

Title (en)

Water-absorbent nonwoven fabric and process for producing same.

Title (de)

Wasserabsorbierender Vliesstoff und Verfahren zur Herstellung.

Title (fr)

Non-tissé absorbant l'eau et procédé de production.

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Abstract (en)

A nonwoven fabric having an excellent water absorption, a satisfactory softness and hand feeling, and a superior processability and wet mechanical strength, comprises synthetic fibers and water-absorbent cellulosic fibers intertwined with each other, the water-absorbent cellulosic fibers comprising cross-linked carboxymethyl cellulose fibers having a carboxymethyl group-substitution degree of 0.35 to 1.6, and being produced by forming a precursory nonwoven web from the synthetic fibers and cellulose fibers intertwined with each other, and carboxy methylating and cross-linking separately or simultaneously the cellulose fibers in the precursory nonwoven fabric by using a carboxymethylating agent and a cross-linked agent, to convert the precursory nonwoven web to a water-absorbent nonwoven fabric.

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