

Basics of light and lighting









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What is good Lighting?

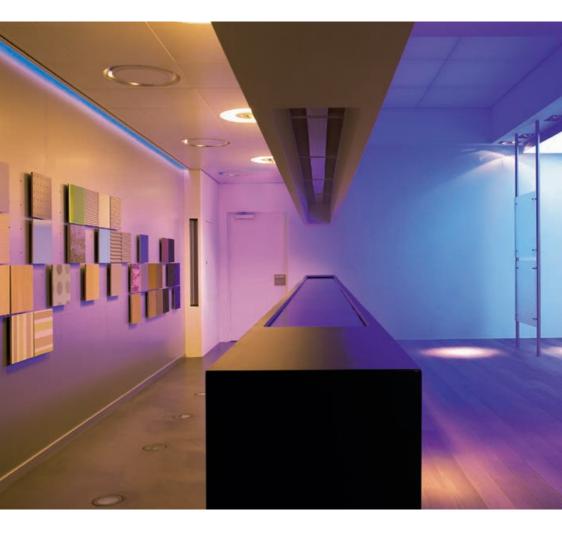
Lighting plays a vital role in the quality of our daily lives. At work in offices, production or logistical facilities, good lighting brings employee satisfaction, performance, comfort and safety. In shops, galleries and public places, it creates ambience and helps to accentuate the architectural environment. While in the home, it not only lights our tasks but builds a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere that makes our homes a pleasure to live in.

The question of what makes good lighting is one that continually occupies designers of lighting plans and installations. Basic requirements like lighting level, contrast, light distribution and colour rendering have to be taken into consideration for each situation in general and the activities that are taking place there in particular.

But good lighting goes beyond mere efficiency and functionality. It must also make the interior spaces where we live, work or stay agreeable: cool or warm, businesslike or convivial, happy or solemn, or any combination in between. Lately, more and more value is being attached to the emotional influence of lighting as an important atmosphereproviding factor, affecting mood, wellbeing and health.

And, not to be forgotten is the cost aspect. Regrettably, the lighting installation is sometimes among the last items to be considered when budgeting a building project, with the result that often cheaper alternatives are chosen just to keep total expenses within financial limits. The outcome may then be less than adequate: sub-optimal lighting conditions and decreasing employee productivity and motivation, leading to more errors and failures, or – even worse – accidents. Proper initial investment in a well-designed lighting installation usually repays itself not just in higher return-of-investment but also in lower total cost of ownership during its lifetime.

Clearly, good lighting does not come by itself. It requires weighing various factors and circumstances that are different for every project. But whether as part of a completely new project or of a renovation scheme, for best results it needs to be planned and designed from the very outset in close cooperation with experienced lighting application experts. Good lighting is both a science and an art combining knowledge of physics, engineering, design, physiology and psychology, and in this booklet we can provide you with only a brief overview of some of the basic aspects involved. So please realize that this printed medium by its nature can only partially tell what good lighting is all about. To quote a familiar saying, 'Seeing is believing': we believe that the value of good lighting can only be grasped by personal observation and experience in reality like in our Lighting Application Centre. For this reason its purpose is merely to act as an aide-mémoire of your visit to our Centre and, hopefully, to further stimulate your interest in this fascinating subject.



Part One: Light



1. What is light?

Light is a form of energy manifesting itself as electromagnetic radiation and is closely related to other forms of electromagnetic radiation such as radio waves, radar, microwaves, infrared and ultraviolet radiation and X-rays.



Rainbows reveal the constituent colours of daylight

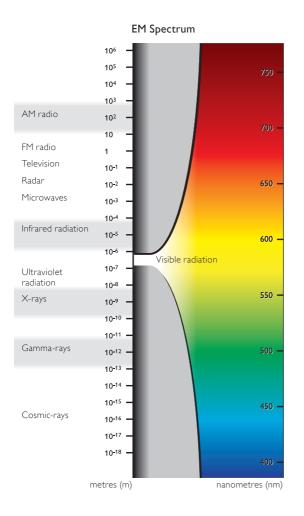


Radio telescopes pick up electromagnetic waves with a wavelength between 3 cm and 6 m

Wavelength and colour

The only difference between the several forms of radiation is in their wavelength. Radiation with a wavelength between 380 and 780 nanometres* forms the visible part of the electromagnetic spectrum, and is therefore referred to as light. The eye interprets the different wavelengths within this range as colours - moving from red, through orange, green, blue to violet as wavelength decreases. Beyond red is infrared radiation, which is invisible to the eye but detected as heat. At wavelengths beyond the violet end of the visible spectrum there's ultraviolet radiation that is also invisible to the eye, although exposure to it can damage the eye and the skin (as in sunburn). White light is a mixture of visible wavelengths, as is demonstrated for example by a prism which breaks up white light into its constituent colours.

* A nanometre is a millionth of a millimetre



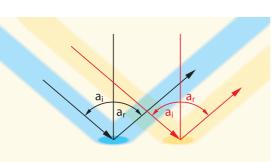
The dual nature of light

Describing light as an electro magnetic wave is just one way of looking at radiation and explains some of its properties, such as refraction and reflection. Other properties, however, can only be explained by resorting to quantum theory. This describes light in terms of indivisible packets of energy, known as quanta or photons that behave like particles. Quantum theory explains properties such as the photoelectric effect.

2. Behaviour

Reflection

Whenever light strikes a surface, three possibilities are open: it is reflected, absorbed or transmitted. Often a combination of two or even all three effects occurs. The amount of reflected light depends on the type of surface, angle of incidence and spectral composition of the light. Reflection ranges from less than a few percent for very dark surfaces like black velvet, to over 90% for bright surfaces such as white paint. The way the light is reflected also depends on the smoothness of the surface. Rough surfaces diffuse the light by reflecting it in every direction. In contrast, smooth surfaces like the surface of still water or polished glass reflect the light back undiffused, making the surface act as a mirror. A ray of light striking a mirrored surface at an angle to the perpendicular will be reflected back at the same angle on the other side of the perpendicular (in the same way as a non-spinning billiard ball rebounds from the cushion). This is the wellknown law of reflection that is given as: angle of incidence = angle of reflection



angle of incidence = angle of reflection

Mirrored surfaces are very good for directing light beams to where we want them. Curved mirror reflectors are widely used for focusing light, dispersing it or creating parallel or divergent beams, and are all governed by the law of reflection.

Absorption

If the material's surface is not entirely reflecting or the material is not a perfect transmitter, part of the light will be absorbed. It 'disappears' and is basically converted into heat. The percentage of light absorbed by a surface (i.e. absorbance) depends on both the angle of incidence, and on the wavelength. The absorption of light makes an object dark to the wavelength of the incoming radiation. Wood is opaque to visible light. Some materials are opaque to some frequencies of light, but transparent to others. Glass is opaque to ultraviolet radiation below a certain wavelength, but transparent to visible light.

Transmission

Transparent materials transmit some of the light striking its surface, and the percentage of light that is transmitted is known as its transmittance. High transmittance materials such as clear water and glass transmit nearly all the light that's not reflected. Low transmittance materials, such as paper, transmit only a small percentage of this light.



The irising colours of the Peacock's tail feathers are caused by interference of light and not by pigments.

Refraction

If a light ray passes from one medium into another of different optical density (and at an angle other than perpendicular to the surface between the two media), the ray will be 'broken'. This behaviour is called refraction, and is caused by the change of speed of the light as it passes between transparent media of different optical densities.

Interference

The wave nature of light also leads to the interesting property of interference. A familiar example of this is when there is a thin film of oil floating on the surface of a pool. Sometimes the oil will display a brilliant pattern of colours or rainbows, even when illuminated by white light. What is happening is that different parts of the oil film cause the different wavelengths in the white light to interfere and produce different wavelengths (=colours). Various colours are generated, depending on the thickness of the film where the interference occurs. Similar examples of interference are found when looking at soap bubbles, or at the surface of a CD.

3. Colour

Colour is the way we distinguish different wavelengths of light. The subject of colour is a rather complicated one, as it involves both the spectral characteristics of the light itself, the spectral reflectance of the illuminated surface as well as the perception of the observer.

The colour of a light source depends on the spectral composition of the light emitted by it. The apparent colour of a light reflecting surface, on the other hand, is determined by two characteristics: the spectral composition of the light by which it is illuminated, and the spectral reflectance characteristics of the surface. A coloured surface is coloured because it reflects wavelengths selectively. The spectral reflectance of red paint, for example, shows that it reflects a high percentage of the red wavelengths and little or none of the blue end of the spectrum. But an object painted red can only appear red if the light falling on it contains sufficient red radiation, so that this can be reflected. Moreover, it will appear dark when illuminated with a light source having no red radiation.

Mixing light of different colours

When coloured light beams are mixed, the result will always be brighter than the individual colours, and if the right colours are mixed in the right intensities, the result will be white light. This is known as additive colour mixing. The three basic light colours are red, green and violet-blue. These are called the primary colours and additive mixing of these colours will produce all other light colours, including white. So: red + green = yellow red + violet-blue = magenta (purplish red) green + violet-blue = cyan (sky blue) red + green + violet-blue = white

The colours yellow, magenta and cyan are called secondary or complementary colours as they are made up of combinations of primary colours.



A colour television is an example of *additive* colour mixing in which the light emitted from the red, green and violet-blue phosphors on the television screen combines to produce all visible colours and white.

Subtractive colour mixing

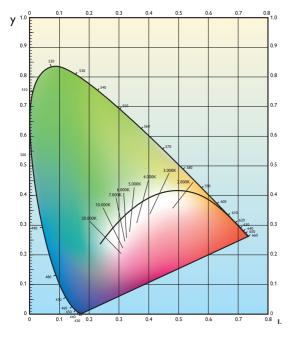
Subtractive colour mixing occurs for example when coloured paints are mixed on a palette. This always gives a result darker than the original colours and if the right colours are mixed in the right proportions, the result will be black. Subtractive colour mixing of any of the primary light colours will always produce black but subtractive colour mixing of the secondary light colours can produce all other visible colours. So:

> yellow + magenta = red yellow + cyan = green magenta + cyan = violet-blue but

yellow + magenta + cyan = black



An example of subtractive colour mixing, for instance, is printed coloured matter that uses the secondary colours yellow, magenta and cyan (plus black) to produce the full range of printed colours. Printers, therefore, call magenta, yellow and cyan the primary colours.



* CIE = Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage

CIE chromaticity diagram

A graphic representation of the range of light colours visible to the human eye is given by the CIE* chromaticity diagram. The saturated colours red, green and violet are located at the corners of the triangle with intermediate spectral colours along the sloping sides, and magenta at the bottom. Going inwards, they become lighter and diluted at the same time. The centre of the triangle -where all colours meet- is white. The colour values are numerically plotted along the right-angled x- and y-axis. Thus, each light colour can be defined by its x- and y-values, which are called chromaticity coordinates, or colour point. Also contained in the triangle is the so-called Black-Body-Locus represented by a curved line (see section on colour temperature onwards). It indicates the colour points of the radiation emitted by blackbody radiators at different temperatures (K). For instance, the colour point at 1000 K equals with that of red light of 610 nm.

Colour rendering

Although light sources may have the same colour appearance, this doesn't necessarily mean that coloured surfaces will look the same under them. Two lights that appear the same white, may be the result of different blends of wavelengths. And since the surface may not reflect the constituent wavelengths by the same extent, its colour appearance will change when it is exposed to one or other light. A piece of red cloth will appear 'true' red when seen illuminated by white light produced by a continuous spectrum, but in an equally white looking mixture of yellow and blue light it will look greyish brown. Because of the absence of red wavelengths, there is no red for the cloth to reflect into the eye to notice.

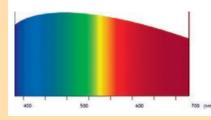
Colour rendering is an important aspect of artificial lighting. In some situations colours should be represented as naturally as possible as under daylight conditions, yet in other cases lighting should highlight individual colours or create a specific ambience. However, there are also various lighting situations where it is not so much a precise natural colour rendering that matters most, but where illumination level and efficacy are of greater importance. So, colour rendering is an important criterion when selecting light sources for lighting application solutions.

To classify light sources on their colour rendering properties, in 1965 the so called colour rendering index (CRI, also denoted as Ra) has been introduced. The CRI method ('Ra8') is based on 8 standard reference colours with a rather low saturation. The scale of the Ra ranges from 25-100, whereby 25 means poor colour rendering, 100 is the maximum.

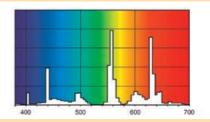
Continuous and discontinuous spectrum

A light spectrum in which all wavelengths are present is called a continuous spectrum, ranging from red through orange, yellow, green, blue to violet. Daylight has such a spectrum, as well as white light from so-called thermal radiators like the flame of a candle and the filament of an incandescent light bulb. White light, however, can also be achieved by two or more selected wavelengths, and the other wavelengths being totally absent. For example by mixing red, green and blue, or merely blue and yellow. Light sources with selected wavelengths have so-called discontinuous spectra, like for example gas discharge lamps.

Spectral distribution daylight



Spectral distribution TL840 Fluorescent Tube



Despite its simplicity, in later years it was discovered that the method does not apply well to all light sources, and LED in particular. Scientific studies showed that visual observation sometimes correlated poorly with measured CRI values. In other words, CRI-values are not always a reliable prediction of colour rendering as experienced by real persons in real situations. In a first step to address the shortcomings, 6 more reference colours were added to the method ('Ra14'), including four more saturated ones, but the controversy remained.

The CIE is currently carrying out a long-term research and development process to develop a revised colour quality metric that would be applicable to all white light sources. Until this revised metric becomes available, the current CRI method remains in place, but should be handled with caution keeping its limitations in mind.

The following table shows the meaning of the Ra values:

 General Colours = Ra8

 + Special Colours = Ra14

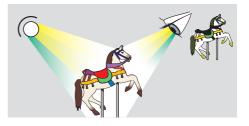
 Ra = 90 - 100
 Excellent colour rendering properties

 Ra = 80 - 90
 Good colour rendering properties

 Ra = 60 - 80
 Moderate colour rendering properties

 Ra < 60</td>
 Poor colour rendering properties





These 2 figures illustrate the principles of the colour rendering. In the top picture a lamp, emitting light with all colours, illuminates a rocking horse. The light reflected from the rocking horse enters the eye of the observer forming in his brain an image as depicted in the top right corner. In the bottom picture the light falling on the horse has no red radiation. This means that no light will be reflected from the red parts of the rocking horse and these parts will appear dark to an observer as can be seen. Both pictures indicate that the spectrum of the light source plays an important role in the way we perceive the colour of objects.





Low-pressure Sodium

LED

Colour temperature

Although white light is a mixture of colours, not all whites are the same since they depend on their constituent colours. So a white with a higher proportion of red will appear warmer and a white with a higher proportion of blue will appear cooler. In order to classify the different types of white light, the concept of colour temperature is applied which is described as the colour impression of a perfect black-body radiator at certain temperatures. This concept can be best explained with the help of familiar thermal radiators like the filament of an incandescent lamp or an iron bar. When these materials are heated to a temperature of 1000 K their colour appearance will be red, at 2000-3000 K they will look yellow white,



Daylight at noon: approx. 6000K



Daylight at sunset: approx. 2000K

at 4000 K neutral white, and at 5000-7000 K cool white. In other words: the higher the colour temperature, the cooler the impression of the white light becomes.

Colour temperature is an important aspect in lighting applications – the choice of colour temperature being determined by the following factors:

- Ambience: warm-white creates a cosy, inviting ambience; neutral/ cool-white creates a business-like ambience.
- Climate: inhabitants of cooler geographical regions generally prefer a warmer light, whilst inhabitants of (sub)-tropical areas prefer, in general, a cooler light.
- Level of illumination needed. Intuitively, we take daylight as a natural reference. A warm-white light is daylight at the end of the day, at a lower lighting level. Cool-white light is daylight during the middle part of day. This means that in interior lighting, low illumination levels should be achieved with warm-white light.
 When a very high lighting level is needed, this should be realised with a neutral or cool white light.
- Colour scheme in an interior. Colours like red and orange are shown to advantage with a warm-white light, cool colours like blue and green look somewhat more saturated under a cool-white light.

Examples of different colour temperatures				
Type of light	Colour temperature (K)			
Candles	1900 – 2500			
Incandescent/Halogen lamps	2700 – 3200			
Fluorescent lamps	2700 – 17000			
High-pressure sodium (SON)	2000 – 2500			
Ceramic Metal halide	2800 – 5600			
Metal Halide	3500 – 5600			
Moonlight	4100			
Sunlight	5000 – 5800			
Daylight (sun + clear sky)	5800 – 6500			
Overcast sky	6000 - 6900			
LED	2200 – 8000			

4. Sources

The development of electrical power well over a century ago revolutionised artificial lighting. It was then that the flame was replaced as the main source of artificial light in favour of electrically powered lighting. Since that time, the history of electric lighting has been one of continuous development punctuated by a series of major innovations.

We can distinguish 3 main families of lamps:

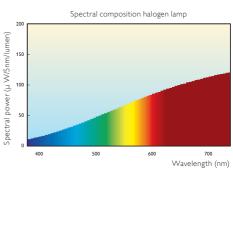
- 1. Incandescent / Halogen
- 2. Gas Discharge
- 3. Light Emitting Diodes (LED)

Incandescent / Halogen lamps

In the second oldest form of electric lighting – the incandescent lamp – an electric current passes through a thin high-resistance wire, nowadays always of tungsten, to heat it to incandescence. To prevent oxidation of the wire or filament as it is known, it is contained either in an evacuated glass bulb or one containing an inert gas (usually a mixture of nitrogen and argon). Over time, evaporation of tungsten atoms from the filament blackens the inside of the bulb and makes the filament thinner until it eventually breaks at its thinnest point, ending the life of the lamp. The conventional normal incandescent lamp was banned, because of its poor efficacy* and short lifetime.



Examples of incandescent and halogen lamps



* Light source efficacy= total luminous flux of a light source for each watt of electrical power supplied to the source (Lumen per watt, lm/W)

Gas discharge lighting

In a gas discharge lamp, an electric current passes through a gas between two electrodes at the opposite ends of a closed glass tube. Collisions between free electrons and the gas atoms excite the gas atoms into higher energy levels. These excited atoms subsequently fall back to their natural energy states, and release the corresponding energy surplus in the form of radiation.

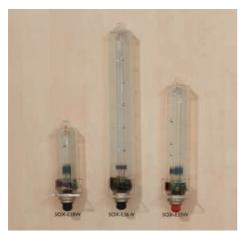
Within the Gas Discharge family we can distinguish:

- 1. Lamps based on sodium
- 2. Lamps based on mercury

Both types come in low and high pressure versions.

Low-pressure sodium lamps

In a low-pressure sodium lamp, visible radiation is directly produced by the discharge of sodium. It emits most of its energy in the visible part of the spectrum at wavelengths of 589 and 589.6 nm (the characteristic yellow sodium light). When started, sodium lamps initially generate a red colour. This is caused by neon that is also present in the gas filling which serves to initiate the discharge process. These lamps must have a very efficient heat isolation, as they produce only very little heat by themselves. Lamp efficacy is very high.



Examples of low-pressure sodium lamps

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500

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Spectral composition low pressure sodium lamp*

600

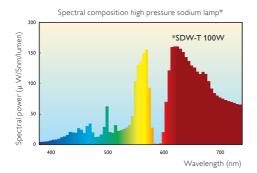
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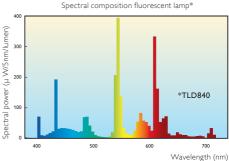
High-pressure sodium lamps

High-pressure sodium lamps operate at much higher gas pressures, resulting in more inter-atom interactions than with lowpressure lamps, leading to a broadening of the emitted radiation pattern. The White SON (SDW-T) lamp is a very high-pressure sodium lamp. The characteristic yellow radiation is completely absorbed, leaving a very warm-white light, with strong rendering of red colours.

Low pressure mercury lamps, also known as fluorescent lamps

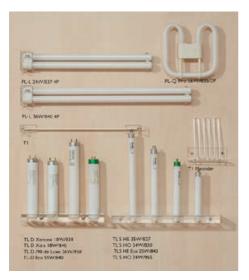
The (compact) fluorescent lamp is basically a low-pressure mercury gas discharge lamp with the inner surface of the discharge tube coated with a mixture of fluorescent compounds called phosphors — that convert the invisible ultraviolet radiation emitted by the mercury discharge into visible radiation. With a broad range of phosphors available, the lamps are available in a wide range of colours and colour renderings, and are mostly used for general lighting.







Examples of high pressure sodium lamps



Examples of fluorescent lamps



Examples of compact fluorescent lamps

Phosphor coatings

Fluorescent lamps are low-pressure mercury gas discharge lamps with the inner surface of the discharge tube coated with phosphors. When ultraviolet radiation generated by the mercury discharge within the lamp strikes the phosphor, the electrons in the phosphor atoms jump to a higher energy level. The electrons subsequently fall back to their normal level, emitting radiation with longer wavelengths, within the visible range, than that of the original ultra violet radiation.

The most important factor determining the light characteristics of a fluorescent lamp is the type and mixture of the phosphors used. This determines the colour temperature, colour rendering and luminous efficacy of the lamp. Some phosphors show an emission band covering almost the whole visible spectrum and therefore produce white light when used alone. Mostly, however, a combination of phosphors with different, complementary colour characteristics is used. In this way either a combination of good colour characteristics with a very high luminous efficacy can be obtained, or even excellent colour characteristics, be it at the cost of luminous efficacy.

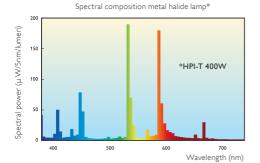
Also LED's use this principle. See box on page 25

Metal halide lamps

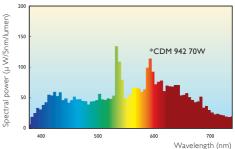
Metal halide lamps have been developed from high-pressure mercury lamps by adding other metals in the form of halide salt to the discharge. With each metal having its own characteristic radiation pattern, the result is a substantial improvement of efficacy and colour quality.

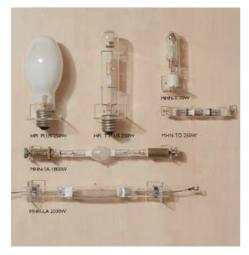
Ceramic metal halide lamps

A more recent development is the ceramic metal halide lamp that features a discharge tube made of ceramic material instead of quartz glass. By applying ceramic, the lamp can be operated at a higher discharge temperature, and it also enables an optimal geometry of the burner. Both innovations have resulted in substantially improved colour characteristics.



Spectral composition ceramic metal halide lamp*





Examples of metal halide lamps



Examples of ceramic metal halide lamps

Light Emitting Diodes

The third family are LEDs based on solid-state technology. The light generation principle is similar to that in gas discharge lamps, except the discharge takes place in a solid-state material instead: electrons changing orbit cause atoms to get 'excited' and return to their natural state, thereby releasing surplus energy in the form of radiation. There are two options: Retrofit solutions as direct replacements for incandescent, halogen and fluorescent lamps (mainly for the consumer market) and LED modules that are an integral part of LED luminaires.

LED technology has been around for quite some time, but due to its modest luminous flux and monochromatic light quality it was used primarily in signalling applications, e.g. for stand-by indicators in TV-sets. Thanks to the invention of blue LED light, it also became possible to make white LEDs. And with the development of high-power LEDs, from 1998 onwards, the total performance of LEDs increased dramatically.

Further improvements in LEDs are expected, ultimately leading to efficacies of probably slightly more than 200 lm/W (for whitelight LEDs). This is approximately twice the efficacy of today's most efficient white-light gas discharge lamps. With its light-emitting surface of some 0.5 mm² to 5 mm², an individual LED chip represents the smallest artificial light source currently available. LEDs have a substantially longer lifetime than conventional light sources and are, given the solid-state material, extremely sturdy.

Some milestones:

1907 Henry.J. Round (UK) Discovers Electroluminescence

Mid 1920's Oleg Vladimirovich Losev (Russia) independently creates the first LED

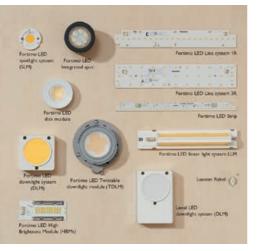
1962 Nick Holonyak Jr., named the "father of the light-emitting diode" develops the first practical visiblespectrum (red) LED

- 1995 Shuji Nakamura (Nichia) discovers high brightness blue LED
- 2000 sees the first white light applications with RGB and white light with Blue LEDs and phosphors
- 2003 LEDs are wide used in entertainment lighting applications
- 2005 1000+ lumen LEDs via multichip packages
- 2012 Multiple manufactures, LEDS are becoming standard



They are available in white and in coloured-light versions. The coloured versions, in multi-LED format, are extensively used in traffic signs. Coloured versions were also the first ones to be used on a large scale for lighting: specifically, the exterior floodlighting of buildings and monuments. Both the efficacy and the colour quality of white LEDs have been improved so much that they can now be used in all in- and outdoor application areas.

Examples of LED retrofit lamps



Examples of LED modules

Overview of some typical lighting sources

Lamp type	Luminous flux	Luminous (Im)	Colour	Colour rendering	Power
			temperature (K)		
Incandescent/halogen	60 - 48400	5 – 27	2700 – 3200	100	5 – 2000
Low-pressure sodium	1800 - 32500	100 - 203	1700		18 – 180
High-pressure sodium	1300 - 130000	50 – 130	2000, 2200, 2500	10 - 80	35 – 1000
High-pressure mercury	1800 – 58500	35 – 60	3400, 4000, 4200	40 - 60	50 - 1000
Fluorescent	200 - 8000	60 – 105	2700 -17000	80 – 95	5 – 80
Compact fluorescent	200 - 12000	50 - 85	2700, 3000, 4000, 6500	80	5 – 165
Metal halide	5700 - 220000	75 – 140	3000, 4000, 5600	65 – 95	70 – 2000
Ceramic metal halide	1500 – 37800	68 – 120	2500- 4200	80 – 95	20 - 315
LED	10 – 300	> 135	2200 - 8000	> 90	0,1 – 15*

* single LED chip

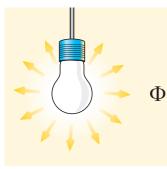


White light generation with LEDs

By their very nature, LEDs can only generate monochromatic colours. So in order to create white light, two or more colours need to be combined. One way to obtain white LED light is to mix red, green and blue semiconductor chips in one single LED or to place separate red, green and blue LEDs very close together, and then optically mix the emitted radiation. A more energy efficient approach is to use LEDs that emit blue light and cover them with a phosphor coating that converts a part of the blue light to yellow light, thus creating white light. These white LEDs have colour temperatures ranging from 2200 to 8000K. By applying multiple phosphor coatings, the blue light can be converted into more colours. This improves the colour rendering index to a level of >90, which is good to excellent.

5. Photometrics

There are four basic photometric units that lighting practitioners use for the quantitative measurement of light:

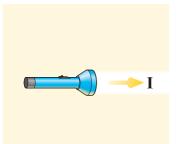


Luminous flux

This expresses the total quantity of light radiated per 1 second by a light source. The unit of luminous flux is the *lumen (lm)*

Examples:

 75W incandescent lamp: 	900 lm
• 39W fluorescent lamp:	3.500 lm
 250W high pressure sodium lamp: 	30.000 lm
• 2000W metal halide lamp:	200.000 lm



Luminous intensity

This is defined as the flux of light emitted in a certain direction. The unit of luminous intensity is the *candela* (*cd*)

Examples (centre of beam):

 5W bicycle lamp without reflector: 	2,5 cd
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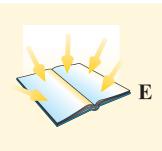
- 5W bicycle lamp with reflector: 250 cd
- 120W incandescent reflector lamp: 10.000 cd
- Lighthouse: 2.000.000 cd

Luminous flux measuring technique

In laboratories, this is usually measured using an instrument known as an 'Ulbricht sphere' – a hollow sphere painted matt white on the inside to make it perfectly diffusing with the light source located at its centre. The illuminance on any part of the sphere's inside is proportional to the luminous flux and a small window in the sphere allows this illuminance to be measured.



Courtesy: YFU

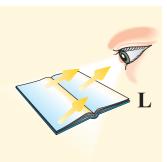


Illuminance

This is the quantity of light falling on a unit area of a surface. The unit of illuminance is lumen/ m^2 , or *lux (lx)*

Examples:

- Summer, at noon, under a clear sky (equator): 100.000 lux
- In the open under a heavily-overcast sky: 5.000 lux
- Artificial light, in a well-lit office:
 800 lux
- Full moon, on a clear night: 0,25 lux



Luminance

This describes the light emitted from a unit area in a specific direction. The unit of luminance is expressed in cd/m^2 (apparent surface)

Examples:

- Surface of the sun:
- Filament of a clear incandescent lamp:
- Fluorescent lamp:

1.650.000.000 cd/m² 7.000.000 cd/m² 5000-15.000 cd/m² 0,5-2 cd/m²

• Road surface under artificial lighting:

Illuminance measuring technique

Various instruments known as visual photometers have been in existence for several hundred years for measuring illuminance usually involving a visual comparison of the luminance created by two light sources on a screen. All these have now largely been replaced by what are known as physical photometers that use electrical techniques to measure the electric current or voltage generated when light falls on a light-sensitive cell (photoemissive, photovoltaic or photoconductive).



Courtesy: OPAL



Part Two: Lighting



The human eye has evolved to respond to wavelengths between 380 and 780nm of the electromagnetic spectrum. This range of wavelengths is what we perceive as light. Within this narrow waveband we experience all the visible aspects of our world. Sight, therefore, is the most vital sense mankind possesses and understanding of how the eye works and how the brain responds to the visual stimuli they receive is crucial to an understanding of the way light impacts on our lives.

1. Vision

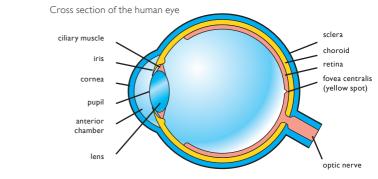
The human eye is a spherical organ capable of swivelling under muscular control within the eye socket in the skull. It functions in roughly the same way as a traditional camera with a lens that projects an inverted image of a scene onto a light sensitive inner back surface. This surface, called the retina, consists of more than a hundred million light-sensitive nerve endings. These transmit signals to the brain that it interprets as visual information.

To focus an image on the retina, the lens of the eye can be made to contract under muscular control, making it more convex to increase its power. This is known as accommodation. In front of the lens is the iris that, just like the diaphragm of a camera, can open or close to regulate the amount of light entering the eye through the hole in the centre of the iris called the pupil.

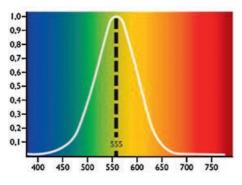
The structure of the retina: rods, cones and light sensitive ganglion cells

The light-sensitive nerve endings that make up the retina are of two types called rods and cones. The rods are far more numerous than the cones and are spread fairly evenly over the rear of the eye except for the area on the axis of the eye called the fovea. The rods are connected to the brain in groups of about 100 and are highly sensitive to light and to movement. It's therefore the rods that provide the eye with its high sensitivity, but they are not capable of distinguishing colour.

The cones are also distributed over the rear of the eye but they are much denser in the fovea. Unlike the rods, the cones are individually connected to the brain so they are less sensitive



to light intensity. There are three types of cones, sensitive respectively to red, green and blue radiation, which are responsible for giving us our perception of colour. People missing one of the groups of cones or where the cones do not function properly may exhibit partial colour blindness. If they are missing two sets of cones, they are completely colour blind and can see only in shades of grey.



Beside cones and rods, the retina also contains light sensitive ganglion cells. They influence our biological clock that in turn regulates the daily and seasonal rhythms of a large variety of physiological processes, including the body's hormonal system. Light of the early hours of the day, in particular, synchronizes the internal body clock to environmental time or the Earth's 24 hour light-dark rotational cycle. Without light, the internal clock would be free-running with a period of about 24 hrs and 15 minutes and would consequently deviate day after day ever increasingly from the environmental clock time. This would result in symptoms similar to those of jetlag after travelling over several time-zones.

Eye-sensitivity curve



Luminance contrast in tunnels: the exit may look 'whiter' than it really is due to the dark surrounding area in the field of view. This may cause dangerous adaptation difficulties for drivers. For this reason, exits (and entrances) of tunnels often have special lighting solutions to prevent abrupt contrast transitions.



Glare from e.g. traffic headlights can lead to discomfort, eye strain, headaches and even veiling.



Reduced accommodation capacity due to ageing

Adaptation

Adaptation is the mechanism by which the eye changes its sensitivity to light. This is done in three ways: adjustment of the iris to alter the pupil size, adjustment of the sensitivity of the nerve endings in the retina, and adjustment of the chemical composition of the photosensitive pigments in the rods and cones. Adaptation from dark to light takes less than a minute but adaptation from light to dark takes somewhere between 10 and 30 minutes.

Contrast

Contrast expresses the difference in luminance between closely spaced areas of a scene. Contrast takes two forms which mostly occur together: colour contrast and luminance contrast, the latter usually being expressed in terms of the contrast ratio which is the ratio of the higher to the lower luminance in the scene. The ability of the eye to detect luminance contrast depends on the state of adaptation of the eye, which is governed by the overall luminance of a scene. So, for example, a white surface against a black background will appear whiter, and a tunnel which may not be very dark may appear so when seen from outside on a bright day. The cause of these contrast effects lies in the inability of the eye to adapt simultaneously to strongly different luminances. Glare is the sensation produced by luminance levels within the field of view that are considerably higher than the brightness to which the eyes are adapted. This can lead to discomfort and in extreme cases to eyestrain and headaches.

Contrasting colours also have a mutual influence on each other. The general effect is that under the influence of a surface of strongly saturated colour, other surfaces will take on a hue of the complement of that colour. For example, yellow flowers against a blue background appear livelier than when seen against a grey background.

A red surface will look more saturated in contrast with a green surface, which effect butchers take advantage of by displaying their meat on a bed of lettuce leaves to give it a fresh, red appearance. The phenomena of colour contrast are of particular interest to the interior decorator and lighting designer as it determines to a large extent in how far colour effects enhance or just spoil the overall result.

Age defects in the eye

Eyesight deteriorates with age - first slowly then more rapidly due ageing of the tissue that form the optical pathway. These include loss of transparency of the eye liquid as well as hardening and yellowing of the lens. Hardening of the lens results in reduced accommodation ability which means that nearby objects (printed text for example) becomes more difficult to see, necessitating the use of reading glasses with convex lenses. In addition, yellowing of the lens reduces overall sensitivity, visual acuity and contrast sensitivity. The sum of all these conditions affects the eye to such an extent that a 60 year old person may need up to 15 times more light than say a 10 year old person to perform the same visual task (e.g. reading) with the same degree of comfort and effectiveness.

2. Lighting quality

Good quality lighting is a crucial factor affecting our ability to perform tasks at work and at home. It also has a profound effect on our mood and (as recent research confirms) on our health and well being. It embodies a combination of several criteria including lighting level, luminance contrast, glare and spatial distribution of the light, colour and colour rendering.

a. Lighting level

The lighting level should always be high enough to guarantee sufficient visual performance for the tasks at hand. Research has shown that improvement of the lighting level from a low or moderate level to a high lighting level increases the speed and accuracy with which objects can be detected and recognised. In an office or factory, a person's visual performance depends upon the quality of the lighting and of his or her own "seeing abilities". Here, age is an important criterion since lighting requirements increase with age - a sixty year old requiring an average of 15 times more light to perform a specific visual task than a ten year old. Moreover, in general, the amount of light required increases with the speed with which the visual

information is presented and decreases with the size of object being viewed. A tennis-ball, for example, is smaller than a soccer ball and moves faster. Consequently, the lighting levels required to play well are higher for tennis than for soccer. And a production process involving the detection of small object details calls for higher illuminances than one where visual requirements are less demanding.

b. Luminance contrast

Luminance contrast, or, luminance distribution within the field of view, is an extremely important criterion of lighting quality. If luminance contrasts are too low, the result will be a dull and flat visual scene with no point(s) of interest. Too high contrasts, are distracting and give rise to adaptation problems for the eye when changing from one visual target to the other. Well-balanced contrasts give a harmonious visual scene, which gives satisfaction and comfort.

As a general rule in interior situations, it can be taken that for satisfactory results the luminance contrast ratio (= ratio between highest and lowest luminance) in the field of view should not be larger than 3 and not smaller than 1/3 (see photos page 36).

Squash requires a high lighting level



c. Glare restriction

Glare is the sensation produced by brightness levels within the visual field that are considerably greater than the brightness to which the eyes are adapted. This can lead to reduced visual performance and to discomfort. Too much glare can even lead to complaints such as veiling, eye strain and headache. It's therefore important to limit glare to avoid errors, fatigue and accidents. The degree of glare restriction attained depends very much on the optical quality of the luminaires used in combination with the type of lamp used. Thanks to their larger dimensions, fluorescent lamps have lower luminances than high intensity gas discharge lamps and it is therefore easier to limit glare with these lamps.

d. Spatial distribution of the light

An important criterion of lighting quality is the way in which the light is spatially distributed since it is this that determines the pattern of illuminances that will be created. The illuminance recommendations applicable to indoor lighting can be implemented in a number of ways. The light sources can be spread fairly evenly using a system of so-called diffuse general lighting, it can be concentrated in certain areas using directional lighting, or it can be distributed throughout the space but with local accents where needed using a combination of the two systems just mentioned.



For chess, a high lighting level is not necessary



Too low luminance contrasts cause a dull ambience



Too much luminance contrasts give adaptation problems



Well balanced luminance contrasts create the right ambience

e. Colour and colour rendering

An object is seen as being coloured by virtue of the fact that it reflects only part of the waveband of the light incident on it. The way in which the colours around us are rendered therefore depends strongly on the colour composition of the lighting. Proper colour rendering is of importance when objects must be seen in their 'true' colour appearance. Generally speaking, the lighting employed in a interior must be so chosen that familiar objects (e.g. foods, drinks, people) appear pleasant and natural. A proper choice of light source (colour rendering of at least Ra 80), easily avoids this problem. Having said that, there are also situations where colour rendering is of little or no importance. Road lighting is an example, the purpose here being to make the road and objects on it clearly discernable to the motorist, and surface colours play practically no part in this.

Total Cost of Ownership

Lighting quality in any situation is inevitably related to economics since there is often a temptation in new office and industrial building projects and in renovations to leave lighting considerations to the very last. This can result in the installation of a cheaper lighting system to meet budgetary constraints, resulting in inferior lighting, dissatisfied personnel and reduced productivity.

Looking for a low-cost lighting solution can also be false economy. Over the life of a typical lighting installation, the costs of the electricity it consumes will be greater by far than the initial cost of the installation or the cost of maintenance. So choosing a lighting system on installation costs alone may not provide the most economical system to operate in the long run. Using the most efficient light sources, which may not necessarily be the cheapest, will usually result in the lowest overall system cost.

A well designed lighting installation will also provide optimum lighting where it's needed with due regard to the tasks that need to be performed and, where appropriate, with accent on architectural features. At the same time, it will be cost-effective by not providing more than is needed. For example, in industries where good colour rendering is not essential, choosing lamps with a colour-rendering index of 90 would be an unnecessary expense, and lamps with an index of 80 may be adequate. The ideal lighting solution, therefore, is one tailored specifically to a customer's requirements taking all factors into account.

Cost factors to be included:

- The investment costs for a particular lighting installation can be split up as follows:
 - Initial costs for a particular lighting installation (costs of lamps, luminaries, ballasts and lighting controls
 - 2. Additional costs of mounting components and electrical components
 - 3. Installation costs
- Running costs
 - 1. Energy costs
 - 2. Lamp replacement costs
 - 3. Maintenance costs
 - 4. Amortization

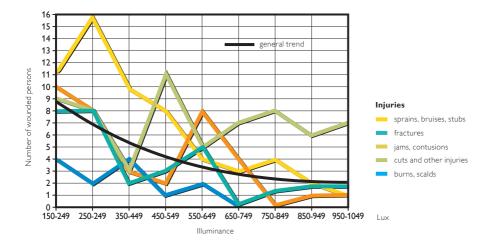
Flicker

A quality criterion not often mentioned in standards is the frequency of lamp operation. Some people experience headaches because of the flicker of fluorescent lamps operated on conventional ballasts (50 Hz). Fluorescent lamps running on modern highfrequency electronic ballasts (around 30 kHz), however, do not exhibit this flicker phenomenon and incidents of headache are found to be significantly lower when electronic ballasts are used. The same goes for LED's which are operated at even higher switching frequencies Of course, electronic high-frequency ballasts are also recommended because they're more efficient and result in longer economic lamp life than lamps operating with conventional ballasts.

Lighting in the workplace

Good lighting on a task and in the workplace is also essential for optimal (visual) task performance, especially with a progressively ageing population. Research on the quantity and quality of lighting over the past decades has shown that improvement of lighting quality from a low or moderate level increases the speed and accuracy with which objects can be detected and recognised.

Accident risk in the workplace is also reduced when there is greater awareness of potentially dangerous situations and when the mood, alertness and health of industrial workers are promoted by good-quality lighting. This effect can't be overemphasised as poor levels of worker concentration and high levels of fatigue cause a considerable number of accidents. Besides its effect on visual performance and accidents, lighting also has a powerful influence on the creation of a stimulating working environment. Today, a lot of emphasis is given to layout and interior design of the workplace, but lighting too plays an important role. Whilst it can emphasise positive elements of a design, lighting can also detract from these elements, for example by poor colour rendering or glare effects.



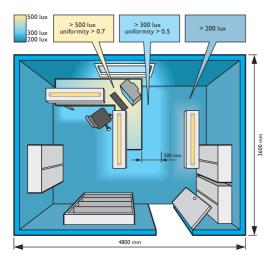
Number of accidents for different industrial tasks as a function of the lighting level (347 accidents investigated in total). [Völker, S., Rüschenschmidt, H., und Gall, D., "Beleuchtung und Unfallgeschehen am Arbeitsplatz", Zeitschrift für die Berufsgenossenschaften, (1995).]

Lighting regulations

Lighting requirements for rooms and activities for indoor work places are specified in the CEN (European Committee for Standardisation) European standard EN12464-1 Lighting of workspaces. The standard, which has been in force since September 2002, constitutes one European standard for all EU member countries, and replaces national regulation. The standard specifies requirements for lighting systems for almost all indoor work places and their associated areas in terms of quantity and quality of illumination. In addition recommendations are given for good lighting practice.

European standard EN12464-1 for the office segment lists four basic quality parameters for indoor tasks and activities: maintained illuminance level (Em), uniformity (Emin/Eav), glare restriction (UGR) and colour rendering (Ra). The figures above give a brief extract of the lighting requirements for the office building segment.

Offices		
Type of interior, task or activity	Illuminance	Glare restrictions
Filing, copying, etc.	300	19
Writing, typing, reading	500	19
Technical drawing	750	16
CAD work stations	500	19
Conference and meeting rooms	500	19
Reception desk	300	22





The EN12464-1 covers all segments of professional lighting. Merely as an example, the table below gives an idea of the lighting requirements for various situations.

Type of interior, task	Illuminance	Glare	Colour
or activity		restriction	rendering
Gangways, unmanned	20	-	40
Gangways, manned	150	22	60
Industry			
Cable and wire manufacture	300	25	80
Rough assembly work	300	25	80
Winding small-sized coils	750	19	80
Precision assembly work	1000	16	80
Electronics workshop	1500	16	80
Healthcare			
Corridors, night	50	22	80
Waitingrooms	200	22	80
Staff office	500	19	80
Examination and Treatment	1000	19	80
Autopsy Table	5000	-	90





3. Lighting systems

A lighting installation system does more than reveal to us our surroundings so that we are able to work efficiently and in safety. Nowadays lighting is seen also as a way of creating a pleasant atmosphere in the interior as a whole and as a means of providing comfortable conditions in which to live and work. The lighting accentuates the functional and decorative qualities of the space, and its proportions. It is not there just to improve visual perception, but also to determine the emotional atmosphere: cool or warm, businesslike or pleasant, happy or solemn. This is the lighting designer's task, which is achieved by creating comfortable and stimulating lighting systems.



General lighting

General lighting provides a uniform level of illumination over a large area. In some rooms, for example closets, storage rooms, utility rooms and garages, one luminaire or a group of luminaires can provide all necessary illumination. These indoor areas tend to be where the style and appearance of the room itself is secondary to the objects to be lighted, and cost is a deciding factor. The requirement is for good general lighting distribution, primarily horizontal illumination and no shadows.



Task lighting

As its name suggest, task lighting illuminates specific work areas like desk- and counter-tops. Task lighting reduces the reliance on general overhead lighting and provides better quality lighting for specific tasks with lighting pointed directly at the work area. Most task lights are directional and local.

Accent Lighting

Accent lighting is used to highlight specific features within a room such as art objects in museums and special offers in shops. This type of lighting should not create too much brightness contrast.



Architectural lighting

Architectural lighting aims to accentuate the features and specific elements of the space itself, like walls, ceilings, floors, etc, instead of the objects present. Luminaires for architectural lighting usually produce only modest amounts of illumination and are often chosen for their appearance as well, with complementary luminaires providing the room's general or the task lighting.



Ambient lighting

Ambient lighting is used to set the mood or ambience within a living or working space. It is commonly a combination of general-, architectural-, task- and accent lighting to create a highly specific atmosphere in a room.



4. Luminaires

In almost every application, the light source will be part of a luminaire. The luminaire has four functions:

- 1. Mechanical:
 - accommodate and protect the various components
 - provide means of mounting
- 2. Electrical:
 - Provide the correct voltage and current to the light source
 - Ensure electrical safety
- 3. Optical:
 - Distribute/direct/filter the light of the light source
 - Reduce glare
- 4. Decorative:
 - make the luminaire part of the total indoor/outdoor design

With conventional lighting, the various components of the luminaire can be easily separated. With LED-technology the light source often forms an integral part of the luminaire. This way, there is more control over the quality aspects of the complete product.

LED chips work best when they run cool. Although they are comparatively low power and highly efficient, their size is small and so there can be small regions of high temperature within the luminaire. The performance of an LED is usually determined by its "junction temperature." The higher this is, the shorter the life. As a rule, higher power LEDs have higher junction temperatures and so the luminaire must be constructed so as to remove the heat from the chip as fast as possible.



Examples of a recessed-mounted (top) and pendant luminaire

The junction temperature changes depending on the construction of the luminaire. This is part of the overall heat management of the luminaire. Well-made luminaires have low junction temperatures. This prolongs the life and efficacy of the LEDs.

Most good quality luminaires have large heat sinks, often with fins. These transport the heat away to the surrounding air by convection. Some luminaires have "active" cooling using small fans or heat pipes. Badly designed luminaires have poor thermal management and this reduces the output and shortens the life of the LEDs.

The style and construction of the luminaire housing reflects the function it has been designed to do and can range from utility for industrial lighting right through to stylish designs for top-of-the-range shops and architectural lighting.

Luminaires (as well as lamps, gear and controls by the way) have to comply with international and European safety regulations developed by official governmental bodies. These include for each class of luminaire stringent norms and standards concerning electrical safety, electromagnetic interference, impact and ingress protection, flammability, UV radiation, etc.

An authorised member of the manufacturer or his authorised representative must issue a so-called Declaration of Conformity which, among others requirements, must include the specification to which the product complies. If the manufacturer has the facilities to carry out full testing of the product to the relevant specifications, it has the right to do so. Testing of a product at a third party laboratory is not mandatory, but may be more prudent to verify its compliance. The manufacturer carries full legal liability for all damages resulting from non-compliance of his products.

Housing PCB with LEDs Mixing reflector Diffuser Mains connection Main reflector Cover plate Driver Reflector module Cover profile Rim interface to the ceiling Basic components LED luminaire Powerbalance

Safety

5. Lighting & the environment

Around the world, people are increasingly concerned about the effects of climate change, rising energy costs and the need to reduce CO_2 emissions.

At Philips, we have embraced the sustainability challenge – the simultaneous pursuit of economic prosperity, social equity and environmental quality – and put it at the heart of our business strategy and processes.

As a responsible corporate citizen, we strive to increase the number of lives improved. The Philips target is 3 billion lives improved by 2025. On the one end "healthy planet" we do this by reducing the environmental impact of our products and services (Green sales, Green operations and Closing the loop). On the other end we support "healthy people" by our health and wellbeing products improving people's quality of life.



Philips has been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes since the year 2000 and has been awarded supersector leader several times, including most recently in 2012. And as the industry leader, we are committed to promoting and supplying energy-efficient and sustainable solutions based on innovative new technologies, which reduce operating costs and help protect the environment. In this way, we are striving to meet the present and future needs of those who use and experience our products.

Going beyond legislation, we are constantly exploring ways to maximize energy efficiency, improve product reliability, minimize the use of hazardous substances and reduce waste.

Win-win-win

We are now focusing on increasing preference – among our professional customers and partners, such as installers, specifiers, architects and lighting designers – for the benefits of switching over to more energyefficient lighting solutions. To do this, we apply a variety of methods, including training courses at our Philips Lighting University.

Switching to energy-efficient lighting offers a triple win-win-win proposition. The consumer/ end-user saves money and enjoys better-quality lighting, society benefits from the reduced environmental impact, and our professional customers' cost base decreases.

Facts speak for themselves

Lighting accounts for 19% of all electricity used worldwide, and non-residential buildings and street lighting consume a major proportion – 75% - of this. A potential energy saving of up to 70% can be achieved by applying the latest solutions, while at the same time improving the well-being of employees and citizens through better light quality. Indeed, research shows that up to 80% of lighting systems in buildings are based on outdated technology.

If all the lighting in the world were switched to energy-efficient solutions, we would save \Box 128 billion on electricity and reduce CO_2 emissions by 637 million tonnes. That is equivalent to the output of 642 power plants or the emission of 260 million cars driving 16,000 kilometres/year each.

This represents a unique and very important opportunity. By switching lighting solutions in buildings and streets, companies and cities can save significant amounts of money and reduce their carbon footprint to reach their environmental targets, helping to combat climate change.

And in residential lighting (accountable for the remaining 25% of lighting's electricity consumption) one third of all light points have now energy savers, and still two thirds of all light points have energy inefficient incandescent lamps. Replacing an incandescent lamp by an energy saver can save up to 80% in energy. On average there are about 25 light points per house. With the many energy-saving solutions from Philips, consumers can create the perfect ambience at home and save energy at the same time.

Overcoming the obstacles

As part of our sustainability drive, we issued a call for global action to replace incandescent bulbs with energy-saving lamps. And we also initiated moves leading to the banning of High Pressure Mercury Vapour and TL Standard lamps. However, the switch-over rate to energy-efficient lighting still requires further acceleration if we are to achieve the climate change ambitions set out by the global scientific community.

We are working hard to remove the obstacles to accelerating this switch-over via awareness campaigns (public and private), support for new legislation (e.g. energy certification for buildings) and partnerships (public, private, nongovernment organizations and utilities).

Philips solutions ahead of legislation

Our energy-efficient products and solutions enable a reduction in energy costs and greenhouse gases (expressed in CO₂) as addressed in legislation such as the European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the Energy Related Products (ErP) Directive.

In many cases our products even surpass the requirements. For example, going beyond the European legislation on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) we are setting the pace in mercury reduction to create a safer environment. And because we supply longerlasting and lifetime-reliable products, this reduces the costs associated with the Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) take-back legislation, thus reducing waste and at the same time minimizing maintenance and end-of-life costs.

Besides these examples of European legislation, there is similar legislation in other countries as well. Many more countries are setting minimum energy performance requirements and limiting the use of mercury and other chemicals in lighting products. Philips fully supports this and contributes actively to such kind of discussions on the national level.

The United Nations are active on global level and the UN Minamata convention to limit the use of mercury was signed in October 2013. Another important UN project is the UNEP Enlighten initiative to support emerging and developing countries to make the switch to energy efficient lighting.

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Our dedicated EcoDesign program is fully integrated into our development process, ensuring that each new generation of products has a lower environmental impact than the last.

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Looking ahead, we are committed to driving the sustainability process forward, in order to help secure a greener future.



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Philips Green logo

The Philips Green logo makes it easier for consumers to decide what to buy because it clearly identifies products that have a significantly better environmental performance (at least 10% better in energy efficiency) than their competitors or predecessors.

EcoDesign

Across our product range, we are driving sustainability in all aspects of product creation through our EcoDesign process. Introduced in 1994, our EcoDesign procedures cover all phases of product development.

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Green Products

Philips Green Products can reduce costs, energy consumption and CO_2 emissions. In order to be recognized as Green these products must be at least 10% better in energy efficiency compared to competitors or predecessors. Philips has six green Focal Areas, of which the first two have the biggest impact in the total Life Cycle Assessment of lighting products



Energy Efficiency

> 10% less energy usage (e.g. efficacy, LOR or total power consumption)

Hazardous Substance

- > 10% less weight of one of the substances of the restricted substance list (over the complete lifecycle product + use phase)
- > 10% radiation dose reduction



Lifetime Reliability

> 10% lifetime improvement



Recycling and Disposal

> 10% higher content of material that can be recycled; Product that contains > 30% recycled material



Packaging

> 10% less packaging in volume or weight



Weight

10% less product weight (incl. accessories) measured in Kgs

Appendix - About Philips

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