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Kynar® Film awarded 2012 China Top 10 Brand for PV Materials

Arkema's Kynar® film has been awarded a 2012 China Top 10 Brand for PV Materials prize by China Modern Photovoltaics magazine. This prize recognises that Kynar® film has become a key material for reliable backsheets of photovoltaic panels.

Kynar® film, made of PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride) extruded into a very thin film, is used as the protective outer layer in PV panel backsheets, and its outstanding UV resistance and moisture barrier greatly contribute to the reliability of PV modules. Thanks to its exceptional durability, Kynar® film helps significantly extend the lifetime of the modules.

Kynar® film protective backsheets are sold under the brands KPE® (one Kynar® outer protection layer over the polyester core layer) and KPK® (one outer and one inner Kynar® protection layer over the polyester layer). The film is based on a patented technology developed by Arkema, and Kynar® film is approved by the world's leading manufacturers of film laminates for solar panel backsheets. In less than 10 years, Arkema has become a key player in this fast-growing market.

Kynar® PVDF film benefits from over 40 years of Arkema's experience as a supplier of PVDF Kynar 500®, the world's most durable architectural PVDF-based coating technology.

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