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The structuration of various polymeric films has been studied to create superhydrophobic surfaces. Nanoimprint lithography and/or plasma etching processes with  $CF_4/Ar$  have been used on FEP, PMMA and PET polymer films. On the one hand, the effect of the  $CF_4/Ar$  gases, the input power and the plasma treatment duration have been investigated in terms of etching and fluorination degree, and XPS analyses are precisely discussed. On the other hand, wettability performances were characterized. Relationships between the contact angle, the contact angle hysteresis and the surface structures have been investigated. The wetting behaviors and the transition between the Wenzel and the Cassie-Baxter states was discussed as a function of the roughness. We have prepared each studied polymer films in transparent and flexible superhydrophobic surfaces whose contact angle are  $\sim 160^{\circ}$  and hysteresis are  $\sim 2^{\circ}$ . A short

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