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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD

for Electric Lamps--

High-Intensity Discharge Lamps, Method of Designation

1 Scope

This standard describes a system for the designation of high-intensity discharge lamps, including compact, enclosed-arc discharge light sources such as mercury, metal halide, high-pressure sodium, and similar types of lamps. For convenience, low-pressure sodium lamps, although technically not high-intensity discharge lamps, are included with the group.

2 Purpose

The purpose of the designation system covered by this standard is to provide an identification code for use in ANSI standards. Some lamp marking requirements are also identified. Guidance is given as to which characteristics are important (key) to assure interchangeability.

The lamp characteristic data given by a manufacturer on a High-Intensity Discharge Lamp Designation Request Form become the basis for the assignment of a designation. They have not been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and do not constitute an American National Standard. Similarly, any consolidated listing of assigned designations with associated characteristics does not constitute an American National Standard.

3 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions, which through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

ANSI C78.379-1994, American National Standard for Electric Lamps - Incandescent and High-Intensity Discharge Reflector Lamps - Classification of Beam Patterns.

ANSI C78.387-1995, American National Standard for Electric Lamps: Metal Halide Lamps – Method of Measuring Characteristics

ANSI C79.1-1994, American National Standard Nomenclature for Glass Bulbs Intended for Use with Electric Lamps.

ANSI C81.61-1990, American National Standard for Electrical Lamp Bases.

ANSI C82.9 -1996, American National Standard Definitions for High-Intensity Discharge and Low Pressure Sodium Lamps, Ballasts and Transformers.

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