LINEAR FLUORESCENT BASE TYPES











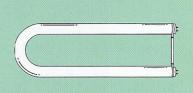


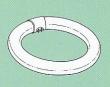
LINEAR FLUORESCENT LAMP SHAPES





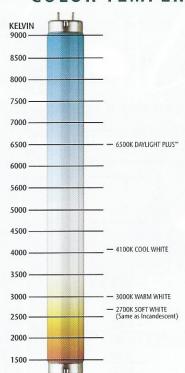








COLOR TEMPERATURE SCALE





FLUORESCENT LAMP COMPONENTS

LAMP Usually straight glass tube. May also be circular or U-shaped

PHOSPHOR

Coating inside the bulb transforms ultraviolet radiation into visible light. Color of light produced depends on composition of phosphor.

CATHODE

"Hot cathodes" at each end of lamp are coated with emissive materials which emit electrons. Usually made of coiled-coil or single-coil tungsten wire.

CATHODE GUARD

For maximum lumen maintenance, a "cathode guard" surrounds each electrode to effectively reduce lamp darkening and retain a clean appearance for thousands of hours.

EXHAUST TUBE

Air is exhausted through this tube during manufacture and inert gas introduced into the bulb.

Several different types used to connect the lamp to the electric circuit and to support the lamp in the lampholder.

MERCURY A minute quantity of liquid mercury is placed in the bulb to furnish mercury vapor.

GAS

Usually argon or a mixture of inert gasses at low pressure.

STEM PRESS

The lead-in wires have an air tight seal here and are made of Dumet wire to assure about the same coefficient of expansion as the glass.

LEAD-IN WIRES

Connect to the base pins and carry the current to and from the cathodes and the mercury arc.