DOES YOUR LAMP MEET THE CALIFORNIA QUALITY STANDARD?

Accelerating the adoption of high-quality LED replacement lamps in California homes

The Voluntary California Quality LED Lamp Specification requires that LED lamps meet certain product performance criteria. This “California Quality” specification was developed by the California Energy Commission in collaboration with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to accelerate consumer adoption of LED lamps. Many California utilities are using the California Quality Specification to determine which lamps they will include in their rebate and incentive programs.

The specification’s color quality criteria include the correlated color temperature of a lamp’s output, its color consistency over time, and the lamp’s color rendering capability (CRI ≥ 90 and R9 > 50). California Quality lamps must provide continuous dimming (10 – 100%) with no visible flicker or audible noise. Best-in-class lamps from a growing number of manufacturers are being independently tested to verify their performance and determine if they meet the California Quality Specification.

LED LAMP SPECIFICATION COMPARISON

The “California Quality” specification for LED lamps exceeds certain Energy Star criteria. These criteria are critical to lighting quality and consumer satisfaction.

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<th>California Quality</th>
<th>Energy Star Version 1.0, Solid-State Lamps</th>
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<td>Color Rendering</td>
<td>CRI ≥ 90, R9 &gt; 50</td>
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<td>Color Temperature (CCT) &amp; Consistency</td>
<td>2700K or 3000K within a 4-step MacAdam ellipse</td>
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<td>Dimming Performance without Flicker or Noise</td>
<td>10 – 100% continuous</td>
<td>20 – 100% (only required of those lamps marketed as dimmable)</td>
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<td>Power Factor (PF)</td>
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LED PERFORMANCE DATABASE
ledperformancedatabase.org

The California Lighting Technology Center, at the University of California, Davis, worked with stakeholders to create a third-party LED lamp testing program and a database for test results. This database will help utilities and other organizations understand how the market is evolving and identify which lamps meet the California Quality standard. The LED Performance Database allows registered users to compare photometric and electrical test results from CLTC’s labs with data provided by manufacturers. The database also allows users to search and filter results, perform statistical analysis, and see results presented in user-friendly graphics.

LIST YOUR BEST-IN-CLASS LAMPS

Manufacturers can see their best-in-class lighting products listed in the LED Performance Database by contacting CLTC and submitting product samples for testing. For more information about CLTC’s photometric and electrical testing capabilities and the LED Performance Database, please contact:

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