Blacklight Toughcoat™

What are Toughcoat[™] lamps?

Toughcoat[™] lamps are shatter resistant blacklight lamps ensuring excellent fragment retention in the event of breakage. The tubes are coated with Teflon FEP (fluorinated ethylene propylene). This coating differs from conventional PET (PolyEthylene Terphthalate) polymers in that it transmits 97% of the UV-radiation so as to maintain maximum insect attraction. FEP is also a much tougher material which will not become brittle as it ages.

Why use Toughcoat[™] lamps?

For many companies, especially those operating in the food area (also restaurants), the risk of glass and mercury contamination is real. Toughcoat lamps pay dividends in avoiding injury, contamination and loss of production time in case a lamp should be broken. Within the EU, Health and Safety regulations carry heavy penalties for avoidable injury of employees, making these lamps an especially sound investment, to meet the HACCP guidelines.

High quality features

- Excellent fragment retention in the event of breakage
- The protective FEP coating meets the IEC60068-2-75 Pendulum Hammer test (5 Joule) and the 4m drop test, demonstrating excellent glass retention in the event of accidental lamp breakage.
- The 97% UV-A transmission of FEP maintains maximum insect attraction.
- No discolouration or yellowing of shatter resistant coating during the entire lamp life (> 10,000 hrs).
- The FEP material does not degrade during life. Versions employing PET coatings become brittle, and may not contain fragments. PET is also less transparent for UV-radiation..
- The coating withstands up to 200°C in both open and enclosed IP65 fittings. The melting temperature is 260°C.
- Meets all necessary regulations for resistance to heat and fire, and does not support combustion when exposed to naked flame or excessive heat. It passes the 850°C Glow Wire Test
- Satisfies the requirements of the International Food Standard (IFS 2004)
- FDA approved, in compliance with 21CFR177.1550 Regulatory Compliance Status.
- Satisfies the requirements of the BRC (British Retail Consortium) leading supermarkets global standard. In paragraph 3.2.2.6.2 it states "All bulbs and strip lights, including those on electric fly killer units, where they constitute a risk to products, shall be protected by shatterproof plastic diffusers, sleeve covers or with a shatterproof protective coating".



DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Maximum exposure limits are set by EN60335-2-59:1997 at an effective1,0 milliWatt per metre squared (1,0 mW/m²) measured at a distance of 1 metre – originally based on the recommendations of the National Radiological Protection Board in the UK. The irradiance value for a single BL or BL368-lamp measured without reflector and/or fixture, in free air at 25 celsius, is varying between 0,2 and 0,4 mW/m² depending on the wattage or about one-fifth of the limit.



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