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New high fluidity Kynar[®] 705 for PVDF ultra resistant mono and multifilaments fibers

Arkema has developed Kynar[®] 705 resin, a new high flow PVDF homopolymer grade, intended to be used in standard commercial spinning equipments to produce ultra-resistant textiles for water, chemical filtration and architectural applications.

Arkema has collaborated with Lenzing plastics GmbH, a major supplier of different fluoropolymer filaments and fibers to develop Kynar[®] 705 for production of continuous multifilament fibers.

Kynar[®] 705 was designed with the objectives of meeting the high fluidity requirements of multifilament extrusion while providing high tenacity, resistance to abrasion and aggressive chemicals environment -even in high temperature-, high whiteness and low overall gel content. Tests reported that Kynar[®] 705 fibers are 25% more tenacious than other fluoropolymers¹ fibers.

These fibers can be woven into cloth products used for filtration media in water and chemical applications, fabrics backing for PVDF lines, or roofs textiles. Kynar[®] 705 is also well suited to produce mono and *multicomponents fibers* "Spunbond fabrics" used in the same applications. Other potential applications for Kynar[®] 705 woven and nonwoven textiles include air and gas filtration, battery separators and *chemical clean up*. Due to its low friction and low surface tension, Kynar[®] 705 woven filter cloth is "easy to clean" and provides up to 10 times longer lifetime than conventional non-fluoro filter media.

Like other Kynar[®] PVDF fluoropolymers, this new grade is very resistant to chemical corrosion (acids, halogens and solvents,) abrasion, UV and thermal resistance (up to 150°C). Its excellent UV resistance and weatherability makes it an excellent candidate for outdoor applications.

Due to its low viscosity, Kynar[®] 705 can also be used in the production of color master batches, injection molding of ultra-thin parts, and as a rheological modifier of fluoropolymers.

Arkema and Lenzing plastics GmbH are closely working together to find and push new applications for PVDF Multifilament made from Kynar[®] 705, for further information on PVDF Multifilaments, contact Volker Biladt from Lenzing at +43 7672 701 3974 or v.biladt@lenzing.com or Jérôme Chauveau from Arkema at +33 6 03 10 57 89 or jerome.chauveau@arkema.com

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¹ Fiber strengths in excess of 27 cn/tex have been reported for fibers produced with Kynar[®] 705.