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(54) **Heat-adhesive composite fiber and nonwoven fabric made by using same.**

(57) A heat-adhesive synthetic composite fiber useful as a bonding fiber for producing a nonwoven fabric by a wet sheet-forming method, comprises (A) an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer filamentary constituent and (B) a metal sulfonate group-containing copolyester filamentary constituent incorporated to the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer filamentary constituent (A) to form a composite fiber; the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer filamentary constituent being exposed to the outside in at least a portion of the peripheral surface of the composite fiber.

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