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LIGHT MEASUREMENT UNITS

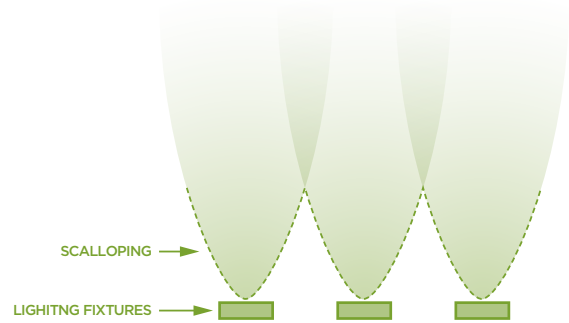
UNIT	ABBREVIATION	EQUATION	DEFINITION
CANDELA	cd	$1 \text{ cd} = 1(\text{lm}/\text{sr})$	The SI unit of luminous intensity. One candela is the luminous intensity, in a given direction, of a source that emits monochromatic radiation of frequency 540×10^{12} Hz and has a radiant intensity in that direction of $1/683$ watt per steradian.
FOOT CANDLES	fc	$1 \text{ fc} = 1 \text{ lm}/1 \text{ ft}^2$	Non-SI unit of illuminance, measuring luminous flux per unit area
KELVIN	K		The kelvin is often used in the measure of the color temperature of light sources. Color temperature is based upon the principle that a black body radiator emits light whose color depends on the temperature of the radiator. Black bodies with temperatures below about 4000 K appear reddish whereas those above about 7500 K appear bluish. Color temperature is important in the fields of image projection and photography where a color temperature of approximately 5600 K is required to match "daylight" film emulsions.
LUMEN	lm	$1 \text{ lm} = 1 \text{ cd} \cdot 1 \text{ sr}$	The luminous flux emitted into unit solid angle (1 sr) by an isotropic point source having a luminous intensity of 1 candela
LUX	lx	$1 \text{ lx} = 1 \text{ lm}/1 \text{ m}^2$	SI unit of illuminance, measuring luminous flux per unit area
STERADIANS	sr		A unitless value that expresses solid angle. Is used in three-dimensional geometry, and is analogous to the radian which quantifies planar angles.

LIGHT MEASUREMENT TERMS

UNIT	ABBREVIATION	SYMBOL	DEFINITION
ILLUMINANCE	lx	E	Luminous power incident on a surface
LUMINANCE	cd/m ²	L	Luminous power per unit solid angle per unit projected source area
LUMINOUS EFFICACY	lm/W	η	A ratio between the lumens generated and the power consumed
LUMINOUS EFFICIENCY	%	V	A measure expressed as a percentage that shows how the fixture's physical characteristics will affect how much light will leave the fixture. These include: fixture design, the reflectance of its materials, lamps/LEDs, optics, power supply and other material such as a lens or louver is used.
LUMINOUS EMITTANCE	lx	M	Luminous power emitted from a surface
LUMINOUS ENERGY	lm•s	Q	The perceived energy of light or the radiant energy factored by the sensitivity of the human eye
LUMINOUS FLUX	lm	Φ	The radiant power (is the total radiated power in watts, also called radiant flux) factored by the sensitivity of the human eye
LUMINOUS INTENSITY	cd	I	A measure of the wavelength-weighted power emitted by a light source in a particular direction per unit solid angle
SOLID ANGLE	sr	Ω	An object's solid angle in steradians is equal to the area of the segment of a unit sphere, centered at the angle's vertex, that the object covers

LIGHT APPLICATION TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
GLARE	Powerful and uncomfortable concentration of light from a fixture that can leave the lasting impressions in vision
SCALLOPING	The pattern that is created when a cone of light intersects with a surface
MULTIPLE SHADOWS IN THE BEAM	When using multiple light sources, such as multiple LEDs in one fixture, multiple shadows can be cast from one object being illuminated
SHADOW	A shadow is a region where light from a light source is obstructed by an opaque object
STRIATION	A phenomenon which exaggerates the contrast between edges of the slightly differing shades of gray, as soon as they contact one another, by triggering edge-detection in the human visual system
UNIFORMITY RATIO	A ratio of the largest and smallest foot-candle value on a plane. Typically refers to luminance values on a surface.



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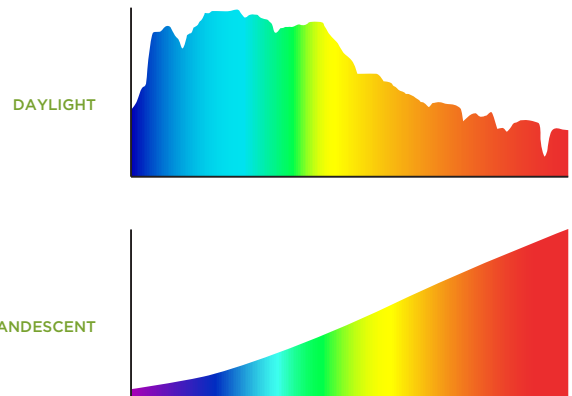
LUMEN MAINTENANCE	Lumen maintenance compares the amount of light produced from a light source or from a luminaire when it is brand new to the amount of light output at a specific time in the future. Useful lifetime estimates for LED lighting products are typically given in terms of the expected operating hours until light output has diminished to 70% of initial levels (denoted L70 life) for a given operating Temperature. <i>EX: 100,000hrs at L70 at 25C</i>
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MACADAM ELLIPSE	In the study of color vision, a MacAdam ellipse is a region on a chromaticity diagram which contains all colors which are indistinguishable, to the average human eye, from the color at the center of the ellipse. ANSI recommends that lamp (light source) manufacturers stay within 4 MacAdam Ellipses. A 1-step MacAdam ellipse defines a zone in the CIE 1931 2 deg (xy) color space within which the human eye cannot discern color difference. Most LEDs are binned at the 4-7 step level, in other words, you certainly can see color differences in LEDs that are reportedly the same color.
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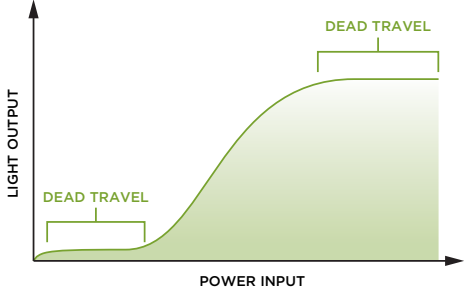
PHOSPHOR COVERED BLUE LEDs	The typical method for creating a white light emitting LED - to coat a blue LED chip with yellow phosphor. The blue + yellow spectra sum to white light output (cool white). Red phosphor is added to the yellow phosphor in order to create a warm white LED.
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SDCM (STANDARD DEVIATION OF COLOR MATCHING)	SDCM has the same meaning as a “MacAdam Ellipse”
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SPECTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION (SPD)	A Spectral Power Distribution is a graph of the radiant power per unit area at each wavelength of a given source and provides a visual profile of the color characteristics of a light source
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DRIVER AND DIMMING PERFORMANCE TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
DEAD TRAVEL	<p>The point(s) at which the light level stays the same, as you reduce/increase the dimming level on a dimmer</p> 
DROP OUT	<p>Drop out occurs where the light turns off (or “drops out”) as you move decrease the dimming level, although you have not reached the bottom of the dimmer. This is common due to the fact that different dimmer models have different values for their lowest, low end voltage. A very common way to control Drop Out is to set the low end trim higher than the drop out point. Some dimmers lowest low end level might fall below the fixture support dimming range.</p>
FLICKER	<p>A flickering light source is one where its brightness level is unsteady or fluctuating and is noticeable by the human eye</p>
POP-ON	<p>The Pop-on effect results when the LED fixture does not turn on at its very lowest light level and the dimming level must be increased in order for the light to turn on. It is common practice in the industry to set the trim on the low levels of the dimmer in order to prevent instabilities. Low end trim could be set high enough to guarantee no pop-on behavior. Some dimmers can also be locked to turn on at a preset level. This is a level that could be set higher than the required pop-on threshold.</p>
POPCORNING	<p>Popcorning is a behavior experienced when turning on of a group of fixtures and individual fixture in that group turns on with noticeable delays</p>
SHIMMER	<p>A form of flicker that could be perceived as less annoying, or noticeable, but is still for unsteady or fluctuating light</p>
SOFT OFF	<p>The slow fade off of the light output when the fixture is turned off</p>
SOFT ON	<p>The slow fade on of the light output when the fixture is turned on</p>