



# Technical Requirements for LED-based Horticultural Lighting Version 3.0

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## 34 Introduction

35 Horticultural lighting products using LEDs must comply with the provisions of this document to be  
36 eligible for listing on the DLC Solid-State Horticultural Lighting Qualified Products List (“Horticultural  
37 QPL”, “Hort QPL”). Products eligible for DLC qualification must be complete LED light fixtures or lamps.  
38 That is, they must be electromagnetic radiation-generating devices analogous to luminaires (or fixtures)  
39 or LED lamps (integrated and non-integrated) as defined by ANSI/IES LS-1-21 sections 6.8.5 and 10.3.1 or  
40 6.8.5.3 and 6.8.5.4, respectively.

41 Version 3.0 Draft 2 of the Horticultural Technical Requirements proposes new performance thresholds,  
42 introduces reporting of intended use case information and fixture-level controllability attributes, and  
43 introduces a surveillance testing policy to support the advancement of energy efficient lighting in  
44 controlled environment agriculture. Additionally, Draft 2 includes a new subsection detailing complete  
45 LM-79 test report guidelines for DLC submission.

## 46 Definitions

47 Unless otherwise noted, DLC policy nomenclature directly references the definitions from the American  
48 Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) *ANSI/ASABE S640: Quantities and Units of*  
49 *Electromagnetic Radiation for Plants (Photosynthetic Organisms)*, and, where applicable, the  
50 Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) *ANSI/IES RP-45-21, Recommended Practice: Horticultural Lighting*  
51 *and ANSI/IES LS-1-21, Lighting Science: Nomenclature and Definitions for Illuminating Engineering*, with  
52 key deviations or interpretations noted. Each mention of the term “LED device” in this document is  
53 meant to reference LED packages, modules, or arrays.

## 54 Eligibility

55 Products designed and intended to operate with standard North American nominal AC line voltages  
56 (typically 120V-480V) or with DC voltages below 600V are eligible for DLC qualification. The following are  
57 further rules for horticultural lighting equipment.

- 58 • Ineligible products include:
  - 59 ○ Products that are light engines (analogous to LS-1-21 section 6.8.5.5) or identified as  
60 retrofit kits intended to replace the light sources or other structures within an existing  
61 fixture.
  - 62 ○ Fixtures and/or lamps that incorporate light sources other than LED, whether as sole-  
63 source or as LED-hybrid fixtures.
  - 64 ○ Products that are dynamically configurable, i.e., having no defined configuration or set  
65 of configurations and whose form factor may vary in the grow facility, are not eligible as  
66 an AC product.
- 67 • Manufacturers must list full and complete model numbers that clearly demonstrate all qualified  
68 product options offered.

69 ○ “Full and complete model numbers” means model numbers that include all  
70 performance-affecting and non-performance-affecting variations offered, and that do  
71 not omit any option that is available to customers in the market. In general, options that  
72 do not affect the performance of the product may be submitted as a single model  
73 number, and the multiple options may be denoted by bracketing them in the model  
74 number.

75 For example, a product that has multiple exterior paint color options or mounting  
76 options that do not affect performance may include all color and mounting options in  
77 brackets (e.g., "[WH, BLK, SLV, GRY]") within a single model number. Low and high  
78 voltage options may be submitted as a single model number (e.g., "ABC 300 [120V-  
79 277V, 347V-480V] WH") with the worst-case performance reported. Multiple driver  
80 variations may be included in single product applications, as noted above, and listed in a  
81 single model number, as long as they perform nominally the same. If the drivers  
82 perform nominally differently – that is, they are not presented to customers as having  
83 the same performance other than voltage input and result in different ordering codes –  
84 then the unique drivers must be listed in separate model numbers. Options that affect  
85 the flux output, presence or lack of dimming capabilities, or spectral tuning options may  
86 not be bracketed and submitted as a single model number.

87 ○ DLC reviewers may check web listings and other marketing materials and reserve the  
88 right to request additional information to demonstrate the full and complete model  
89 number. A lack of clarity in model numbers will result in delayed application processing;  
90 misrepresentation of model numbers discovered outside the application process will  
91 generally be considered a violation of the DLC program and trademark rules and may  
92 result in delisting.

93 ○ Each model number may only represent the product under a single brand. If the product  
94 can be sold under multiple brands, model numbers must be listed separately for each  
95 brand. If brand name is not provided, the manufacturer name will be used to represent  
96 the brand name on the QPL.

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98 **Testing Methods and Requirements**

99 The DLC Technical Requirements for LED-based Horticultural Lighting are as follows. Details explaining  
 100 each item follow **Table 1**.

101 **Table 1: DLC Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements**

Parameter/Attribute/Metric	Requirement	Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
<b>Photosynthetic Photon Flux</b> ( $\Phi_p$ or PPF) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported	(ANSI/IES LM-79) 400-700nm range, with 400-500nm, 500-600nm, and 600-700nm bins reported alongside the total
<b>Far-Red Photon Flux</b> ( $\Phi_{p,fr}$ or PFFR) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported	(ANSI/IES LM-79) 700-800nm range
<b>Photon Flux</b> (PF <sub>PBAR</sub> ) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported (Optional)	(ANSI/IES LM-79) 280-800nm range
<b>Spectral Quantum Distribution</b> (SQD) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{nm}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported	(ANSI/IES LM-79) (ANSI/IES TM-33-18) 400-800nm range
<b>Photosynthetic Photon Intensity Distribution</b> (I <sub>p</sub> or PPID) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{sr}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported	(ANSI/IES LM-79) (ANSI/IES TM-33-18) 400-700nm range
<b>Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy</b> <sup>1,2</sup> (K <sub>p</sub> or PPE) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$ )	$\geq 2.30 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$	Required/Threshold	(ANSI/IES LM-79) 400-700nm range

<sup>1</sup> DC-powered fixtures must meet the PPE threshold requirement at their AC de-rated PPE value. See “Special Considerations for DC-Powered Fixtures” for more information on AC de-rating.

<sup>2</sup> Currently, the DLC follows [a prescribed timeline regarding revision cycles and planned efficacy increase](#). The draft PPE listed here follows the prescribed policy.

Parameter/Attribute/Metric	Requirement	Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
<b>Photon Efficacy</b> ( $PE_{PBAR}$ ) ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$ )	n/a	Reported (Optional)	(ANSI/IES LM-79) 280-800nm range
<b>Photon Flux Maintenance, Photosynthetic</b> ( $PFM_P$ )	$Q_{90} \geq 36,000$ hours	Required/ Threshold	(ANSI/IES LM-80 / IES TM-21 or IES LM-84 / IES TM-28) 400-700nm range, fixture specification sheet, and <i>In-Situ Temperature Measurement Test</i> (ISTMT)
<b>Photon Flux Maintenance, Far-Red</b> ( $PFM_{FR}$ )	Report time to $Q_{90}$	Reported	(ANSI/IES LM-80 / IES TM-21 or IES LM-84 / IES TM-28) 700-800nm range
<b>Driver Lifetime</b>	$\geq 50,000$ hours	Required/ Threshold	Driver specification sheet, fixture specification sheet, and <i>In-Situ Temperature Measurement Test</i> (ISTMT)
<b>Fan Lifetime</b>	$\geq 50,000$ hours	Required/ Threshold	Fan specification sheet, fixture specification sheet
<b>Warranty</b>	Fixtures: $\geq 5$ years Lamps: $\geq 3$ years	Required/ Threshold	Legal warranty terms & conditions
<b>Power Factor</b> (PF)	$\geq 0.9$	Required/ Threshold	Benchtop electrical testing or ANSI/IES LM-79
<b>Total Harmonic Distortion, Current</b> (THDi)	$\leq 20\%$	Required/ Threshold	Benchtop electrical testing or ANSI/IES LM-79
<b>Safety Certification</b>	Horticultural Lighting designation by OSHA NRTL or SCC- recognized body	Required	ANSI/UL 8800 (ANSI/CAN/UL 8800)

Parameter/Attribute/Metric	Requirement	Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
Application Information	Report controlled environment(s) and lighting scheme(s)	Reported	Product specification sheet
Controllability	AC products with PPF $\geq 350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ and all DC products and lamps: Dimming capability required	Required / Reported, depending on product PPF	Product specification sheet
	AC luminaires with PPF $< 350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ : Dimming capability reported		
	Report Dimming Range	Reported	Manufacturer reported
	Report dimming and control methods, and control capabilities	Reported	Product specification sheet or supplemental material

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103 **Output Characteristics**

104 The DLC requires testing and reporting of the following characteristics for the output of horticultural  
105 lighting devices.

- 106 • **Photosynthetic Photon Flux ( $\Phi_p$  or PPF), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )**

107 This is the total output of the product over the specific range of wavelengths defined by  
108 ANSI/ASABE S640 for PPF (400-700nm). This metric is an integrated value for the entire fixture  
109 and contains no spectral or directional information.

110 The DLC Horticultural QPL reports on both the total and ~100nm-wide “bins” of flux within this  
111 range to allow end users to understand the fixture’s relative proportions. Test information must  
112 provide output in these ranges specifically, in addition to the total 400-700nm output.

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- 114 • **Far-Red Photon Flux ( $\Phi_{p,fr}$  or  $PF_{FR}$ ), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )**  
115 This is the output of the product over the “far-red” band defined by ANSI/ASABE S640 (700-  
116 800nm). This metric is an integrated value for the entire fixture and contains no spectral or  
117 directional information. This metric is reported only and does not have a qualifying threshold.  
118 The DLC Horticultural QPL reports on the total flux of this 100nm-wide band separately for end  
119 users’ informational needs.
- 120 • **Photon Flux ( $PF_{PBAR}$ ), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ )**  
121 This is the output of the product over a plant’s “photobiologically active radiation” (PBAR)  
122 wavelength range (280-800nm). This metric is an integrated value for the entire fixture and  
123 contains no spectral or directional information. This metric is optionally reported only and does  
124 not have a qualifying threshold.  
125 The DLC Horticultural QPL reports on the total flux of this PBAR band specifically for end users’  
126 informational needs.  $PF_{PBAR}$  is intended to convey UV, PAR, and FR radiation, which are often  
127 associated with photomorphological effects in plants.  $PF_{PBAR}$  is not an ASABE S640 defined term  
128 and is not required for DLC qualification, though it can be reported and listed if desired by  
129 applicants.
- 130 • **Photon Efficacy ( $PE_{PBAR}$ ), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$ )**  
131 This is the output of the product over a plant’s “photobiologically active radiation” (PBAR) band  
132 (280-800nm) divided by the total electrical input watts to the fixture, including any other  
133 ancillary loads (controllers, sensors, cooling fans, etc.) used within the lighting system. This  
134 metric is an integrated value for the entire fixture and contains no spectral or directional  
135 information. This metric is optionally reported only and does not have a qualifying threshold.  
136 The DLC Horticultural QPL reports on the total flux of this PBAR band specifically for end users’  
137 informational needs.  $PE_{PBAR}$  is intended to convey luminaire efficacy in converting electrical  
138 energy into UV, PAR, and FR radiation, which are often associated with photomorphological  
139 effects in plants.  $PE_{PBAR}$  is not an ASABE S640 defined term and is not required for DLC  
140 qualification, though it can be reported and listed if desired by applicants.
- 141 • **Spectral Quantum Distribution (SQD), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{nm}^{-1}$ )**  
142 This is the distribution of photon flux per photon wavelength over the photosynthetic and far-  
143 red range of wavelengths defined by ANSI/ASABE S640 (400-800nm). The DLC will also accept  
144 the distribution of photon flux per photon wavelengths over the PBAR range (280-800nm).  
145 When reporting either of the optional PBAR metrics (i.e.,  $PF_{PBAR}$  and  $PE_{PBAR}$ ), distribution of  
146 photon flux over the PBAR range is required. This distribution is measured and reported as  
147 integrated in all directions from the fixture and contains no granular directional information  
148 itself. This distribution shall be measured and reported from an appropriately accredited facility.  
149 An image of this distribution shall be submitted within the application in a .png graphical file  
150 format. This image will be accessible to users on the QPL. The DLC has released a publicly  
151 available tool to generate these images that is accessible through a free MyDLC account.  
152 For additional information, please refer to the [TM-33-18 Reporting](#) section.



- 153 • **Photosynthetic Photon Intensity Distribution ( $I_p$  or PPID), ( $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{sr}^{-1}$ )**  
154 This is the distribution of photosynthetic photon intensity per unit solid angle leaving the fixture.  
155 This distribution is measured and reported as integrated for all wavelengths across the 400-  
156 700nm range leaving the fixture and contains no spectral distribution information itself. This  
157 distribution must be measured and reported from an appropriately accredited facility.  
158 An image of this distribution shall be submitted within the application in a .png graphical file  
159 format. This image will be accessible to users on the QPL. The DLC has released a publicly  
160 available tool to generate these images that is accessible through a free MyDLC account.  
161 For additional information, please refer to the [TM-33-18 Reporting](#) section.

## 162 Efficacy

163 The DLC requires testing and reporting of the following characteristics for the output of horticultural  
164 lighting devices.

- 165 • **Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy (PPE),**  
166 This is the output of the fixture over the specific range of wavelengths defined by ANSI/ASABE  
167 S640 for PPF (400-700nm), divided by the total electrical input watts to the fixture, including any  
168 other ancillary loads (controllers, sensors, cooling fans, etc.) used within the lighting system.

169 All products shall have a PPE of  $\geq 2.30 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$ . In both submitted applications and under surveillance  
170 testing, the DLC allows an absolute tolerance of -5% to this threshold value. The result of this is the  
171 DLC's acceptance of any test report showing an efficacy of  $2.19 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$  or higher, and the  
172 disqualification of any product, either during submission or surveillance testing, with a test report  
173 showing an efficacy less than  $2.19 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{J}^{-1}$ , at any point in the product's specified operating voltage  
174 range. All evaluations and listings of this measurement will be rounded to the nearest hundredth.

175 If a product contains multiple drivers:

- 176 • All driver specification sheets shall be provided.
- 177 • For each unique driver used, manufacturers shall provide electrical testing to document which  
178 driver variation results in the overall minimum  $K_p$  (PPE) or worst-case driver efficiency, as well as  
179 which variation results in the overall worst-case power quality (THDi and PF).
- 180 ○ This testing shall include the input current and wattage; the output voltage, current, and  
181 wattage; and the THDi and PF for each driver, at each nominal input voltage.
  - 182 ○ In-house (i.e., non-accredited lab) benchtop electrical testing is sufficient for  
183 demonstrating the driver variation that yields the overall minimum  $K_p$  (PPE) and  
184 minimum power quality at the applicable loading conditions and at the applicable input  
185 voltages.
  - 186 ○ From this electrical characterization testing, the product and conditions representing  
187 worst-case efficacy shall undergo formal whole-fixture LM-79 testing by an accredited  
188 testing lab.

- 189           ○ For questions about testing requirements for Level 2 applications (formerly Family  
190           Grouping applications), please refer to the [Level 2 \(formerly Family Grouping\)](#)  
191           [Application Requirements for LED-based Horticultural Lighting](#).
- 192           ● Drivers that result in explicitly different nominal fixture performance (for example, a driver  
193           change which results in different flux output by the product, determined at the DLC’s discretion)  
194           are not permissible variations within a single model number and are required to submit a Level  
195           2 application for QPL listing. If alternate driver variations result in different input wattage,  
196           worst-case will be published on the QPL.
- 197           ○ Please refer to the [Level 2 \(formerly Family Grouping\) Application Requirements for](#)  
198           [LED-based Horticultural Lighting](#) for specific testing and reporting requirements for  
199           product families.

## 200 Long-Term Performance

201 The DLC requires the following performance data to characterize the long-term performance of the  
202 fixture:

- 203           ● **Flux Maintenance,  $\Phi_p$  (PPF) and  $\Phi_{p,fr}$  (PF<sub>FR</sub>)**
- 204           This is a characterization of the ability of the device to maintain its output within the given  
205           parameters over time. Given that device output of interest is measured in quanta of photons,  
206           and not in lumens, the DLC will use the general engineering term for quanta, “Q”, instead of the  
207           more-familiar “L” prefix used within general illumination applications.
- 208           ○ The DLC requires either LED device-level or whole-fixture testing and projections in  
209           accordance with the (LM-80 and TM-21) or (LM-84 and TM-28) industry standards  
210           sufficient for a Q<sub>90</sub> of ≥36,000 hours within the  $\Phi_p$  (PPF) range (400-700nm). The “Q” in  
211           the Q<sub>90</sub> value is based strictly on the value shown in cell I42 of the ENERGY STAR [TM-21](#)  
212           [calculator](#) or cell I45 of the ENERGY STAR [TM-28 calculator](#).
- 213           ○ All TM-21 or TM-28 projections shall be made at the maximum ambient temperature on  
214           the fixture’s specification sheet. See [In-Situ Temperature Measurement Testing \(ISTMT\)](#)  
215           information below for additional details. All temperature values shall be reported in  
216           degrees Celsius.
- 217           ○ The DLC requires testing and projections to report Q<sub>90</sub> for the  $\Phi_{p,fr}$  (PF<sub>FR</sub>) range of 700-  
218           800nm, but does not make determinations or qualifications based on this data. Please  
219           see a description of PFM<sub>FR</sub>-specific testing requirements in the [For fixtures using](#)  
220           [multiple types of LEDs](#) section below.
- 221           ○ To support PFM<sub>p</sub> and PFM<sub>FR</sub> projections, LM-80/LM-84 information shall be provided for  
222           both the 400-700nm and the 700-800nm range.
- 223                   ■ All new product submissions using the LM-80/TM-21 approach shall provide LM-  
224                   80 data in appropriate (PPF, PF<sub>FR</sub>) units, measured as such at all time points in  
225                   the LM-80 procedure. The DLC reserves the right to request additional  
226                   information for all reports referring to “photon flux” that are ambiguous (based

- 227 on product SQD) about the division of said flux between the PPF and  $PF_{FR}$   
228 categories to determine approval.
- 229     ▪ Products will not be qualified and listed on the QPL without long-term  
230 performance data for flux degradation. Products that use LEDs for which no LM-  
231 80 data is available shall undergo LM-84 testing for TM-28 projections.
  - 232     ○ *In-Situ Temperature Measurement Testing (ISTMT):*
    - 233         ▪ ISTMTs shall be conducted and provided for the hottest LED in the fixture, and  
234 LED-device level drive current shall be reported.
    - 235         ▪ ISTMTs shall be conducted and reported in the same manner as thermal testing  
236 for safety certification. Specifically, applicants shall report the operating  
237 temperature of the LED at the fixture’s highest rated ambient temperature  
238 within the ISTMT report. This must be done in accordance with acceptable  
239 procedures from safety certification standards for measuring and projecting  
240 operating temperatures. For example, if a fixture is rated for operation at 40°C  
241 ambient, ISTMTs are not accepted if they only show the temperature of the LED  
242 when measured during a 25°C ambient condition. In this example, appropriate  
243 steps must be taken to characterize the LED operating temperature when the  
244 fixture is in a 40°C ambient environment, as defined by the thermal portions of  
245 the relevant safety standards.
  - 246     ○ For fixtures using multiple types of LEDs:
    - 247         ▪ LM-80 reports (if being used instead of whole-fixture LM-84 data) shall be  
248 provided for each type of LED device present in the fixture.
      - 249             – For DLC evaluations, LED “type” is differentiated by the nominal output  
250 of the LED device or the manufacturer of that LED device. For example,  
251 a fixture incorporating four different LEDs, with nominal emissions of  
252 440nm, 660nm, 730nm, and a 5000K “white”, is required to provide  
253 four LM-80s and associated information for TM-21 projections,  
254 corresponding to each of these nominal designations. Some limited  
255 cross-applicability of LM-80 data is allowed within phosphor-converted  
256 white LEDs of the same series; see [LM-80 applicability](#) information  
257 below.
    - 258         ▪ ISTMT testing shall be provided on the hottest of each LED type (for example,  
259 the hottest blue, white, and red LED in the fixture, respectively).
    - 260         ▪ Maximum LED drive current shall be reported for each LED type.
    - 261         ▪ For  $PFM_p$  (400-700nm), each LED type present in the fixture that has at least  
262 25% of its per-device flux in the PPF range shall independently meet the  $Q_{90} \geq$   
263 36,000 hours requirement, as shown by a TM-21 calculation. The DLC does not  
264 require device-level SQD data from applicants and will typically accept the  
265 applicant’s descriptions of a device’s relative PPF while reserving the right to  
266 request explanation.

267                   ▪ The DLC requires calculated  $PF_{FR}$  for all fixtures with a  $PF_{FR}$  output that is equal  
268 to or greater than 5% of the fixture’s flux from 400-800nm. For  $PF_{FR}$  (700-  
269 800nm), each LED type present in the fixture that has at least 25% of its per-  
270 device flux in the  $PF_{FR}$  range shall report its  $Q_{90}$  duration in hours. The DLC does  
271 not require device-level SQD data from applicants and will typically accept the  
272 applicant’s descriptions of a device’s relative  $PF_{FR}$ , while reserving the right to  
273 require explanation. There is no threshold performance requirement across this  
274 far-red range; it is a reported value only.

275                   ○ LM-80 applicability:

276                   ▪ For phosphor-converted “white” LEDs within the ANSI nominal chromaticity  
277 range, the DLC follows the [ENERGY STAR Requirements for the Use of LM-80](#)  
278 [Data](#) published September 2017. Consistent with the ENERGY STAR  
279 requirements, for narrow-band emitters, the DLC generally requires an LM-80  
280 for each distinct nominal product (e.g., 650nm, 620nm, 590nm) offered by an  
281 LED device manufacturer. Devices of the same type but with different optical  
282 codes for beam spread are allowed to cross-apply LM-80 testing. This also  
283 applies to products that are in the same series with differences in nomenclature  
284 due to marketing changes (see series provisions of ENERGY STAR requirements  
285 document). The DLC reserves the right to require additional information to  
286 approve all claims of LM-80 applicability.

287                   • **Driver ISTMT**

288 Applicants shall supply a technical specification sheet for the driver(s) they use in their product,  
289 showing the lifetime of the driver based on operating temperature and the temperature  
290 measurement point (TMP) for monitoring the operating temperature of the driver. In-situ  
291 temperature measurement testing shall be conducted, and a report shall be provided with the  
292 application showing an operating temperature consistent with the driver specification sheet  
293 information and demonstrating that the driver will have a lifetime of at least 50,000 hours when  
294 operating at or above the highest rated ambient temperature on the fixture’s specification  
295 sheet. All temperature values shall be reported in degrees Celsius.

296 As noted in the [ISTMT](#) description within the flux maintenance section, driver ISTMTs shall be  
297 conducted and reported in the same manner as thermal testing for safety certification.  
298 Specifically, applicants shall report the operating temperature of the driver at the fixture’s  
299 highest rated ambient temperature within the ISTMT report. This shall be done in accordance  
300 with acceptable procedures from safety certification standards for measuring and projecting  
301 operating temperatures. For example, if a fixture is rated for operation at 40°C ambient, ISTMTs  
302 are not accepted if they only show the temperature of the driver when measured during a 25°C  
303 ambient condition. In this example, appropriate steps must be taken to report the driver  
304 operating temperature when the fixture is operating in a 40°C ambient environment, as defined  
305 by the thermal portions of the relevant safety standards.

306                   ○ For products that may use multiple drivers, specification sheets for each driver shall be  
307 provided with the details above. Testing shall be conducted on each driver at its  
308 appropriate worst-case input voltage. If a product uses multiple drivers from the same

309 manufacturer product line or series, as determined by the DLC, then the single worst-  
310 case thermal ambient environment of the product line or series requires a driver ISTMT.  
311 Typically, the DLC will operate with the expectation that the operating condition at the  
312 highest wattage in the driver manufacturer's product line or series is the worst-case  
313 thermal ambient environment, but the DLC may ask the manufacturer to provide  
314 detailed evidence to document the worst-case driver thermals.

315       ▪ Custom and integrated drivers shall provide documentation equivalent to that  
316 required for drivers from third-party vendors. Manufacturers shall supply  
317 documentation indicating the maximum acceptable temperature for the driver  
318 for 50,000-hour life, as well as the TMP to be used during thermal testing and  
319 evaluation.

320 • **Fans**

321 Products that employ on-board cooling fans shall provide a technical specification sheet for each  
322 fan type employed in the product, family group, or spectral sub-group, as applicable. The fan  
323 specification sheet shall state the lifetime of the fan and a reference operating temperature  
324 rating for that lifetime claim. The lifetime shall be at least 50,000 hours, at an operating  
325 temperature at or above the fixture's highest rated ambient temperature.

326 If the product is available with multiple fan models:

- 327 ○ If fan model variations result in substantively different component temperature or  
328 wattage consumption by the fixture (determined at the DLC's discretion), a Level 2  
329 (formerly Family Grouping) application is required with model numbers to represent the  
330 different fan variations. DLC reviewers will examine fan model power levels and flow  
331 rate to determine this distinction. Products that offer fan variations without  
332 substantively different component temperature or wattage consumption by the fixture  
333 are allowed to qualify using bracketed variations within a single model number.
- 334 ○ Multiple fan variations require a similar testing and reporting plan to multiple driver  
335 variations, as noted in the efficacy section.

336 • **Warranty**

337 Products shall have a manufacturer-provided product warranty of at least five years for fixtures  
338 and three years for lamps. The warranty terms and conditions shall be provided as part of the  
339 submittal for qualification. The warranty shall cover the complete luminaire and must clearly  
340 explain the terms and conditions associated with the warranty. Note that "luminaire" includes  
341 light source, housing, heat sink, power supplies, and other electrical components, optics, and  
342 any other components such as cooling fans or controls (if present).

343 Warranty terms and conditions can vary widely from manufacturer to manufacturer. The DLC  
344 explicitly defines a warranty period of five years for fixtures and three years for lamps and does  
345 not have specific requirements for warranty claim terms (e.g., labor, recommissioning, etc.)  
346 other than those listed above. The DLC does not verify or validate a manufacturer's terms,  
347 conditions, or process for customer warranty claims. The DLC does not monitor field failure  
348 rates of qualified products, or warranty policy redemption or history among manufacturers.

349 Industry stakeholders are urged to review warranty terms and conditions as part of the  
350 purchasing decision process.

## 351 **Electrical Performance/Power Quality**

352 The DLC requires testing and reporting of the following items to characterize the electrical performance  
353 of the fixture:

- 354 • **Power Factor**  
355 Products shall have a measured power factor of  $\geq 0.90$  at any rated input voltage at full output or  
356 non-dimmed state.
- 357 • **Total Harmonic Distortion, current (THDi)**  
358 Products shall have a measured THDi of  $\leq 20\%$  at any rated input voltage at full output or non-  
359 dimmed state.

360 For products with driver variations, including input voltage variations, electrical testing of each product  
361 shall be performed, sufficient to characterize the power quality of each driver, at its applicable nominal  
362 input voltages and maximum designed output power. Testing to demonstrate that products are  
363 compliant with the power factor and total harmonic distortion requirements may be done on an in-  
364 house or benchtop setup for practical simplicity, and results shall be documented and included in the  
365 application materials. Please see the [Efficacy](#) section for more information on the use of this electrical  
366 testing for worst-case efficacy driver variation determination. Please refer to the [Level 2 \(formerly  
367 Family Grouping\) Testing Requirements for LED-based Horticultural Lighting](#) for specific testing and  
368 reporting requirements for product families.

## 369 **Safety**

370 Products shall be certified by an OSHA NRTL or SCC-recognized body to ANSI/UL 8800 (ANSI/CAN/UL  
371 8800) which is applicable for *horticultural lighting products* by that safety organization.

## 372 **Application (Intended Product Use) Information Requirements**

### 373 **Rationale**

374 Version 3.0 Draft 2 proposes that applicants report product-level application-oriented information to  
375 support developments in energy efficiency programs (e.g. midstream programs) and stakeholders  
376 looking to better identify and compare QPL listed products (e.g. growers directed to the QPL by their  
377 local efficiency programs to review and select products eligible for incentives).

378 Understanding that lighting technology and strategies in controlled environment agriculture (CEA) are  
379 continually advancing, Version 3.0 Draft 2 proposes that applicants report the intended controlled  
380 environment and lighting scheme for listed products per **Table 2**. Multiple intended controlled  
381 environments and/or lighting strategies may be reported for a single listed product.

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383 **Table 2: Application Information Reporting Requirements**

Controlled Environment		Lighting Scheme		Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
Indoor	(Single Tier)	Top light, intra-canopy, other (text)	Sole-source or Supplemental	Reported	Product specification sheet or supplemental materials*
	(Multi-Tier)				
Greenhouse		Top light, intra-canopy, other (text)	Sole-source or supplemental	Reported	Product specification sheet or supplemental materials*

384 \* For verification and evaluation, the respective Controlled Environment information must be clearly stated on the provided  
 385 specification sheet for each product. Additionally, Lighting Scheme information must be clearly stated on the provided  
 386 specification sheet for each product or supplemental materials.

### 387 **Controlled Environment**

388 The DLC considers controlled environments to be buildings or structures wherein electric lighting and  
 389 other inputs (e.g., air temperature, humidity, and water consumption) can be controlled to grow crops.

390 The following are controlled environments considered in Version 3.0 Draft 2:

- 391 • **Indoor (Single or Multi-Tier)**  
 392 Indoor controlled environments are fully enclosed controlled environments with single or multi-  
 393 tier layers.
  - 394 ○ Multi-Tier indoor controlled environments are typically synonymous with vertical farms,  
 395 and products listed in this controlled environment should be intended for crops that  
 396 have a short stature, short production cycle, and high yield. Products intended for multi-  
 397 tier layer indoor controlled environments are often highly customizable and scalable.
  - 398 ○ Single tier indoor controlled environments are indoor facilities with a single canopy, and  
 399 that do not have multiple vertical layers of crops. Products listed in this category may be  
 400 intended for a broader variety of crops with varying stature, production cycle, and yield.
- 401 • **Greenhouse**  
 402 Greenhouse controlled environments rely on sunlight as a primary light source, but often utilize  
 403 supplemental electric lighting (defined below) while still taking advantage of available daylight  
 404 throughout the year to maintain consistent daily light integral (DLI) incident on the plant  
 405 canopy. For a variety of reasons, such as maintaining delivered DLI during winter days,  
 406 greenhouse-controlled environments may require sole-source electric lighting (defined below).

407 The controlled environment(s) for which the product is intended shall be explicitly and clearly stated in  
 408 the product specification sheet.

409 Applicants shall report product physical dimensions (in inches) and provide a representative image of  
410 the fixture (.png format). Dimensions and representative image of product will be published on the QPL  
411 for all listed products.

## 412 **Lighting Scheme**

413 Along with the controlled environment information above, applicants shall report the intended lighting  
414 scheme of listed products. Lighting schemes provide insight into how listed horticultural lighting fixtures  
415 are intended to deliver optical radiation to the crop/canopy in terms of both direction and duration.

416 The following are lighting schemes considered with Version 3.0 Draft 2:

- 417 • **Lighting Scheme (Duration): Sole-Source and/or Supplemental**  
418 Products reported to be sole-source shall be intended for applications where the lighting fixture  
419 is the primary source of optical radiation for inducing photobiological effects in crops.  
420 Products reported to provide supplemental lighting shall supplement daylight, which is the  
421 primary light source. These products shall be intended for applications where the lighting  
422 product is not the primary source of optical radiation for inducing photosynthesis, but is instead  
423 intended to supplement daylight and overall energy usage is not as high (e.g. a specialty lamp  
424 that is intended to provide specific spectra to induce a specific growth action in addition to  
425 daylight in a greenhouse or a higher output product with broadband spectra to fully supplement  
426 daylight in a northern environment).
- 427 • **Lighting Scheme (Direction): Top light, Intra-canopy, or Other (text)**  
428 Top light, intra-canopy, or other (text) are required reported information to convey the direction  
429 that listed products deliver optical radiation.  
430 Products reported to be a top light shall be intended to be mounted with the emission area  
431 facing down, toward the canopy.  
432 Products reported to be an intra-canopy light shall be intended to be mounted within the  
433 canopy.  
434 To account for innovative technologies in this developing field, the “other (text)” option  
435 supports products that do not fit within the top lighting or intra-canopy lighting categories. For  
436 instance, “other (ground-mounted lighting)”.

437 The lighting scheme(s) for which the product is intended shall be explicitly and clearly stated in the  
438 product specification sheet.

## 439 **Key Questions for Application (Intended Use) Information** 440 **Requirements Section**

441 Version 3.0 Draft 2 proposes specific controlled environments and lighting schemes to be reported on  
442 the QPL for listed products.



- 443 1. What additional information should be required and/or reported to relate listed products to the  
444 application(s) they are intended to operate in? E.g., should there be additional categorization  
445 related to product level performance, such as minimum/maximum PPF or input wattage?
- 446 2. What concerns, suggestions, or general feedback do you have related to publishing product  
447 images on the Hort QPL? Is this for all listed products?
- 448 3. The DLC has proposed Lighting Scheme (Direction) and Lighting Scheme (Duration) as  
449 nomenclature to describe how the listed products intends to deliver optical radiation to the  
450 canopy. What concerns do you have for these terms to be misleading? If concerns exist, please  
451 suggest a new term.

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## 453 Controllability Requirements

### 454 Rationale

455 Version 3.0 Draft 2 presents an updated set of controllability testing and reporting requirements based  
 456 on the feedback received from Draft 1. Where previously the DLC proposed to require that all products  
 457 be capable of dimming, this requirement is now proposed to apply only to products above a specified  
 458 PPF threshold and all DC-powered products and lamps. For products above this threshold, dimmability  
 459 remains an important characteristic, as it allows for demand response. However, there are products  
 460 below this threshold that may be impractical to dim, and in this group of products, a dimmability  
 461 requirement may be a barrier for the adoption of LEDs. The DLC proposes to require that all DC-  
 462 powered products and lamps be dimmable regardless of PPF, because these products are often  
 463 designed to be combined into a larger light source.

464 Draft 2 also introduces new dimming/control method and transmission hardware options to better  
 465 capture the variety of products available on the market. **Tables 4** and **5** remain in Draft 2 to collect  
 466 information on how the product is controlled, so that in future revisions of the horticultural lighting  
 467 requirements, the DLC may be able to provide an indication of interoperability and promote connected  
 468 CEA networks. In addition, some sections of the text were clarified and reorganized.

469 Controllability requirements are outlined in **Table 3**. Details explaining each item follow **Table 3**.

470 **Table 3: Controllability Requirements**

Parameter/Attribute/Metric		Requirement	Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
Dimming Capability	AC products with PPF $\geq 350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ , DC products, replacement lamps	Products shall have the ability to dim	Required	Product specification sheet*
	AC Luminaires with PPF $< 350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$	Report whether the product is dimmable or non-dimmable	Reported	
Dimming Range		Report: 1. Minimum Input Wattage 2. Minimum PPF 3. Default Input Wattage 4. Default PPF	Reported**	Manufacturer reported

Parameter/Attribute/Metric	Requirement	Requirement Type	Method of Measurement/Evaluation
Dimming and Control Methods	Report: 1. Dimming or Control Method Designation to the Product 2. Connector/Transmission Hardware	Reported**	Product specification sheet or supplemental documentation*
Control Capabilities	n/a	Reported	Product specification sheet or supplemental documentation*

471 \* For verification and evaluation, the corresponding characteristic must be clearly stated on the provided specification sheet for  
472 each product and/or supplemental material as specified above. There will be no further evaluation against any other  
473 standards. For DC powered products, this information may also be included on the specification sheet for the power supply,  
474 if applicable.  
475 \*\* Reporting of Dimming Range and Dimming and Control Methods is not required for non-dimmable products. Reporting of  
476 Connector/Transmission Hardware is not required for replacement lamps.

477 **Dimming Capability**

- 478 • **If the PPF of the product is greater than or equal to  $350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ , the product is DC-powered, or the product is a replacement lamp:**  
479 Products shall be capable of dimming through a line voltage, low voltage, or wireless signal.  
480 Products that are only dimmable via a knob or switch mounted on the fixture are not  
481 acceptable. For verification, the product technical specification sheet (or other documentation  
482 noted below **Table 3**) shall state that the product is dimmable.  
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- 484 • **If the PPF of the product is less than  $350 \mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$  and the product is an AC-powered luminaire:**  
485 Dimming capability is a reported metric and is not required for this subset of products. The QPL  
486 will display whether the product is capable of dimming or not. For verification, the product  
487 technical specification sheet (or other documentation noted below **Table 3**) shall state whether  
488 the product is dimmable or non-dimmable.  
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490 **Dimming Range**

491 To describe the dimming range of the product, each of the following values shall be reported on the  
492 application. No further evaluation will be conducted against the product specification sheet or other  
493 standards. Dimming range information is not required for non-dimmable products. If multiple drivers  
494 are offered for a single product, each with a unique dimming range, these options must each be  
495 represented by an individual line item on the QPL and cannot be bracketed into a single catalog number.

- 496 • **Minimum Input Wattage**  
497 The input power (in Watts) to the product at the minimum dimming level.

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- **Minimum Photosynthetic Photon Flux**  
499 The Photosynthetic Photon Flux at the minimum dimming level, expressed in units of  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ .  
500     ○ If the product is capable of being turned off via the control signal (dim to off), this field  
501     may be reported as “0”.
  - **Default Input Wattage**  
502 The default wattage occurs at the default setting, at which the product is shipped with no  
503 adjustments, expressed in units of watts.  
504     ○ No additional testing is required at the default wattage.
  - **Default Photosynthetic Photon Flux**  
505 The default Photosynthetic Photon Flux occurs at the default setting, at which the product is  
506 shipped with no adjustments, expressed in units of  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ .  
507     ○ No additional testing is required at the default Photosynthetic Photon Flux.  
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## 510 **Dimming and Control Methods**

- **Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product**  
511 All available dimming and control method designations between the product and other devices  
512 shall be reported and stated on the product technical specification sheet or supplemental  
513 documentation (noted under **Table 3**). Reporting of dimming and control method designations  
514 to the product is not required for non-dimmable products.  
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516 Options for reporting are included in **Table 4**. The “Acceptable Terms” column includes terms  
517 that may appear on the provided documentation to indicate the use of the corresponding  
518 dimming or control method. For options that have a product database available, links are  
519 provided in the “Definition” column for reference only. Any dimming or control method not  
520 included in this table, including proprietary options, may be reported as “Other Wired” or  
521 “Other Wireless” as applicable. Multiple selections may be made. If multiple drivers are offered  
522 for a single product, each with a unique dimming or control method, these options must each be  
523 represented by an individual line item on the QPL and cannot be bracketed into a single catalog  
524 number.  
525 Modifications may be made for DC-powered products and replacement lamps. For further  
526 information, see [Special Considerations](#) below.

527 **Table 4:** Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product

Control Type (as displayed on the QPL)	Definition	Acceptable Terms
<b>0-10V</b>		
<b>0-10V IEC 60929 Annex E</b>	Wired analog low-voltage control that varies DC voltage between 0 and 10 volts to produce varying light output.	0-10V, 10V, 10V0
<b>0-10V ANSI C137.1 (8-Volt)</b>		
<b>0-10V ANSI C137.1 (9-Volt)</b>		
<b>0-10V Other</b>		
<b>Phase Cut</b>		
<b>Phase Cut (Forward Phase)</b>	Modification, or cutting, of the leading edge of the AC mains sinusoidal waveform to produce varying light output.	Phase-cut, forward phase, leading edge, TRIAC, magnetic low-voltage (MLV)
<b>Phase Cut (Reverse Phase)</b>	Modification, or cutting, of the trailing edge of the AC mains sinusoidal waveform to produce varying light output.	Phase-cut, reverse phase, trailing edge, electronic low-voltage (ELV)
<b>DALI</b>		
<b>DALI</b>	Digital Addressable Lighting Interface Protocol, a wired digital communication protocol registered by the DALI alliance. "Registered" at <a href="https://www.dali-alliance.org/products">https://www.dali-alliance.org/products</a>	DALI
<b>DALI2</b>	Digital Addressable Lighting Interface Protocol, a wired digital communication protocol registered by the DALI alliance. "Certified product" at <a href="https://www.dali-alliance.org/products">https://www.dali-alliance.org/products</a>	DALI2, DALI-2
<b>Ethernet</b>		
<b>Power Over Ethernet</b>	Power over Ethernet (PoE) products are a specific subset of DC products that comply with the IEEE 802.3 standards for carrying both power and communication signals on Ethernet cables.	Power Over Ethernet, PoE
<b>Ethernet TCP/IP</b>	Wired networking technology defined by IEEE 802.3 standards.	Ethernet
<b>Ethernet Proprietary</b>		
<b>Other Wired</b>	Other wired communication protocol as specified by the manufacturer.	N/A

Control Type (as displayed on the QPL)	Definition	Acceptable Terms
<b>Zigbee</b>		
<b>Zigbee 3.0</b>	Wireless digital communication protocol developed by the Connectivity Standards Alliance.	Zigbee 3.0, ZB3
<b>Zigbee – Manufacturer Specific</b>	Product listing as “Zigbee Certified Product” at <a href="https://zigbeealliance.org/product_type/certified_product/">https://zigbeealliance.org/product_type/certified_product/</a>	ZigBee
<b>Bluetooth</b>		
<b>Bluetooth Sig MESH and MMDL Layers</b>	Wireless digital communication protocol developed and maintained by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG). Product listing with both MESH and MMDL layers in Advanced Search at <a href="https://launchstudio.bluetooth.com/Listings/Search">https://launchstudio.bluetooth.com/Listings/Search</a>	Bluetooth SIG MESH
<b>Bluetooth</b>	Any Bluetooth not described above. Product listing (missing MESH and/or MMDL layer) at <a href="https://launchstudio.bluetooth.com/Listings/Search">https://launchstudio.bluetooth.com/Listings/Search</a>	Bluetooth
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Wireless networking protocol based on IEEE 802.11. Product listing at <a href="https://www.wi-fi.org/product-finder">https://www.wi-fi.org/product-finder</a>	Wi-Fi, WIFI, IEEE 802.11, Wi-Fi Certified
<b>EnOcean</b>	Wireless digital communication protocol developed by EnOcean. Product listing at <a href="https://www.enoceanalliance.org/products/">https://www.enoceanalliance.org/products/</a>	EnOcean
<b>Other Wireless</b>	Other wireless communication protocol as specified by the manufacturer.	N/A

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- **Connector/Transmission Hardware**

The connector/transmission hardware is the hardware integrated into the product that enables it to physically connect with and receive control signals from a controller or other device. In addition to the dimming or control method designation to the product, all available connector/transmission hardware shall be reported and stated on the product technical specification sheet or supplemental documentation (noted under **Table 3**) using one or more of the terms from the “Acceptable Terms” column in **Table 5**. Reporting of connector/transmission hardware is not required for non-dimmable products. Options for reporting are listed below.

537 Any wired connector/transmission hardware not included in this list may be reported using the  
 538 “Other Wired” option. Multiple selections may be made. If variations are offered for a single  
 539 product, each with a unique connector/transmission hardware option, these options must each  
 540 be represented by an individual line item on the QPL and cannot be bracketed into a single  
 541 catalog number.

542 **Table 5: Connector/Transmission Hardware**

Connector / Transmission Hardware		Acceptable Terms
<b>Wired</b>	<b>RJ-11</b>	RJ-11, RJ11
	<b>RJ-12</b>	RJ-12, RJ12
	<b>RJ-45</b>	RJ-45, RJ45
	<b>USB</b>	USB
	<b>Flying Leads</b>	Flying Leads
	<b>Terminal Block</b>	Terminal Block
	<b>Other Wired</b>	N/A
<b>Wireless Radio</b>		Any of the acceptable terms from the <b>Wireless</b> section of <b>Table 4</b>

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544 **Control Capabilities**

545 All available control capabilities listed in **Table 6** shall be reported. If applicable, this information shall be  
 546 included on the product technical specification sheet or supplemental documentation (noted under  
 547 **Table 3**) with one or more of the terms from the “Acceptable Terms” column. Multiple selections may  
 548 be made. If a product does not include any of the capabilities in **Table 6**, this field may be left blank.

549 **Table 6: Control Capabilities**

Control Capabilities	Definition	Acceptable Terms
<b>Dim to Off</b>	The ability for a product to be turned on or off via a dimming control signal.	Dim to off, Dimming: 0%-100%
<b>High End Trim</b>	The capability to set the maximum light output to a less-than-maximum state of an individual luminaire/lamp at the time of installation or commissioning. High-end trim must be field reconfigurable.*	High-End Trim, Task Tuning, Tuning

Control Capabilities	Definition	Acceptable Terms
Energy Monitoring	The capability of a system to report the energy consumption of a luminaire/lamp.	Power/Energy Monitoring, Power/Energy Metering, Power/Energy Measurement Power/Energy Reading
Manual Dimming	A knob or other control device integrated into the fixture used for manual dimming.	Manual Dimming, Knob Dimming, Dimming Knob, Fixture Integrated Dimming

550 \* In addition to the presence of acceptable terms, product submissions that report high end trim will be evaluated to ensure  
551 that high end trim is field reconfigurable by the customer, and that this is clearly represented on the product specification  
552 sheet or supplemental material.

## 553 Key Questions for Controllability Requirements Section

- 554 1. Draft 2 proposes that all products qualified under V3.0 with a PPF greater than or equal to 350  
555  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$  and all DC-powered products shall be dimmable, and for AC products with PPF less  
556 than 350  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ , dimmability shall remain a reported attribute. Is it reasonable to set a  
557 requirement for dimmability based on PPF? If so, is 350  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1}$  a reasonable threshold?
- 558 2. The DLC is also considering alternatives to the PPF threshold for dimmability discussed in  
559 question 1. Would either of the following options be preferable? Why or why not?
  - 560 a. A wattage threshold at 150 W rather than a PPF threshold.
  - 561 b. Setting a dimmability requirement based on reported application information. For  
562 example, dimmability might be required for sole-source but not supplemental products.
- 563 3. New Dimming and Control Methods were added to Table 4 to capture the dimming and control  
564 method designations that are prominent in horticultural lighting products. Are the options  
565 provided sufficient and represented accurately?
- 566 4. Is individual addressability (i.e., the ability for each luminaire to be dimmed to a unique level  
567 using input from a single controller) a significant distinguishing feature for horticultural  
568 luminaires? If so, should the DLC support this distinction by separating Dimming and Control  
569 Method Designations in **Table 4** based on whether they support individual addressability?

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## 571 Special Considerations

### 572 Special Considerations for Spectrally Tunable Products

573 Spectrally tunable products (products with varying output channels beyond simple, single-axis dimming  
574 of the whole product) are eligible with the following conditions:

- 575 • The threshold-qualifying state to be tested shall be the manufacturer-designed state with the  
576 highest power consumption (“maximum power”). This may or may not be the same as an “all  
577 channels on” condition since products may not be designed to use all their channels  
578 simultaneously. Test reports shall specifically indicate that the product is operated in this  
579 “maximum power” condition during the testing, with a description of the control narrative to  
580 ensure that the power state is at its maximum designed level.
- 581 • In addition to the “maximum power” condition, applicants shall perform PPF testing for each  
582 control channel, in which the channel under test shall be set to the maximum designed output,  
583 and all other channels shall be set to their minimum designed output for this state. The test  
584 report shall present an identifying name of this channel and setting, the photon flux (PPF: 400-  
585 700nm, and 400-500nm, 500-600nm, and 600-700nm PF “bins” ) and  $PF_{FR}$  (700-800nm) for each  
586 of the single-channel scenarios, and a description of the control narrative to achieve each  
587 setting. For each channel tested, a corresponding graphic for the SQD produced in that setting  
588 shall be provided in the application. Refer to the [SQD](#) section for reporting requirements.
  - 589 ○ The flux output of each specific channel testing is displayed on the DLC Horticultural  
590 QPL, with the per-channel test outcomes and identifying information for each setting.  
591 These data are intended to support standardized communication of information about  
592 the product’s spectral tuning range, aiding product selection and user acceptance.
  - 593 ○ In addition to the maximum power tested state, corresponding spectral data for each  
594 specific channel testing shall be included in submitted TM-33-18 .xml documents.
- 595 • Applicants shall provide user-facing documentation narrating the control protocol and input  
596 parameters employed in controlling the output and shall comply with the [Controllability](#)  
597 [Requirements](#) listed above.
- 598 • For  $PFM_P$  and  $PFM_{FR}$  evaluation:
  - 599 ○ Provisions for products utilizing multiple types of LEDs shall be followed as described in  
600 the [For fixtures using multiple types of LEDs](#) section.
  - 601 ○ ISTMT testing shall be provided on the hottest of each of the LED types. For each unique  
602 LED type, ISTMT testing shall occur at the operating mode that produces the highest  
603 operating temperature in the fixture for this LED type. Test reports shall specifically  
604 indicate that the product is operated in this “highest operating temperature” condition  
605 during the testing, with a description of the control narrative to ensure that the power  
606 state is at its highest operating temperature designed level.
  - 607 ○ The DLC asks any applicants considering LM-84-based maintenance testing on a  
608 spectrally tunable fixture to contact [horticulture@designlights.org](mailto:horticulture@designlights.org) to discuss their  
609 proposed testing plan.

## 610 **Special Considerations for DC-Powered Fixtures**

### 611 **Eligibility Information**

612 Horticultural lighting fixtures powered by direct current (DC) are eligible for listing on the Horticultural  
613 QPL. DC-powered fixtures include two types:

- 614 • **Modular and/or dynamically configurable fixtures where one or several AC-to-DC power**  
615 **sources supply power to multiple fixtures/modules.** The power source(s) may have a minimum  
616 as well as a maximum number of fixtures that they may serve. The AC-to-DC power source(s)  
617 may be attached to one of the fixtures or may be located remotely from the fixtures. The power  
618 source(s) must be marketed by the fixture manufacturer as the intended power source(s) for  
619 that specific fixture model or family.
- 620 • **Fixtures that operate on DC power, where an AC-to-DC power source is not marketed by the**  
621 **fixture manufacturer as the intended power source.** These fixtures may be wired to an AC-to-  
622 DC power source outside the fixture or in a separate room, or may be part of a DC-only  
623 horticultural facility.

### 624 **Technical Requirements for DC-powered Fixtures**

625 All V3.0 Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements described in **Table 1** shall be met in addition to  
626 the following requirements, with exceptions as noted. The following requirements apply to applications  
627 for DC-powered fixtures, in place of the equivalent AC testing and reporting:

- 628 • **DC-powered “all-on” photon flux test report:** Applicants shall provide an LM-79 report in PDF  
629 format from an accredited third-party test lab with all required photon flux and power values for  
630 verification, including DC voltage, current, and power. This is the test report of the product at  
631 the maximum (non-dimmed) power state of the product.
- 632 • **Power source test report:** If power sources are marketed with the DC-powered fixture,  
633 applicants shall provide a table of the following performance values for all power sources  
634 offered for sale with the DC fixture. These values may come from benchtop testing  
635 (measurements performed by a manufacturer that are not from a certified testing lab). All  
636 values shall be provided at the reported minimum and maximum AC input voltages for each  
637 power source, as well as at each DC output voltage utilized by the DC-modular fixture (if  
638 multiple). A power source specification sheet or other documentation from the power source  
639 manufacturer with numerical values listed for each load point may satisfy this requirement, in  
640 place of testing.
  - 641 ○ Performance values shall be provided at each of two load points as determined by the  
642 fixture manufacturer:
    - 643 ■ Maximum power load, i.e., the load representing the maximum number of light  
644 fixtures that can be powered by this power source.
    - 645 ■ The load point of the power source between maximum power load and 20% of  
646 maximum load that results in the worst-case power source efficiency.

- 647 – Only load points achievable with multiples of this fixture at full output
- 648 need to be considered in identifying the worst-case power source
- 649 efficiency. For example, for a 100W power source that may power
- 650 either two or three 30W fixtures, only the 60% and 90% loading
- 651 conditions need to be compared to determine the worst-case efficiency.
- 652 – A lower limit on load points may also be set by the loading requirement
- 653 for a given power source listed on the fixture specification sheet. For
- 654 example, “required operating range of 15-90W output at 100W input
- 655 power.”

- 656 ○ The following performance values shall be reported in the power source test report:
  - 657 ▪ Nominal AC input voltage
  - 658 ▪ Maximum output power of the power source at the specified input voltage,
  - 659 shown to the nearest watt
  - 660 ▪ Minimum and maximum output power for the specific combination of power
  - 661 source and horticultural fixture at full output, shown to the nearest watt
  - 662 ▪ Loading percentage (the ratio of tested DC output power to maximum output
  - 663 power with this fixture), shown to the nearest tenth of a percent
  - 664 ▪ Tested AC input power, shown to the nearest hundredth of a watt
  - 665 ▪ Tested DC output power, shown to the nearest hundredth of a watt
  - 666 ▪ Electrical efficiency (power source output power divided by power source input
  - 667 power), shown as a percentage to two decimal places
  - 668 ▪ Power factor, shown to three decimal places
  - 669 ▪ Total harmonic distortion of the current waveform as a percentage, shown to
  - 670 one decimal place

- 671 ○ The following example shows this table for a single power source:

Manufacturer Name			Model Number			AC Input Voltage Range (V)		DC Output Voltage Range (V)		
ABC Corp.			ABC123			120-277		48		
Nominal AC Input Voltage (V)	Power Source Maximum Output (W) [Output rating irrespective of fixture]	Minimum Output Power with this fixture type (W) [fixture type at full output]	Maximum Output Power with this fixture type (W) [fixture type at full output]	Loading Scenario	Loading Percentage (%) [Relative to maximum for this fixture type-power source combination]	Tested AC Input Power (W)	Tested DC Output Power (W)	Tested Efficiency (%)	Power Factor	Total Harmonic Distortion (current) (%)
				Worst-Case Efficiency	20.0	677.63	600.00	88.54	0.914	4.0
277	3100	300	3000	Full	100.0	3098.02	3000.00	96.84	0.932	5.6
				Worst-Case Efficiency	20.0	665.19	600.00	90.20	0.911	5.9

- 672 ○ Fixtures where no AC-to-DC power source is marketed by the fixture manufacturer as
- 673 the intended power source with any AC-to-DC power source are not required to provide
- 674 a power source test report. These products will be listed with an assumed AC-to-DC
- 675 conversion efficiency (see below).

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- **Power source ISTMT report:** Consistent with the Horticultural Technical Requirements for drivers, power source ISTMT reports are required for all horticultural products sold with AC-to-DC and DC-to-DC power sources, as applicable. DC-to-DC power source ISTMT reports are required for both DC fixture types described in the “Eligibility Information” section above.
    - DC-to-DC power sources include any component that modifies the current or voltage input to the LED chips, either in value relative to input (e.g., a voltage converter) or value over time (e.g., a constant current power source).
    - AC-to-DC power sources, in the context of DC-powered products, include components external to the listed product that convert AC power to DC power.
  - **Information or specifications for DC cabling:** Manufacturers shall provide information or specifications for DC cabling on the fixture specification sheets or supplemental marketing documentation. Guidance for maintaining cabling losses to less than 2% for a fully loaded power supply shall be detailed.
    - The fixture wattage in the cabling guidance shall match the input power of the submitted fixture, and the cabling losses shall reflect the copper resistance values listed in [NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, 2020 Edition](#). Applicants may choose their own tradeoff of cabling gauge and length, as long as it conforms with cabling information provided on the fixture specification sheet.
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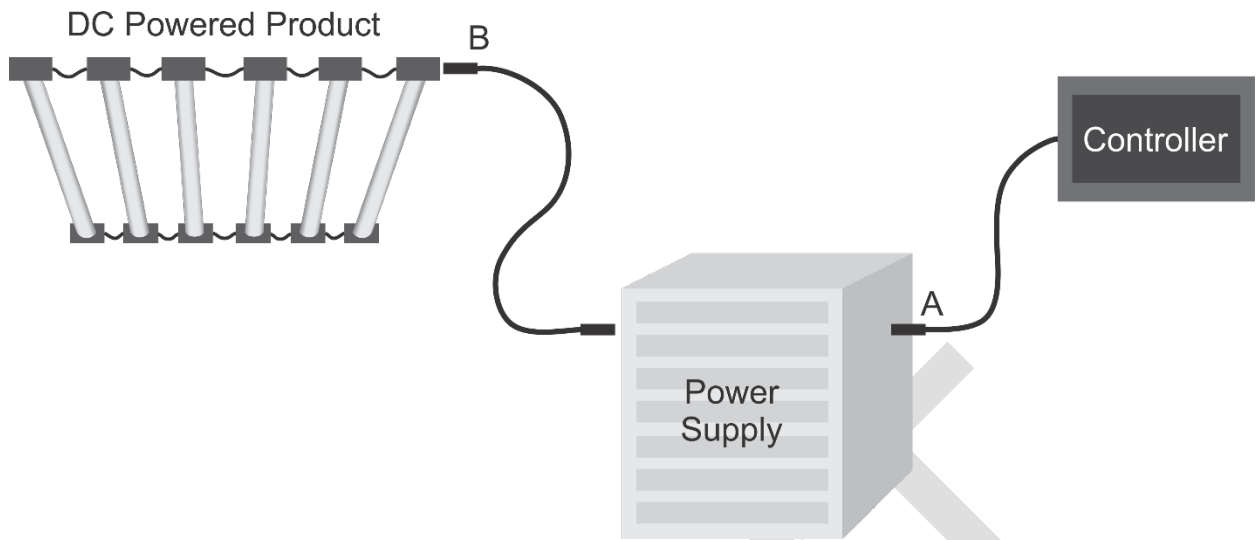
#### 694 **Controllability Interactions with DC-specific Requirements**

695 Because DC powered products are often designed for multiple light bars to be combined into a larger  
696 light source, all DC powered products shall be dimmable regardless of PPF. All controllability  
697 requirements from **Table 3** shall be met, with the following adjustments and clarifications:

- For DC-powered products controlled via a specific central AC to DC power source marketed for use with the product, as shown in **Figure 1**, the “Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product” refers to communication between the power supply and the dimming controller, received at point “A” in **Figure 1**. In addition, the “Connector/Transmission Hardware” refers to the port or terminal on the power source that a control cable connects to, depicted as “A” in **Figure 1**. The options from **Tables 4** and **5** apply. If multiple power sources are available for a single DC powered product, each with a unique dimming / control method or transmission hardware, these options must each be represented by an individual line item on the QPL and cannot be bracketed into a single catalog number.
  - In cases where no power source is marketed for use with the product, or dimming is not controlled via an external power source, “Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product” refers to the signal received by the product at point “B” in **Figure 1**, and “Connector/Transmission Hardware” refers to the port or terminal on the product that a control cable connects to, depicted as “B” in **Figure 1**. The options from **Tables 4** and **5** apply.
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713 **Controllability** section must be met.

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**Figure 1:** Depiction of a DC powered luminaire connected to a central AC to DC power supply. Connector A is the point where the power supply connects and receives a control signal from the controller, and connector B is the point where the luminaire connects and receives a control signal from the power supply.

### QPL Listing Information for DC-powered Fixtures

DC-powered fixtures will be listed on the Horticultural Lighting QPL with the following differences from AC-powered fixtures.

The following new fields will be listed on the QPL. Unless noted below, all DC numerical fields below will have an equivalent tested value and reported, or nominal, value provided by the submitter in the review.

- **“Input Power Type”** will be distinguished between AC and DC products.
- **“Tested Voltage”** and **“Tested DC Input Current”**, from the all-on DC-powered LM-79 photon flux report for both DC-powered fixture types. Nominal values for **“Reported Maximum Input Voltage”**, **“Reported Minimum Input Voltage”**, and **“Reported DC Input Current”**, are provided by the submitter during application submittal.
- **“DC Input Wattage”** and **“DC Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ ) (400-700nm)”** will display the values from the all-on DC-powered LM-79 photon flux report.
  - Optional new field **“DC PE<sub>PBAR</sub> ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ ) (280-800nm)”** will be reported if **“DC PF<sub>PBAR</sub> ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ ) (280-800nm)”** is reported.
- New fields will display **“AC De-rated Input Wattage”** and **“AC De-rated PPE ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ ) (400-700nm)”** only for DC-powered fixtures.
  - DC-powered fixtures shall meet the PPE threshold requirement at their AC de-rated PPE value.
    - For example, a 100W lightbar with a DC-powered PPE of 2.5  $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$  and a power source with a worst-case efficiency of 90% at 20% load would be listed on the QPL at 2.25  $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$  AC De-rated PPE and 105W AC De-rated Input Wattage.

- 741                   ▪ The fields currently used for “Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy: 400-700 nm,  
742                   μmol/J (PPE) (AC)” will not be populated.
- 743           ○ DC-powered fixtures marketed with any AC-to-DC power source will reflect the power  
744           efficiency of the AC-to-DC conversion at the load condition that creates the worst-case  
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- 746                   ▪ For example, a 100W lightbar with a PPE of 3.0 μmol/J and a power supply  
747                   showing a worst-case efficiency of 85% at 20% load, would be listed on the QPL  
748                   at 2.55 μmol/J and 118W.
- 749           ○ DC-powered fixtures that are not marketed with any AC-to-DC power source will display  
750           values in the AC de-rated fields based on an assumed 87.5% conversion efficiency.  
751           87.5% is informed by the [Federal Standard 10 C.F.R. § 430.32\(w\)](#) for minimum efficiency  
752           for external power supplies greater than 250W.
- 753           ○ Optional new field **“AC De-rated PE<sub>PBAR</sub> (μmol/J) (280-800nm)”** will be reported if “DC  
754           PE<sub>PBAR</sub> (μmol/J) (280-800nm)” is reported.
- 755           ○ **“Power Source Loading Percentage”** will display the fixture loading that creates the  
756           worst-case efficiency used in the de-rating calculations and the power source load point  
757           that creates that worst-case condition, in the format "AC-derated performance is  
758           91.12% efficiency at 20% loading on a 3000W power source at 120V."
- 759           • **“Cabling Loss Example”** will show an example of cabling length and gauge that results in cabling  
760           losses less than 2% for a fully-loaded power supply.
- 761                   ○ For example: “Nine 300W fixtures parallel-wired with 100 feet of 10AWG cabling to a  
762                   3,000W power supply channel.”
- 763                   ○ This field will be populated only for DC-powered fixtures marketed with an AC-to-DC  
764                   power source.
- 765           • The worst-case values of total harmonic distortion (current) and power factor from the Tested  
766           Power Source Table will be shown in the existing fields for **“Total Harmonic Distortion”** and  
767           **“Power Factor.”** THDi and power factor fields will be populated only for fixtures marketed with  
768           an AC-to-DC power source.

## 769 **Special Considerations for Externally Supplied Actively Cooled Fixtures**

### 770 **Eligibility Information**

771 LED horticultural fixtures that employ externally supplied circulating liquid are eligible with the following  
772 conditions described below.

- 773           • The DLC defines externally supplied circulating-liquid-cooled horticultural fixtures to be products  
774           in which liquid, often water or a water/glycol solution, flows through input and output ports of  
775           each fixture in the system, being channeled through a cooling plate or other heat exchanger  
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- LED horticultural fixtures that employ externally supplied ducted forced air are not eligible at this time. For simplicity, Version 3.0 may refer to eligible externally supplied actively cooled fixtures as ‘actively cooled’.

780 **Technical Requirements for Externally Supplied Actively Cooled Fixtures**

781 All V3.0 Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements described in **Table 1** shall be met in addition to  
782 the following requirements and clarifications:

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- Manufacturers shall specify information regarding allowable operating conditions that affect product performance, including:
    - **Solution type/concentration:**
      - Restrictions or limitations to allowable solution type/concentration shall be described in marketing material/specification sheets and will be reported on the Hort QPL.
    - **Inlet fluid temperature range:**
      - Minimum and maximum allowable operating inlet fluid temperatures shall be stated in marketing material/specification sheets and will be reported on the Hort QPL.
      - Data describing the performance impact of varying inlet fluid temperature on measured PPF and measured input power of the fixture, reported in increments of 5 degrees Celsius (or smaller) covering the complete allowable inlet fluid temperature range, shall be provided. A template file will be available for actively cooled applications to capture this data. The template file will be used to generate and report an image of this data on the QPL.
        - Flow rate shall be held constant across the allowable temperature range and shall be reported.
        - Measured PPF as a function of inlet fluid temperature data and measured input power as a function of inlet fluid temperature data shall be provided and will be reported on the Hort QPL.
      - All temperature values shall be reported in degrees Celsius.
    - **Self-protect cut-off functionality:**
      - Fail to off functionality shall be present to turn off the actively cooled fixture before a maximum inlet fluid temperature is reached, in the event that the external cooling system fails.
      - Self-protect cutoff temperature shall be stated in manufacturer-provided marketing material/specification sheet and will be reported on the Hort QPL.
  - All inlet fluid temperatures shall be maintained within a tolerance of +/- 2.5 degrees Celsius to the target temperature during LM-79 and ISTMT testing.
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- 813 • LM-79 testing shall employ water as the cooling liquid at an appropriate flow rate to maintain  
814 the targeted *median inlet fluid temperature* (i.e., middle operating inlet fluid temperature in the  
815 allowable range) as defined by the luminaire manufacturer.
- 816 • The average and maximum inlet fluid temperature measured during LM-79 testing (measured at  
817 fixture-level stabilization per LM-79), within the allowable 5-degree Celsius range, shall be  
818 provided and reported on the Hort QPL.
- 819 • ISTMT testing shall employ water as the cooling liquid at an appropriate flow rate to maintain  
820 the targeted *worst-case inlet fluid temperature* (i.e., maximum allowable operating inlet fluid  
821 temperature) as defined by the luminaire manufacturer. The average and maximum inlet fluid  
822 temperature measured during ISTMT testing (at stabilization), within the allowable 5-degree  
823 Celsius range, shall be provided and will be reported on the Hort QPL.
- 824 • Flow rate, measured in gallons per minute (GPM), shall be recorded during LM-79 and ISTMT  
825 testing, with the average and highest flow rate measurements being provided and reported on  
826 the Hort QPL.
- 827 • Outlet fluid temperature shall be measured during LM-79 testing, with the average and highest  
828 outlet fluid temperature reported on the Hort QPL.
- 829 • To support the qualification of externally supplied circulating liquid cooled horticultural fixtures,  
830 the DLC will accept LM-79 gonioradiometric testing with methods or equipment ranging from  
831 Type C goniometers to other gonioradiometer types.
  - 832 ○ All externally supplied circulating liquid cooled horticultural fixtures seeking qualification  
833 by the DLC shall test the fixture per ANSI/IES LM-79, including requirements specific  
834 to, but not limited to, stabilization and optical measurements, while employing active  
835 cooling.
  - 836 ○ The DLC reserves the right to require additional information on all LM-79 test reports  
837 derived from non-Type-C gonioradiometer types.

### 838 QPL Listing Information

839 In addition to the existing fields, externally supplied actively cooled fixtures will have the following  
840 information listed on the QPL:

- 841 • **“Active Cooling Presence”**
  - 842 ○ Externally supplied circulating liquid cooled horticultural fixtures will be distinguished as  
843 “active cooling presence” and will be designated as such on the Hort QPL (e.g., as a  
844 filterable field)
- 845 • **“Tested Inlet Fluid Temperature” and “Tested Flow Rate”**
  - 846 ○ Maximum measured inlet fluid temperatures and flow rates per ISTMT and LM-79  
847 testing
  - 848 ○ Average measured inlet fluid temperatures and flow rates per ISTMT and LM-79 testing
- 849 • **“Tested Outlet Fluid Temperature”**
  - 850 ○ Maximum measured outlet fluid temperature per LM-79 testing



- 851 ○ Average measured outlet fluid temperature per LM-79 testing
- 852 ● Additional reporting fields, relating to the allowable operating conditions for the system
- 853 including:
  - 854 ○ **“Solution Concentration Restrictions”**
  - 855 ○ **“Minimum Allowable Inlet Fluid Temperature”** and **“Maximum Allowable Inlet Fluid**
  - 856 **Temperature”**
  - 857 ○ **“Self-Protect Cut-Off Temperature”**
  - 858 ○ Reported data depicting PPF and wattage as a function of inlet fluid temperature.

## 859 **Special Considerations for LED Replacement Lamps**

### 860 **Eligibility Information: Linear Replacement Lamps**

861 LED replacements for linear fluorescent lamps are eligible with the following conditions:

- 862 ● The DLC defines all tube-style LED products that use lamp holders (i.e., sockets or tombstones)
- 863 in the luminaire to mechanically and/or electrically connect to the fixture housing and electric
- 864 supply to fall under these testing requirements. Products that do not employ lamp holders are
- 865 not eligible as lamps under this policy.
- 866 ● The DLC defines bare lamp as the performance characteristics of a replacement lamp, including
- 867 the effects of an external ballast (for Type A and Dual Mode lamps) or driver (for Type C lamps),
- 868 if applicable, when operated outside of a luminaire or retrofit kit.
- 869 ● The following linear lamp replacement types (i.e., T8, T5, or T5HO) and specific lengths are
- 870 eligible for listing. Marketing material shall indicate that they are intended to replace
- 871 fluorescent lamps of the same type and length. Products of different lengths, bases, or
- 872 marketed as intended to replace other types of fluorescent lamps are not eligible. Products
- 873 intended to operate on magnetic ballasts or those with different base types are not eligible.
  - 874 ○ **T8 Two-Foot Linear Replacement Lamps**
  - 875 LED lamps intended to replace T8 fluorescent lamps. These LED lamps shall be 24 inches
  - 876 long and employ a G13 base.
  - 877 ○ **T8 Four-Foot Linear Replacement Lamps**
  - 878 LED lamps intended to replace T8 fluorescent lamps. These LED lamps shall be 48 inches
  - 879 long and employ a G13 base.
  - 880 ○ **T8 Eight-Foot Linear Replacement Lamps**
  - 881 LED lamps intended to replace T8 fluorescent lamps. These LED lamps shall be 96 inches
  - 882 long and employ a FA8 base.
  - 883 ○ **T5 Four-Foot Linear Replacement Lamps**
  - 884 LED lamps intended to replace T5 fluorescent lamps. These LED lamps shall be 46 inches
  - 885 long and employ a G5 base.
  - 886 ○ **T5HO Four-Foot Linear Replacement Lamps**
  - 887 LED lamps intended to replace T5HO (High Output) fluorescent lamps. These LED lamps
  - 888 shall be 46 inches long and employ a G5 base.

- 889 • The following UL Types A, B, Dual Mode (AB) and C are eligible for listing.
- 890 ○ **Internal Driver/Fluorescent Ballast (UL Type A):**
- 891 Products of this type employ lamp holders to connect to the fixture being retrofitted and
- 892 are designed to be "plug and play" replacements for fluorescent lamps. That is, products in
- 893 this category operate utilizing an existing fluorescent ballast, and do not require additional
- 894 mechanical or electrical changes to the fixture.
- 895 ○ **Internal Driver/Line Voltage (UL Type B):**
- 896 Products of this type employ lamp holders to connect to the fixture being retrofitted, but do
- 897 not operate utilizing the existing fluorescent ballast. These products require rewiring of the
- 898 existing fixture to bypass the ballast and send line voltage directly to the lamp holders.
- 899 ○ **Dual Mode Internal Driver (UL Type A and Type B):**
- 900 Products of this type can either use the existing fluorescent ballast or be operated using line
- 901 voltage if the fixture is rewired to bypass the ballast. These products connect to the fixture
- 902 using standard lamp holders.
- 903 ○ **External Driver (UL Type C):**
- 904 Products in this category employ lamp holders to connect to the fixture being retrofitted.
- 905 They do not use the existing fluorescent ballast and require rewiring of the existing fixture
- 906 to replace the ballast with an external driver (i.e., the driver is internal to the fixture but
- 907 external to the lamp). The lamp holders are then wired to connect to the external driver.
- 908 For Type-C lamp systems with non-identical lamps, refer to the *Special Considerations for*
- 909 *Linear Replacement Type-C Lamp Systems with Non-Identical Lamps* as written in the [SSL](#)
- 910 [Testing and Reporting Requirements for Linear Replacement Lamps](#).

911 **Testing Notes: Linear Replacement Lamps**

912 For Type A and Dual Mode Type A/B linear replacement lamps designed to operate on an existing  
 913 fluorescent ballast, the PPE, PPF, and wattage performance shall represent the combined lamp + ballast  
 914 system. LM-79 testing shall be conducted using a ballast consistent with **Table 7**. Specification sheets for  
 915 the ballast used during testing shall be provided with the application and the ballast make and model  
 916 number shall be noted in the test report. Ballasts used in testing shall be certified to the applicable  
 917 safety standards and shall comply with applicable ANSI standards.

918 **Table 7: Type A and Dual Mode Reference Ballast Criteria**

General Applications	Reference Ballast for Type A and Dual Mode Type A/B
<b>T8 Linear Replacement Lamps</b>	T8 electronic instant-start ballast with 0.88 ballast factor
<b>T5/T5HO Linear Replacement Lamps</b>	T5/T5HO electronic programmed-start ballast with 1.0 ballast factor

919 For Type-B and Type-C products (i.e., lamp-style retrofit kits, which connect mechanically and/or  
 920 electrically to the fixture via standard lamp holders, but which require an electrical modification to the  
 921 existing fixture), "lamp"-level testing is also required.

922 If the system is designed to operate multiple lamps utilizing an external driver, the driver shall be loaded  
 923 as it would be in the field, with appropriate steps taken to calculate the PPE of the single lamp. For

924 example, for a two-lamp kit, one lamp should be measured for PPF, while the system as intended (with  
925 two identical lamps on the driver) should be measured for electrical input. The wattage into the driver  
926 can then be divided by two, and that wattage divided into the lamp lumens to determine system PPE.

927 Appropriate steps to measure the electrical and photometric properties of the lamp system, under most  
928 circumstances, would be to load the driver or ballast appropriately, then isolate a single lamp in the  
929 apparatus being used for photometric measurements. In a sphere, for example, this could be  
930 accomplished by placing one lamp from the system inside the sphere, while the other one is outside the  
931 sphere.

932 Goniophotometric testing of bare lamps is also required for verification of beam angle. Understanding  
933 that it may be challenging to properly isolate a single lamp from a multi-lamp system in a  
934 goniophotometer, the DLC will accept testing that conforms to the LM-79 standard and operates the  
935 lamp directly on DC power, eliminating the external driver or ballast from the system. The only results of  
936 this test that will be used in the application review will be the candela array for calculations of beam  
937 angle. All other measurements will not be used in the application review.

938 If testing using this method:

- 939 • The power supplied by the lab power supply to the lamp should match that which the lamp would  
940 receive from the ballast or external driver.
- 941 • A separate LM-79 report from an integrating sphere shall be provided on the lamp under test.
- 942 • The goniophotometric test report shall explicitly and clearly state the test conditions (i.e., without  
943 driver/ballast).

944 For questions, please contact [horticulture@designlights.org](mailto:horticulture@designlights.org).

### 945 **Eligibility Information: Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps**

946 LED replacements for mogul-base high intensity discharge (HID) lamps are eligible with the following  
947 conditions:

- 948 • The DLC accepts Horticultural QPL applications for mogul (E39 and E40) screw-base replacement  
949 lamps. Only UL Type B products, which require removal of the existing ballast from the circuit  
950 and the lamp holder to be wired with line voltage, are eligible.
  - 951 ○ Other base types and UL Types are not eligible at this time.
  - 952 ○ Lamps with [field adjustable light distribution](#) (FALD) are not eligible at this time.

### 953 **Technical Requirements Information: All Replacement Lamps**

954 All replacement lamps seeking horticultural lighting qualification shall test the bare lamp according to  
955 LM-79 to meet all V3.0 Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements for fixtures as described in **Table 1**,  
956 except for driver lifetime and a five-year warranty. These exceptions are described below:

- 957 • Instead of driver lifetime:
  - 958 ○ Lamps shall have a lifetime of at least 50,000 hours.

- 959 ○ Lamps shall perform an In-Situ Temperature Measurement Test (ISTMT) and report at  
960 the product's highest rated ambient temperature using a location on the lamp body,  
961 which will have the highest temperature of any point on the lamp during normal  
962 operation, designated by the manufacturer to correlate to the lifetime with the lifetime  
963 of the lamp.
- 964 ○ Applicants shall supply a technical specification sheet for their product, showing the  
965 lifetime based on the given location's operating temperature and an image/diagram  
966 showing the temperature measurement point (TMP) location on the lamp body for  
967 monitoring the operating temperature.
- 968 ○ In-situ temperature measurement testing shall be conducted, and a report shall be  
969 provided with the application showing an operating temperature measurement point  
970 (TMP) consistent with the specification sheet information and measured temperature  
971 demonstrating that the lamp will have a lifetime of at least 50,000 hours when  
972 operating at or above the highest rated ambient temperature on the lamp's  
973 specification sheet.
- 974 ● Instead of a five-year warranty:
  - 975 ○ LED replacement lamps shall have a manufacturer-provided product warranty of at  
976 least three years. All other requirements of warranty described in this document still  
977 apply to lamps.

978 In addition to meeting all V3.0 Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements for fixtures (except those  
979 noted above), lamps shall meet the following additional requirements:

- 980 ● All replacement lamps shall report beam angle during the application process. This information  
981 will be displayed on the QPL.
- 982 ● All replacement lamps shall report product size information (length, width, height, diameter, as  
983 applicable) on the technical specification sheet. This information will be displayed on the QPL.

#### 984 **Controllability Interactions: All Replacement Lamps**

985 Because lamps are most often used in retrofit applications, all LED replacement lamps shall be  
986 dimmable, and reporting of Connector/Transmission Hardware is not required for replacement lamps.  
987 These special considerations are needed to ensure end users can dim lamps as desired. The following  
988 considerations apply to each UL Type of linear replacement lamps and mogul-screw base lamps, as  
989 appropriate:

#### 990 **UL Type A**

- 991 ● With the exceptions noted below, Type A lamps capable of wired dimming solely via input from  
992 the existing ballast should enter "Other; Dimmable depending on ballast capability" in the  
993 "Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product" field, as wired control signals are  
994 received by the ballast and not the lamp itself. All other fields besides Connector/Transmission  
995 Hardware should be filled in as applicable.

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- Due to the lack of dimmable ballasts available in the marketplace for eight-foot T8 fluorescent lamps, Type A, T8 eight-foot lamps that claim wired dimming capability utilizing the direct input from the ballast to achieve dimming will be rejected.
  - Any Type A lamps which do not solely utilize the ballast input to achieve dimming capability through a wired dimming or control method (i.e., the dimming control wires connect directly to the lamp) shall report the specific wired dimming or control method and provide a wiring diagram.
    - For the two exceptions above, if an external device is used between the dimming control user interface and Type A lamp, then these lamps will be classified as “Other Wired: Input Signal from External Control Source” and should indicate this on the application form in the “Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product” field as “Other Wired: Input signal from external control source”. The wiring diagram noted above will be evaluated by reviewers to determine if an external device is required to achieve the specific dimming or control method.

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- In addition to reporting dimming range, presence of control capabilities, and dimming and control method designations, Type B lamps that claim to be dimmable via a wired dimming or control method with 0- 10V or DALI shall provide a wiring diagram in the product specification sheet, installation instructions, or separate document showing the electrical circuit of the lamp connecting to mains power, including the location of the input signal from an external control source to the lamp or lamp holder for 0-10V or DALI control.
  - Type B lamps listed for operations with 0-10V or DALI communication control shall be able to achieve this dimming capability without an external signal converter and the low voltage control wires shall connect directly to the lamp or lamp holders.
    - If an external device is used to receive the 0-10V or DALI control signal, then these lamps will be classified as “Other Wired” and should indicate this on the application form in the “Dimming and Control Method Designations to the Product” field as: “Other Wired: Input signal from external control source”. The wiring diagram noted above will be evaluated by reviewers to determine if an external device is required to achieve the specific dimming or control method.

1027 **UL Type A/B Dual Mode**

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- Type A/B shall be dimmable in both modes of operation and stated as such on the product specification sheet.
  - Everything from UL Type A above applies to UL Type A/B Dual Mode. All products will have a note on the QPL that says: “When operated as Type A, dimmable depending on ballast capability”
  - Similarly, Dual Mode Lamps shall supply documentation as noted in the Type B section above and will be listed on the QPL as described for Type B lamps. If the Type B lamp accomplishes dimming with an external accessory, it will include a note that is specific to Type B operation.

1036 **UL Type C**

- 1037 • Type C lamps must meet all V3.0 controllability requirements with the exception of reporting  
1038 Connector/Transmission Hardware.

1039 **Technical Requirements Information: Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps**

1040 Screw-base replacements for HID lamps can be generally omni-directional (the DLC defines omni-  
1041 directional as a product that emits radiation in all directions except in the base direction) or directional.  
1042 Manufacturers shall self-designate the lamp type using the “Lamp Category” field.

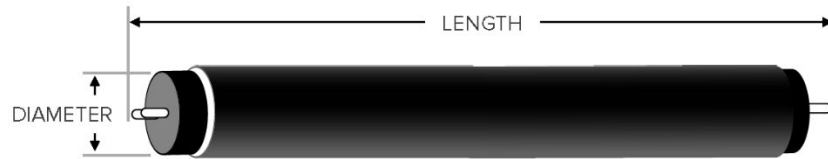
- 1043 • In addition to beam angle, screw-base replacements for HID lamps shall report field angle during  
1044 the application process. This information will be displayed on the QPL.
- 1045 • Screw-base replacements for HID lamps shall report intended mounting position. PPID polar  
1046 plots shall include tested mounting position.

1047 **QPL Listing Information: All Replacement Lamps**

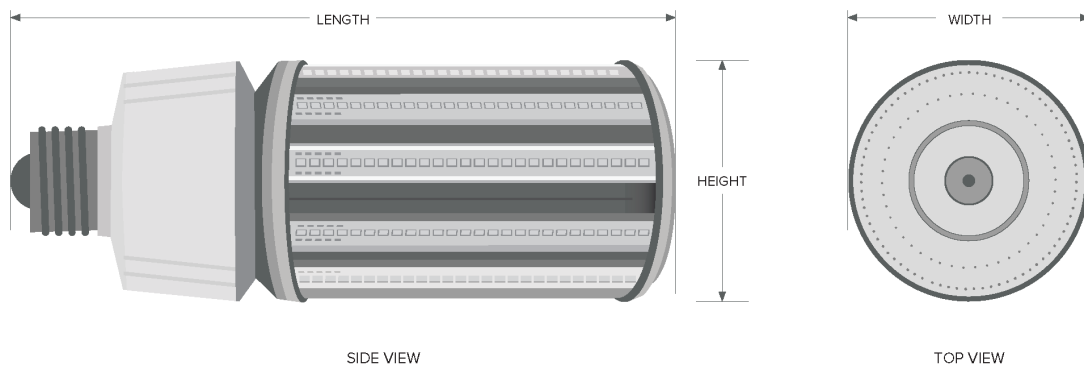
1048 In addition to existing fields, replacement lamps will have the following information listed on the  
1049 Horticultural Lighting QPL:

- 1050 • **“Lamp Category”**  
1051 ○ Options include: Linear Replacement Lamp; Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps -  
1052 Omni-Directional; or Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps – Directional.
- 1053 • **“Base Type”**  
1054 ○ Options include: G13, G5, FA8, E39, E40.
- 1055 • **“Product Size Information”**  
1056 ○ Linear replacement lamps shall complete the following fields on the application form:  
1057 “Length (including pin bases)” and “diameter.” **Figure 2** shows dimensions of a typical  
1058 linear replacement lamp that shall be reported on the application form.
- 1059 ○ Screw-base replacement lamps shall complete the following fields on the application  
1060 form: “length,” “width,” “height.” **Figure 3** shows dimensions of a typical screw-base  
1061 replacement lamp that shall be reported on the application form.
- 1062 ■ Width and height can be the same value if the lamp is round (sometimes  
1063 referred to as “corn-cob style”).
- 1064 ■ If the lamp is not round (sometimes referred to as “paddle style”), width should  
1065 be the maximum dimension perpendicular to the screw base.
- 1066 • **“UL Type”**  
1067 ○ Options for Linear Replacement Lamps include: UL Type A, UL Type B, Dual Mode (UL  
1068 Type AB), UL Type C.
- 1069 ○ The only option for screw-base replacements for HID lamps is UL Type B.
- 1070 • **“Reported Beam Angle”**
- 1071 • **“Reported Field Angle”** (Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps only)

- 1072 • “Intended Mounting” (Screw-Base Replacements for HID Lamps only)
- 1073 ○ Options include: horizontal, vertical, or universal.



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1075 **Figure 2:** Dimensions of linear replacement lamps to be reported on the application form.  
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1078 **Figure 3:** Dimensions of screw-base replacement lamps to be reported on the application form (“corn-cob style”  
1079 example). If the lamp is not round, width should be the maximum dimension perpendicular to the screw base.

1080 **Tolerances**

1081 The DLC accepts measurement tolerances to most metrics listed in the Technical Requirements. Please  
1082 refer to **Table 8** below for additional tolerance information.

1083 **Table 8:** DLC Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements Tolerances

Parameter/Attribute/Metric	V3.0 Tolerances
Photosynthetic Photon Efficacy	-5%
Power Factor	-3 percentage points
Total Harmonic Distortion	+5 percentage points
ISTMT Temperature Measurements	1.1°C or 0.4%, whichever is greater
LM-80 Drive Current	-5%

1084 Tolerances are intended to account for all testing variation, rounding, and significant digits. The  
1085 requirement values and tolerances will be interpreted by DLC review staff as exact requirements. While

1086 test labs will be expected to follow the requirements of their accreditation and relevant test standards,  
1087 DLC staff will not employ additional “rounding” to interpret values below the absolute thresholds as  
1088 passing. For example, if a horticultural lighting product is required to have a PPE of 2.3 with an efficacy  
1089 tolerance of -5%, any value for efficacy less than 2.19 will be interpreted as a failing value. It is the  
1090 applicant’s responsibility to check all data presented in an application before submission to ensure  
1091 compliance with the DLC requirements.

## 1092 Supporting Documentation

### 1093 Test Reports

1094 The DLC requires that all testing be conducted at appropriately accredited laboratories except where  
1095 noted otherwise. Specifically:

- 1096 • Testing of flux, intensity, and electrical characteristics shall be conducted at laboratories that are  
1097 accredited to ISO 17025 and the appropriate reference test standard by accreditation bodies  
1098 that are signatories to the ILAC-MRA.
  - 1099 ○ Labs conducting whole-fixture performance testing shall also follow the [DLC](#)  
1100 [requirements for LM-79 labs](#).
- 1101 • Labs conducting testing of device-level and/or fixture-level photon flux maintenance shall also  
1102 follow the [DLC requirements for LM-80/LM-84 labs](#).
- 1103 • Labs conducting *In-Situ Temperature Measurement Testing* (ISTMT) shall meet at least one of  
1104 the following:
  - 1105 ○ Approved by OSHA as Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs)
  - 1106 ○ Approved through an OSHA NRTL data acceptance program or OSHA Satellite  
1107 Notification and Acceptance Program (SNAP)
  - 1108 ○ Accredited for ANSI/UL 1598 or CSA C22.2 No. 250.0-08, including Sections 19.7, 19.10-  
1109 16, by an accreditation organization that is an ILAC-MRA Signatory

## 1110 Additional Reporting Requirements for LM-79 and TM-33-18

1111 In Version 3.0 Draft 2, the DLC proposes to introduce new requirements that require complete  
1112 information to be included in LM-79 test reports (information that may not have been required in the  
1113 past). Additionally, there are new compliance requirements related to TM-21 and its Addendum B to  
1114 address concerns around projected flux maintenance claims and current DLC provisions. This section  
1115 specifies additional reporting requirements for all submitted LM-79 test reports and accompanying TM-  
1116 33 .xml documents. Test reports that do not comply will not be accepted. For measurements that are  
1117 made under conditions that are nonstandard per ANSI/IES LM-79, including measurements related to  
1118 externally supplied actively cooled products, the nonstandard conditions shall be identified in a  
1119 prominent location on the test report.



1120 **IES LM-79 -19**

1121 Horticultural lighting products or family groupings shall be tested according to the guidelines in specified  
1122 ANSI/IES Lighting Measurement (LM) documents. Test reports generated by a test lab that complies with  
1123 the DLC LM-79 Testing Requirements will be accepted only if all optical and electrical performance are  
1124 tested and documented as described below.

- 1125 • Starting with Version 3.0, Only the LM-79-19 version will be accepted for new applications. All  
1126 tests shall be conducted at the full output or non-dimmed state and corresponding test reports  
1127 shall be in .pdf format.
- 1128 • Configurations tested to produce LM-79 reports will be listed as parent products on the QPL  
1129 with the tested performance data based on the QPL listing information in each applicable  
1130 section. If a full LM-79 report describing spectral and spatial distribution performance are  
1131 provided on the same configuration, the tested performance listed on the QPL will be the worst  
1132 performing data set.
- 1133 • Generally, test reports that require color performance information (generally expected to be  
1134 from testing in an integrating sphere, though gonio-spectroradiometer testing is also  
1135 acceptable) do not require distribution performance information. These color-specific test  
1136 reports are generally referred to within this policy as “full LM-79/SQD reports” and shall include,  
1137 but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1138 ○ Electrical characteristics (Wattage, Input Voltage, THD, and PF)
  - 1139 ○ Total photosynthetic photon flux
  - 1140 ○ Efficacy (Photosynthetic photon efficacy)
  - 1141 ○ Accompanying document ([ANSI/IES TM-33-18](#)) with spectral power distribution data  
1142 from 400-800 nm in ≤5nm increments
    - 1143 ■ The product model number shall be present and match in both the TM-33 and  
1144 LM-79 documents
- 1145 • All information listed above, except the accompanying TM-33 .xml document, shall be included  
1146 in a single LM-79 test report. Please refer to the [TM-33-18 Reporting](#) section for additional TM-  
1147 33 reporting requirement information.
- 1148 • Generally, test reports that require distribution performance information (generally expected to  
1149 be from testing with a goniophotometer) do not require color performance information. These  
1150 distribution-specific test reports are generally referred to within this V3.0 policy as “full LM-  
1151 79/PPID reports” and shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1152 ○ Electrical characteristics (Wattage, input voltage, THD and PF)
  - 1153 ○ Photosynthetic photon intensity distribution (PPF array)
  - 1154 ○ Accompanying TM-33-18 .xml document ([ANSI/IES TM-33-18](#)) with photosynthetic  
1155 photon intensity distribution data.
    - 1156 ■ The product model number shall be present and match in both the TM-33 and  
1157 LM-79 documents

- Test reports containing only a partial set of LM-79 metrics (for example, an integrating sphere test report without photosynthetic photon flux reported), will not be accepted for application review purposes. For clarity, even if a test is needed for purposes of verifying input wattage, it must be a full LM-79/SQD report as described herein, with all required metrics reported.

Please refer to the [TM-33-18 Reporting](#) section for additional TM-33 reporting requirement information.

## TM-33-18 Reporting

The DLC requires all applicants to submit accompanying .xml documents per ANSI/IES TM-33-18 for each parent or single product to represent the spatial and spectral distribution of the tested fixture.

- The .xml document shall be based on measured data from an accredited lab, accompanying the LM-79 testing requirements for spectral and spatial measurements.
- The .xml document shall include the spectral power distribution data, with an interval resolution of 5nm or smaller over the photosynthetic and far-red range of wavelengths defined by ANSI/ASABE S640 (400-800nm). The DLC also requires the distribution of photon flux per photon wavelengths over the PBAR range (280-800nm) in the case that applicants provide  $PF_{PBAR}$  and  $PE_{PBAR}$  data. Spectral data in 1nm intervals are acceptable. The spectral measurement represents the integrated flux in all directions from the fixture, without directional spectral information. Per TM-33-18, the data is reported in W/nm, not spectral quantum distributions. All DLC developed and interim manufacturer submitted SQD images will report in  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{nm}^{-1}$ .
- The .xml document shall also include the photosynthetic photon intensity distribution (PPID), reported in  $\mu\text{mol} \times \text{s}^{-1} \times \text{sr}^{-1}$ , over the photosynthetic wavelengths defined by ANSI/ASABE S640 (400-700nm). PPID is the distribution of photosynthetic photon intensity per unit solid angle leaving the fixture. Each measurement is integrated across the 400-700nm range leaving the fixture and contains no granular spectral distribution information (i.e., color over angle).
- TM-33 documents are separated into six elements: Version, Header, Luminaire, Equipment, Emitter, and Custom Data. In addition to all 'required' elements per TM-33-18, the following describes elements required by DLC for V3.0 compliance.
  - Header Element Required Fields
    - Manufacturer
    - Catalog Number
    - Laboratory
    - Report Number
    - Report Date
  - Luminaire Element Required Fields
    - Dimensions
    - Number of Emitters
  - Emitter Element Required Fields
    - Quantity
    - Description

- 1196                   ▪ Catalog Number
- 1197                   ▪ Input Wattage
- 1198                   ▪ Power Factor
- 1199                   ▪ Data Generation – Intensity Scaling element field shall be ‘false’. Scaling with
- 1200                   respect to laboratory measurements will be not accepted. Angle interpolation
- 1201                   element shall be 'true' or 'false', not blank.
- 1202                   ▪ Photon Data – Photon Intensity data fields shall include ONLY PPF (400-700 nm).
- 1203                   Photon Flux data field shall report ONLY PPF (400-700 nm).
- 1204                   ▪ Spectral Data – Spectral Intensity shall be reported. Additionally, Emitter Name
- 1205                   is required for spectrally tunable products.
- 1206                   ○ Custom Data Element Required Fields
- 1207                   ▪ A custom data element called ‘Radiant Power to PPF Scalar Multiplier’ shall be
- 1208                   reported for the ratio of PPF to radiant watts within the PAR range (400–700
- 1209                   nm). The ‘Any Data’ field shall describe this scalar multiplier. Unique Identifier
- 1210                   data field must contain a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID), as defined by RFC
- 1211                   4122.
- 1212                   ● It is acceptable to report element fields described in TM-33-18 that are not detailed above. All
- 1213                   data shall be reported to the number of decimal places per the applicable standard or as defined
- 1214                   within these DLC Horticultural Lighting Technical Requirements.

## 1215 **Additional Application Details**

1216 In addition to the test data noted in the sections above, the DLC requires the following for all  
1217 submissions:

- 1218                   ● A completed web-based application form.
- 1219                   ● Specification sheets (or “cut sheets”) for the product that include maximum ambient
- 1220                   temperature.
- 1221                   ● Specification sheets for all drivers and fans employed in the product, including lifetime-at-
- 1222                   temperature information.
- 1223                   ● Safety certificates of compliance as issued by the relevant safety body, attested to by the DLC
- 1224                   self-certification statement.
- 1225                   ● If demonstrating flux maintenance at the device-level, a completed TM-21 calculator shall be
- 1226                   provided for each LED device present in the fixture, with the applicable LM-80 and ISTMT
- 1227                   information for that LED device. If demonstrating flux maintenance at the fixture-level, a
- 1228                   completed TM-28 calculator shall be provided for the fixture, with the applicable LM-84
- 1229                   information accompanying it.

1230 The DLC will only accept applications for products with testing on the product submitted, with only  
1231 limited variations permitted as detailed in the sections above. Given the multiple options within product  
1232 families, the DLC offers the [Level 2 \(formerly Family Grouping\) Application Requirements for LED-based](#)  
1233 [Horticultural Lighting](#), which describes a method to determine “worst-case” product family members.

1234 **Surveillance Testing Draft Policy**

1235 Version 3.0 Draft 2 proposes specific surveillance testing requirements to actively monitor the validity of  
1236 data and other information submitted to the DLC Horticultural Lighting QPL to protect the integrity and  
1237 value of the QPL for all stakeholders. The draft Horticultural Lighting Surveillance Testing Policy outlines  
1238 the process for selection of products from the QPL for surveillance testing. The DLC may seek to  
1239 implement additional efforts toward these objectives in future policy development cycles.

1240 Please review the draft Horticultural Lighting Surveillance Testing Policy and provide any on how the DLC  
1241 should or should not monitor the validity of QPL listed products.

[Download Draft Horticultural Lighting Surveillance Testing Policy](#)

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