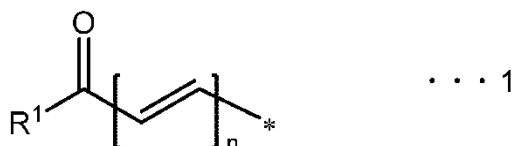


ABSTRACT

Provided by the present invention are a dispersant for suspension polymerization which enables production of vinyl polymer particles having a small particle diameter at a small added amount, a method for producing such a dispersant for suspension polymerization, and a method for producing vinyl polymer particles by using such a dispersant for suspension polymerization. The dispersant is a powder which contains a vinyl alcohol polymer having a structure represented by the following formula 1 and has an average particle diameter of 100 μm or more 2,000 μm or less, wherein the dispersant contains particles A which have a particle diameter of 500 μm or more and particles B which have a particle diameter of 220 μm or less, and a ratio (A/B) of an absorbance A of a 0.1% by mass aqueous solution of the particles A at an optical path length of 10 mm and a wavelength of 320 nm to an absorbance B of a 0.1% by mass aqueous solution of the particles B at the optical path length of 10 mm and the wavelength of 320 nm is 0.7 or more and 1.2 or less.



In the formula 1, R^1 represents an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer of 1 to 10; and * denotes a site bonding to a part other than the structure represented by the above formula 1 in the vinyl alcohol polymer.