Facile Design and Fabrication of Robust, Transparent, and Superhydrophobic Coating

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Superhydrophobic surface has various values for practical uses in our life. Because of its high water proofing effect, it can be used for Anti-fouling/Anti-corrosion. Also It can be used for drag reduction to save energy at transportation on a fluid directly related to save money. However conventional superhydrophobic surfaces have always depended on expensive, sophisticated, and fragile roughness structures. Therefore, poor robustness has turned into the bottleneck for large-scale industrial applications of the superhydrophobic surfaces. To handle this problem, a superhydrophobic surface with firm robustness urgently needs to be developed.

In our works, Robust superhydrophobic surface could be made very easily by pretreated SiO2 spray coating just with commercial spray adhesive. This method can be applied various substrates and even on sand-paper abrasion for 40cycle, superhydrophobicity was maintained that is impressive result for commercialization of superhydrophobic surface. Moreover, Transmittance could be increased by controlling spray solution concentration & spray cycle number.