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Solar Gard® Expands Sentinel Range of Outside Weatherable Window Films

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Bekaert Specialty Films is extending its popular Solar Gard Sentinel Outside Weatherable (OSW) window film range with the introduction of Solar Gard Sentinel Stainless Steel and Solar Bronze OSW films. These new additions to the Sentinel Range deliver high solar performance in a variety of light densities to significantly reduce the amount of glare that you experience in the home or workplace. The films are designed to reject up to 83 percent of total solar energy and reduce the risk of glass breakage and seal failure.

In addition the Solar Gard Sentinel series includes two major benefits to consumers both a washable surface as well as a proprietary outside scratch resistant coating for long life and good appearance. They also help to lower energy consumption and cost by reducing the need for air conditioning.

Additionally, Solar Gard Sentinel films will now be sold with an extended warranty applied to the entire range. Sentinel films now carry a five-year warranty for vertical installations and three-year warranty for sloped installations.

With seven new films added to the range the Solar Gard Sentinel Series, which includes 10 light transmittance options with a variety of color choices from Clear, Silver, Solar Bronze & Stainless Steel, is now one of the most comprehensive families of OSW films available on the market. Because they are installed on the outside of the glass, OSW films block heat from entering through the glass which reduces the risk of glass breakage, a rare but critical issue for buildings with large vertical or sloping glass facades.

External window film is opening up numerous opportunities for British building owners with low-e, laminated or wired glazing on their windows to reap the benefits of window film. These include blocking up to 99 per cent of damaging UV radiation, which causes skin cancer and fading to furniture; reducing glare and hot spots that decrease office productivity; and blocking solar gain which helps reduce the need for air conditioning.

Peter Reece, managing director of Solar Gard UK, said: "It's a common misconception among UK facility managers that window film has to be applied on the inside of the building. However OSW film allows every commercial property to benefit from window film, even in multi-tenant buildings where daytime access to different offices once posed a logistical installation challenge."

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