

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a water-insoluble (meth)acrylic acid (co)polymer dispersion by polymerizing a water-soluble monomer(s) comprising (meth)acrylic acid in an aqueous salt solution in the presence of a dispersibility retaining agent comprising a polymer electrolyte soluble in the aqueous salt solution, wherein the polymer concentration is at least 5 wt%, the average polymer particle diameter is 1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , the dispersion viscosity with time is 10 to 3000 cp, the polymer particles can be recognized by the observation of a solution diluted 10 times with water with enlargement of 400 times; and the polymer particles are dissolved and turned into an aqueous solution when the pH is kept to 7.0 and also provided the manufacturing method. In addition, a papermaking method, an improving method for soil containing water, an interlayer peeling-off prevention method and an flocculating method for solids by using the dispersion of the present invention are presented. The dispersion of the present invention has a low viscosity and can be handled easily, has excellent stability for preservation and is able to solve the conventional problems.

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