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Polytetrafluoroethylene fiber and method for manufacturing the same

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP1574603A1] A polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) fiber includes a filament (1) obtained by partially slitting an oriented PTFE film in a lengthwise direction of the film. Emboss processing is conducted linearly along the lengthwise direction of the film and like a zigzag shape or a convexo-concave shape in a width direction of the film, followed by slitting, whereby the filament (1) includes a network structure (3) in which single fibrils (2) that are opened partially are arranged regularly. A PTFE short fiber is obtained by cutting the above filament and includes a branch structure. Thereby, a PTFE fiber with a small average fineness of single fibrils, a uniform fineness and a single-peak distribution with the peak at a center of fineness and with a high production yield and uniform and stable branch structure can be provided and a method for manufacturing the PTFE fiber can be provided. <IMAGE>

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