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Xinyi Glass found in violation of Saint-Gobain patents

AKRON, OH (November 11, 2009) – A jury in a case heard before the United States District Court in Akron yesterday rendered a verdict that Xinyi Glass North America and Xinyi Glass Holding Ltd willfully infringed two windshield extrusion patents held by Saint-Gobain Sekurit and Saint-Gobain Autover USA, subsidiaries of Saint-Gobain. The jury awarded Saint-Gobain \$11 million in damages for the infringement.

The Saint-Gobain patents cover automotive windshield glass equipped with an extruded profiled spacer.

Saint-Gobain is one of the leading glass manufacturers in the world, providing automotive glass originally installed by automakers (OEM), the automotive aftermarket, and glass for transportation vehicles (buses, trucks, aeronautics), as well as flat glass for construction applications. One out of two European cars is equipped with Saint-Gobain's automotive glass.

From its distribution center in Columbus, Ohio, Saint-Gobain Autover USA distributes Sekurit automotive aftermarket windshield parts to customers throughout North America.

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