

# **Standardization, Influences, Possibilities and Risks of UV LED Technology to Fluorescent Magnetic Particle Inspection (MPI) and Penetrant Inspection (FPI)**

**SECURE UV-LED Lamps for Reliable and Cost-Efficient Inspection**

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More Reliable and Less Tiring Fluorescent Mag and Pen Inspection  
Without Compromises  
Because Failure Is Not An Option

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## Standardization

**STANDARDIZATION IS ALWAYS THE LOWEST BASELINE  
often far away from a good practice**

It shall cover all possibilities to be inspected

From a tiny screw up to full wing...and everything in between

**MOSTLY THE LOW BASELINE OF STANDARDIZATION IS NOT  
ENOUGH FOR EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE INSPECTION  
in the most used NDT methods (MPI and FPI)**

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## Design, Performance and Qualification Requirements, Standards

### General Industry:

ASME CODE

ASTM E-3022

(**not** an Aerospace Standard)

EN ISO 3059

### Aerospace Standards:

AITM 6-1001 **Issue 11**

Rolls Royce RRES 90061

Pratt & Whitney FPM Master

Boeing

Lamp Qualification is responsibility of the

Standard conformance is user's responsibility

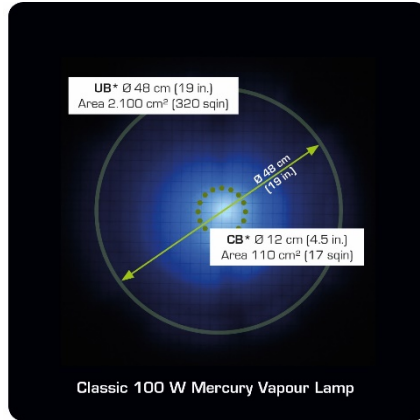
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## Standardization

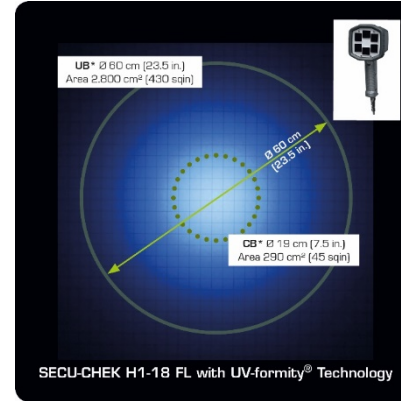
- General Industry Standards actually less than a baseline  
e.g. ASTM-E 3022 only ensure correct wavelength when tested at  $25 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ , not always during operation. This can cause detrimental process performance (e.g. Level 4 process only allows to detect Level 3 indications) and minimum inspector performance (inspectors are only able to search indications and can not detect indications anymore), due to focused lamps are allowed
- No universal Aerospace Standard available  
ASTM E 1444 and E 1417 do not have adequate requirements (refers to the general industry standard ASTM E-3022) and does NOT ensure inspection at least on the level of Mercury Vapor lamps when using UV LED Technology for inspection
- Only one Aerospace prime requirement (Airbus AITM 6-1001, Issue 11) actually ensures similar reliability of the inspection process and process performance when using UV LED lamps, compared to the usage of the unwritten standard 100 W Mercury Vapour Lamps

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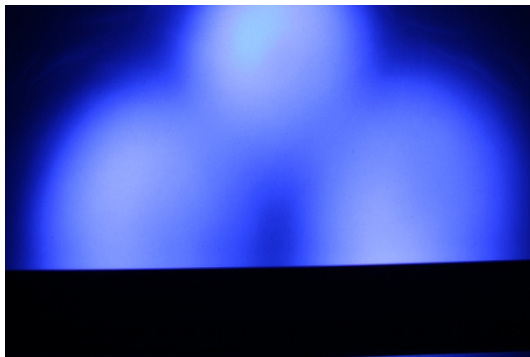
# Uniformity of the beam



100W Mercury Vapour Lamp



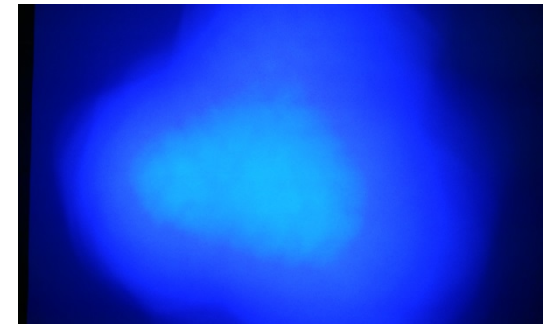
SECU-CHEK UV-LED Lamps with UV-formity™ TEchnology



Inacceptable (radiation hole)



UV-LED Spot with hard drop-off



Critical UV-LED Lamp with micro-variations and marblings

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## Uniformity of the Beam

Type of non-uniformities	Description of the non-uniformity	Classification	Examples (Picture)	Example wording
Visual total uniform	No visual non-uniformities, just smooth intensity drop from the center to the edges	desirable		
Hot Spots without separations	Name the number of hotspots and the distance within the minimum and maximum distance they are visible	acceptable		3 hotspots between 10 and 20 cm distance
Cloudiness	Name the minimum and maximum size	Acceptable		
Microstructures	Fine structure mostly just visible when moving the source	Acceptable		Consistent micro-structures within in the beam, fine in shorter and coarse in longer distances
Steps	Visual steps		$\mu$ Xenon Medium Spot	1 circular step that separates 2 beam sections that are uniform with single
Splashes / Splatters	Fragments with visual higher or lower intensity	Acceptable		Uniform central beam with hard drop and irregular splatters in the surrounding
Coarse Variations without separations	laminar zone with visual intensity change between areas	Acceptable	Mercury in 38cm distance	2 visual uniform areas connected with a coarse non-uniformity from 12 to 6 o'clock
Irradiation holes	Round areas with too low or no irradiation	Critical / unacceptable		
Separations	areas with too low or no irradiation	Critical / unacceptable		Until 10cm distance between lamp and inspection surface

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## Uniformity of the beam

Inspection is always performed while moving the lamp  
and/or the parts

The human vision is not sensitive for motionless texture but  
can easy see then when moving

**To see non-uniformity just move the lamp  
above a sufficient large sheet of white paper  
and have a 'deep long' look**

Inacceptable (radiation hole)

UV-LED Spot with hard drop-off

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## Classification and Description of the Beam Style

### Shape and Size of the central and usable beam

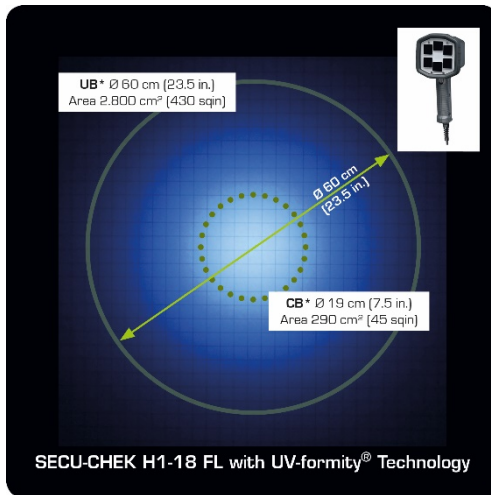
- $\geq 1.200 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  ( $12 \text{ W}/\text{cm}^2$ ) Central Beam (for observation with the central vision)
- $\geq 100 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  ( $1 \text{ W}/\text{cm}^2$ ) Usable Beam (for detection with peripheral vision)

### Categorisation of intensity drop at a specific distance

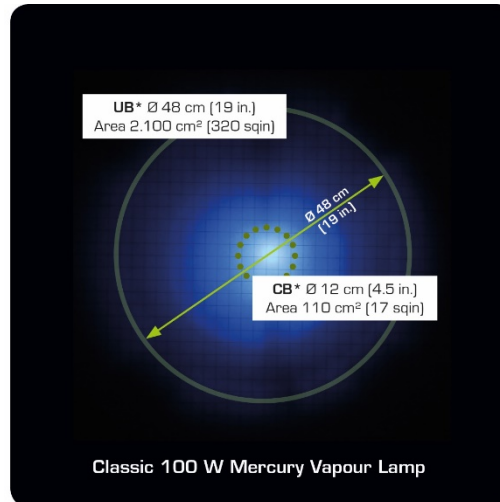
Type	Drop of Intensity
• Spot (SP):	$\geq 75 \%$ per 2,5 cm (1 in.)
• Spot with marginal peripheral irradiation (SPP)	$< 75 \%$ per 2,5 cm (1 in.)
• Flood with soft drop (FL) (similar or better than 100 W Hg Vapour Lamp)	$< 40 \%$ per 2,5 cm (1 in.)

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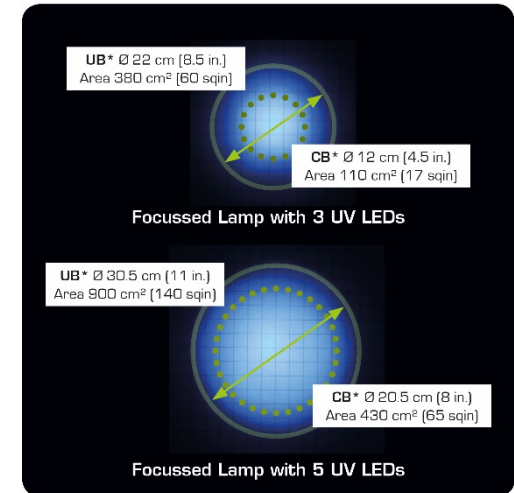
## Classification and Description of the Beam



(FL) Totally uniform and homogen Flood for easy, secure, fast, fatigue-proof and cost efficient inspection



100 W Mercury Vapour Lamp  
(The Unwritten Standard)  
Flood with central Spot and Non-uniformities from 12 to 6 o'clock



A: (SPP) Spot mit marginal peripheral irradiation and hot spots  
(3 UV LEDs)  
B: (SP) Spot with micro-structures

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## Classification and Description of the Beam

### Central Beam

( $\geq 1.200 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  /  $12 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ )

Lamp Type	Dimension	Area	Intensity (max.)	Drop
SECU-CHEK UVE365 H1A-18 W FL	ø 21 cm	350 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 3.100 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 32 %
New100 W Mercury Vapour	ø 12 cm	110 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 5.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 40 %
SPP Spot (3 UV LED)	ø 12 cm	110 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 5.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 60%
SP Spot (5 UV LED)	ø 23 cm	430 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 4.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	> 80 %

**Multiple faster OBSERVATION**

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## Classification and Description of the Beam

### Usable Beam

( $\geq 100 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  /  $10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ )

Lamp Type	Dimension	Area	Intensity (max.)	Drop
SECU-CHEK UVE365 H1A-18 W FL	ø 65 cm	3.300 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 3.100 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 32 %
New100 W Mercury Vapour	ø 48 cm	1,800 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 5.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 40 %
SPP Spot (3 UV LED)	ø 22 cm	380 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 5.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	< 60%
SP Spot (5 UV LED)	ø 30 cm	900 cm <sup>2</sup>	$\geq 4.000 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	> 80 %

Multiple reliable and faster DETECTION

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## Impact of Beam to the Performance of the Inspection



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## Unchangeable Part: Human Vision

**INSPECTION** of fluorescent indications are physiologically and technically **3 different steps**:

- **DETECTION** (peripheral vision),
- **OBERSERVATION** (central vision)
- **INTERPRETATION** (supported by white light, magnifiers, etc.)

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## Unchangeable Part: Human Vision

### PERIPHERAL (OUTER) VISION

- **DETECTING 'engine'**
- High sensitivity for moving contrasts
  - Free eye movement required
  - Works well also at low UV-intensity  
( $> 100 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2 = \text{usable beam}$ )
- Unsharp vision area
- 35 faster than the central vision
- Gives orientation
- Responsible for sufficient and fatigue-proof detection
- Guides intuitively the central vision to the relevant indications

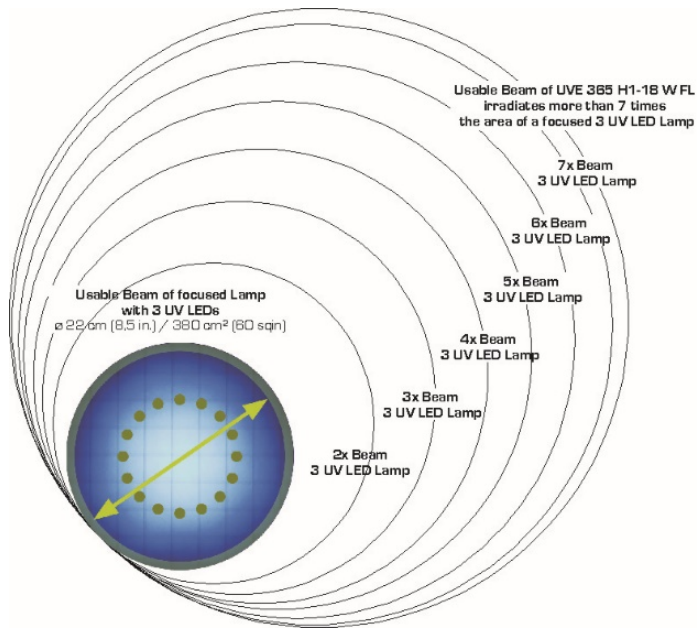
### CENTRAL (FOVEAL) VISION

- **OBSERVATION ,engine'**
- Only tunnelview
- Low Sensitivity
  - Needs high UV-intensity  
( $> 1.200 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2 = \text{central beam}$ )
- Very sharp
- Slow
- Unable to detect indications
- Can only observe or search details
- Responsible for interpretation
- High resolution
- Coloured

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# Classification and Description of the Beam



**Sufficient Size, Soft Drop and Uniformity of the Usable Beam**

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**Usage of the Detection Capability of the Human Vision**

- NO Missed Indications (secure detection of indications)**

**Multiple Reduction of Inspection Time**

**Fatigue-Proof Inspection**

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## Process Enhancement by Sufficient Background Illumination ( $>500 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ on the parts surface)

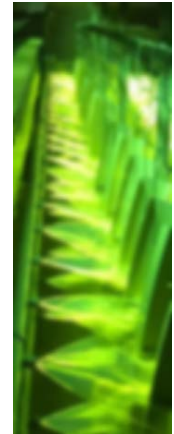
### Impact to Washing Process

- Optimized Interactive Washing Process by just enabling the inspectors to see what they are doing
- Optimal Washing Result
- No Over-Washing
- Easy and Fast Removal of Excess Penetrant



### Advantages for Part Inspection

- Minimized fluorescent background on the parts when performing the inspection
- Maximum contrast of the indications
- Optimal, Easy and fast detection of indications
- Easy and fatigue-proof examination



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## UV protection glasses must fit application

Adequate Optical Quality for Visual Inspection in Darkness

Large field of vision / no limitation of the field vision

Working in Darkness eyes are much more sensitive

Adequate UV Protection

Sufficient Comfort For Wearing A Full Shift

NDT Compliant

H&S Standard Compliant



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## UV protection glasses must fit application

Elimination of 'UV-Stress' of the eyes

Elimination of 'moving glare'

Elimination of the fluorescence of personal glasses

No Mirrorings (Lighter Check)

UV400 Cut-Off Filter

No Fluorescent Parts (Even the Glasses)

No Reflections (Even Micro Reflections)

Protection From the Top and from the Sides

High Wearing Comfort / User Adjustable

ANSI / CE Compliant (EN 166F & EN 170)



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## COST INFLUENCED BY PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY OF UV LED SOURCES

User Performance (Time needed for inspection)

Level of Usage of Detection Capability of the Human Vision

Tunnelview and exhausting searching of indications with central vision using spot lights

Easy, Reliable and Fast Detection with the peripheral vision when using flood lights

Tiring of the inspector

Strain while performing the inspection

Reliability and Endurance of the UV LED source

Quantity, Size and Geometry of the parts

Quality of the Washing Process

Reprocessing of Parts

Missed Indications



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## Conclusion

Standardization is just a low baseline and does not ensure an efficient processes and inspection

UV LED Technology has a high impact to performance, costs and quality of MPI and FPI.

Good equipment can massively reduce costs and enhance the all over process performance

The price of the source can not significantly affect the price of the inspection, while the UV Source and its performance can drastically influence the costs of the inspection

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FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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