.

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