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International Standard IEC 62717 has been prepared by subcommittee 34A: Lamps, of IEC technical committee 34: Lamps and related equipment.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to IEC PAS 62717.

- all terms and definitions are aligned with IEC 62504 and relevant documents of CIE. For example, general terms like “rated value” are shifted to IEC 62504.
- a statement on the applicability on a population is included.
- the normative references are completed and cleaned from standards that are not in use.
- with regard to EMC, references to harmonic currents are given.
- the change, which has an effect on most parts of the standard, is the split of failure mechanisms into abrupt failures and luminous flux depreciation. Consequently, new terms and definitions, new requirements for lumen maintenance and a complete new structure and contents of Annex C are introduced.
- transition from  $t_{pmax}$  to  $t_{prated}$  is made, with the background that there is not one  $t_{pmax}$ , but a choice of  $t_p(rated)$  values, in combination with lifetime.
- places where to mark (product, packaging, data sheets) are changed, and as a consequence of the split of failure mechanisms, new parameters are listed. Further, changes in the endurance test (ramping speed of temperature) are reflected in marking.
- the concept of displacement factor instead of power factor is introduced. This led to new definitions, requirements and Annexes E and F.
- the requirements on luminous efficacy are changed.
- the requirements, associated with the family concept are reviewed.
- statistics, based on confidence intervals are removed. This concerns requirements and limits for LED module power and luminous flux and deletion of Annex E.
- new requirements for lumen maintenance are introduced.
- as part of the endurance test, the maximum light decrease after accelerated operation life test is now fixed.
- with regard to the discussion on type test and sample size, the number of pieces in a test sample is drastically reduced, see Table 7.
- Annex A on measuring methods is completely restructured and reviewed, for example for ambient temperature and for shortening of stabilisation time when conducting subsequent light output measurements.
- for electrical characteristics, the ageing time may be chosen as 500 h.
- for photometric data file formats, reference is given to IEC 62722-1.
- mistakes in the photometric code (Annex D) are corrected.
- Annex G on optimised test duration is removed; instead, an INF sheet shall be published.
- from the luminaire standard, a new Annex H on “Test equipment for temperature measurement” is taken over.
- finally, the Bibliography is updated.

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## INTRODUCTION

The first edition of a performance standard (precursor: IEC PAS 62717) for LED modules for general lighting applications acknowledges the need for relevant tests for this new source of electrical light, sometimes called “solid state lighting”. The publication is closely related to simultaneously developed performance standard publication (which also started with a Publicly Available Specification) for luminaires in general (IEC 62722-1) and for LED-luminaires (IEC 62722-2-1). Changes in the LED module standard will have an impact on the luminaire standards and vice versa, due to the behaviour of LED. Therefore, in the development of the present standard, a close collaboration between experts of both products has taken place.

The provisions in the standard represent the technical knowledge of experts from the fields of the semiconductor (LED chip) industry and of those of the traditional electrical light sources.

Three types of LED-modules are covered: with integral controlgear, with means of control on board, but with separate controlgear (“semi-ballasted”), and with complete separate controlgear.

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## LED MODULES FOR GENERAL LIGHTING – PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 1 Scope

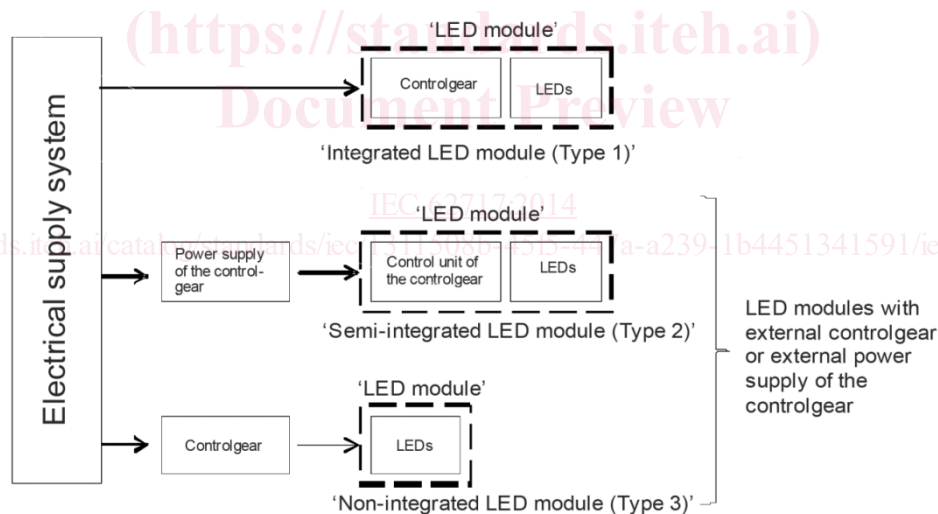
#### 1.1 General

This International Standard specifies the performance requirements for LED modules, together with the test methods and conditions, required to show compliance with this standard. The following types of LED modules are distinguished and schematically shown in Figure 1:

Type 1: integrated LED modules for use on d.c. supplies up to 250 V or on a.c. supplies up to 1 000 V at 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

Type 2: LED modules operating with part of separate controlgear connected to the mains voltage, and having further control means inside (“semi-integrated”) for operation under constant voltage, constant current or constant power.

Type 3: LED modules where the complete controlgear is separate from the module (non-integrated) for operation under constant voltage, constant current or constant power.



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The power supply of the controlgear for semi-ballasted LED modules (Type 2) is an electronic device capable of controlling currents, voltage or power within design limits.

The control unit of the controlgear for semi-ballasted LED modules (Type 2) is an electronic device to control the electrical energy to the LEDs.

A LED module with separate controlgear can be either a non-ballasted LED module or a semi-ballasted LED module.

**Figure 1 – Types of LED modules**

The requirements of this standard relate only to type testing.

Recommendations for whole product testing or batch testing are under consideration.

This standard covers LED modules, based on inorganic LED technology that produces white light.

Life time of LED modules is in most cases much longer than the practical test times. Consequently, verification of manufacturer's life time claims cannot be made in a sufficiently confident way, because projecting test data further in time is not standardised. For that reason the acceptance or rejection of a manufacturer's life time claim, past an operational time as stated in 6.1, is out of the scope of this standard.

Instead of life time validation this standard has opted for lumen maintenance codes at a defined finite test time. Therefore, the code number does not imply a prediction of achievable life time. The categories, represented by the code, are lumen-depreciation character categories showing behaviour in agreement with manufacturer's information which is provided before the test is started.

In order to validate a life time claim, an extrapolation of test data is needed. A general method of projecting measurement data beyond limited test time is under consideration.

The pass/fail criterion of the life time test as defined in this standard is different from the life time metrics claimed by manufacturers. For explanation of recommended life time metrics, see Annex C.

NOTE When modules are operated in a luminaire, the claimed performance data can deviate from the values established via this standard due to e.g. luminaire components that impact the performance of the LED module.

The separate electronic controlgear for LED modules as mentioned in Type 2 and Type 3 is not part of the testing against the requirements of this standard.

Protection for water and dust ingress, see B.3.

## 1.2 Statement

It may be expected that integrated LED modules which comply with this standard will start and operate satisfactorily at voltages between 92 % and 106 % of rated supply voltage. LED modules with separate controlgear are expected to start and operate satisfactorily in combination with the specified controlgear complying with IEC 61347-2-13 and IEC 62384. All LED modules are expected to start and operate satisfactorily when operated under the conditions specified by the LED module manufacturer and in a luminaire complying with IEC 60598-1.

The requirements for individuals apply for 95 % of the population.

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IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-3-5:2001, *Environmental testing – Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance – Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers*

IEC 60081, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps – Performance specifications*