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- Nomenclature of scintillation detectors was expanded by phoswich detector and single-line multi-channel detector.
- Some missing positions in the nomenclature of the previous edition were filled out.

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INTRODUCTION

Recently each manufacturer of scintillation detectors has been offering its own nomenclature presenting in it, in the first place, their trademarks and introducing their own abbreviations (identification). The nomenclature of scintillators and scintillation detectors is quite complicated and usually includes type of detector, scintillator's material, geometry and dimensions of scintillator, materials of housing and window, type and dimensions of photomultiplier tube or photodiode, presence of additional electronic devices and some other characteristics. Different manufacturers offer different content and different order of characteristic designations in the identifiers of their products. This makes perception by a customer of the meaning of symbols in these identifiers difficult. The situation can be improved through introducing a uniform system of nomenclature (identification) of scintillators and scintillation detectors. For this purpose it is advisable to use designations of separate parameters in a strict order, guided by a principle: from the main parameters to secondary ones. This approach will introduce uniformity into the system of nomenclature (identification) of scintillators and scintillation detectors, as well as facilitate the perception of this system and correct selection of products by the customer.

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1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidelines for scintillation detectors and scintillators nomenclature (identification) and standard dimensions of scintillators.

This International Standard is applicable to all types of solid organic and inorganic scintillators used in detectors for scintillation counting and spectrometry.

The object of this standard is to define a standardized nomenclature for scintillation detectors in which most of the properties can be found.

The object of this standard is to standardize the dimensions of bare scintillators in order to facilitate interchangeability of non-encapsulated scintillators and to facilitate intercomparisons of measurements with encapsulated scintillators.

Liquid scintillators are not addressed by this standard.

NOTE The identification labels laid down in Clause 2 of the present standard include certain dimensions which may be expressed in millimetres or inches. The SI system recommends the use of millimetres rather than inches.

2 Nomenclature of scintillation detectors and scintillators

2.1 General

The identification of a scintillation detector is specified by a predefined sequence of specification items described below. Each specification item refers to a specific property of the detector material and/or construction.

The general structure of an identification label includes symbols, described in 2.2 to 2.13, and given in the same order in which these subclauses are provided.

2.2 Configuration

This definition is producer-specific, for example:

- C – crystal without photomultiplier (see example 1 at the end of this clause);
- HC – housed crystal (see example 2);
- HCW – housed crystal with a well;
- HCH – housed crystal with a hole;
- IMP – housed crystal with integrally mounted photomultiplier (see examples 3 to 5);
- PhX – phoswich, where X is the number of scintillators (see example 6);
- X CH Y – single-line X-channels detector (see example 7), where X is the number of channels in line; Y is pitch.

2.3 Geometry of the scintillator

- V – cubic;
- R – rectangular;

- S – spherical;
 H – hexagonal;
 C – cylindrical.

2.4 Dimensions of the scintillator cross-section in mm

Specification in inches shall be marked as such, e.g. 2".

In the case of rectangular scintillator dimensions, the two measures are separated by the letter "x" (see example 2 below). The most frequently found (standard) dimensions of scintillator diameters are listed in Table A.1.

2.5 Height of the scintillator in mm

Specification in inches shall be marked as such, e.g. 4".

The most frequently found (standard) dimensions of scintillator heights are listed in Table A.2.

2.6 Scintillator material

Doping elements are written in parentheses.

- | | |
|------|---|
| N | – NaI(Tl); |
| CT | – CsI(Tl); |
| CN | – CsI(Na); |
| Lil | – LiI(Eu); |
| CaF | – CaF ₂ (Eu); |
| BGO | – Bi ₄ Ge ₃ O ₁₂ ; |
| CWO | – CdWO ₄ ; |
| PWO | – PbWO ₄ ; |
| LC | – LaCl ₃ (Ce); |
| LB | – LaBr ₃ (Ce); |
| P | – Plastic; |
| LSO | – Lu ₂ SiO ₅ ; |
| LYSO | – Lu _{1,8} Y _{0,8} SiO ₅ ; |
| GSO | – Gd ₂ SiO ₅ ; |
| ZS | – ZnSe; |
| ZST | – ZnSe(Te); |
| ZWO | – ZnWO ₄ ; |
| YC | – YAG(Ce); |
| BF | – BaF ₂ ; |
| CI | – CsI; |
| CaWO | – CaWO ₄ ; |
| CLYC | – Cs ₂ LiYCl ₆ (Ce); |
| SI | – Srl ₂ (Eu); |
| PMMA | – polymethylmetacrylate; |
| PS | – polystyrene; |
| PVT | – polyvinyltoluene. |

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Other materials are available.

For phoswich detectors all materials are separated by a slash (/). For each type of scintillator material, geometry, diameter and height of scintillator should be given according to 2.3 to 2.6.

2.7 Type of entrance window

- A – aluminium window;
- B – beryllium window;
- K – carbon epoxy window;
- M – polyethyleneterphthalate window;
- S – steel window;
- SS – stainless steel window.

2.8 Type of output window

- SL – silica glass;
- O – optical glass;
- B – borosilicate glass;
- PI – plastic;
- W – without window.

2.9 Type of housing

- S – steel housing (chrome plated);
- C – copper housing;
- St – standard aluminium housing;
- SS – stainless steel housing.

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2.10 Diameter of the photomultiplier tube (PMT) in mm

Specification in inches shall be marked as such, e.g. 7".

In the case when a detector has several PMTs, the diameters are separated by a slash (/).

2.11 Extra features of PMT or type of photodiode

- M – external solid μ -metal shield;
- E1 – built-in Voltage Divider (VD);
- E2 – built-in voltage divider and preamplifier;
- HV – built-in high voltage generator;
- P – pure NaI used as light-guide;
- Q – quartz glass used as light-guide;
- PS – position sensitive anode;
- PIN – type of photodiode - p-in;
- PN – type of photodiode - p-n;
- SPM – silicon photomultiplier;
- APD – avalanche photodiode;
- SDD – silicon drift diode;
- MCP – micro-channel plate.

In the case when PMT has several extra features they are separated by commas.

2.12 Extra features of scintillation detector

- Am – Am-241 or Am-243 alpha source built-in;
- PMT L – LED or laser built-in;
- X – customized configuration;
- LB – low background materials.
- R – ruggedized construction;
- Pxx.x-yy – axial well in crystal with xx,x mm diameter and yy mm depth;
- Lxx.x-yy – lateral well in crystal with xx,x mm diameter and yy mm depth.

2.13 Type of scintillation detector application

- X – X radiation;
- G – γ radiation;
- B – β -radiation;
- A – α -radiation;
- TN – thermal neutron;
- FN – fast neutron.

In the case when a scintillation detector has several extra features, these are separated by commas.

Examples of scintillation detector identification:

Example 1

C R 100 × 200 200 BGO IEC 60412:2014
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 Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂ scintillator, rectangular form with size 100 mm × 200 mm × 200 mm.

Example 2

HC R 30 × 50 100 CN A O St

Housed scintillator CsI(Na) with rectangular form with size 30 mm × 50 mm × 100 mm in standard aluminium housing, aluminium entrance window and optical output window.

Example 3

IMP C 12,5 6,5 Lil A O St 12,7 E1

Cylindrical Lil(Eu) crystal of 12,5 mm diameter and 6,5 mm height with aluminium entrance window, optical output window, standard aluminium housing and PMT mounted as a whole of 12,7 mm diameter with built-in voltage divider used.

Example 4

IMP C 2" 1" BGO A O St 3" E1

Cylindrical BGO crystal of 2" diameter and 1" height with Al entrance window and standard Al housing. Type of output window is optical glass. One long PMT of 3" diameter with built-in voltage divider.

Example 5

IMP R 100 × 100 400 N SS SL SS 3"/3" E2 LB

Rectangular NaI(Tl) crystal of 100 mm by 100 mm area and 400 mm height with stainless steel entrance window and stainless steel housing. Type of output window is silica glass. Two PMTs of 3 inches diameter, with built-in voltage dividers and preamplifiers and low background materials used.

Example 6

Ph2 C 190 3,5 N/ C 190 40 CT B OP St 5"