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Testing of obstacle light type D amber according to ICAO requirements

(2 appendices)

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Test object

PXA1 XXDAAL low-intensity obstacle light, type D Amber for mobile obstacle (follow-me vehicles).

RISE Research Institutes of Sweden is accredited for testing of lights against requirements for obstacle lights in ICAO Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Aerodromes, Volume I Aerodrome Design and Operations (July 2018 including amendments 15 and 16).

Summary of results

The tested LED light source fulfils the requirements for obstacle light, low-intensity type D (follow-me vehicles), in accordance with ICAO Aerodrome Design and Operations (July 2018).

Identification

Your reference: Oscar Carbó, 2021-04-13

Type: PXA1 XXDAAL, XX = alphabetic characters indicating the light bar length

Manufacturer: FEDERAL SIGNAL VAMA, S.A.

Date of items received: 2021-04-12

Status: Upon reception the items were without visible damage

See photos in Appendix 4.

Manufacturer specification of the light source

The light is a bar of varying length, emitting amber light in all horizontal directions by means of a LED unit in both ends. The tested object had no centre section, the variation in centre section is deemed not to influence the results of measurement.

The light bar end contains 12 LED units behind an amber cover.

Nominal voltage: 12/24 V *dc*

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Measurement method

The measurement method follows SP method No. 5109. The light source is connected to +12.0 V *dc* and +24.0 V *dc* during measurement.

Measurement date

Measurements were performed on May 17, 2021.

Uncertainty of measurement

Luminous intensity: ± 5 % of reading

Chromaticity coordinates: ± 0.005

Angles: $\pm 0,1^\circ$

The reported expanded uncertainty of measurement is stated as the standard uncertainty of measurement multiplied by the coverage factor $k = 2$, which for a normal distribution corresponds to a coverage probability of approximately 95 %. The standard uncertainty of measurement has been determined in accordance with EAL Publication EA-04/2.

Results

Results are presented corresponding to the requirements for low-intensity obstacle lights type D in ICAO: Section 6.2.1, 6.2.2, Table 6-1 Table 6.2, Appendix 1 Section 2.3.

Flashing

The flashing frequency was measured to 80.4 flashes per minute, see Figure 1.

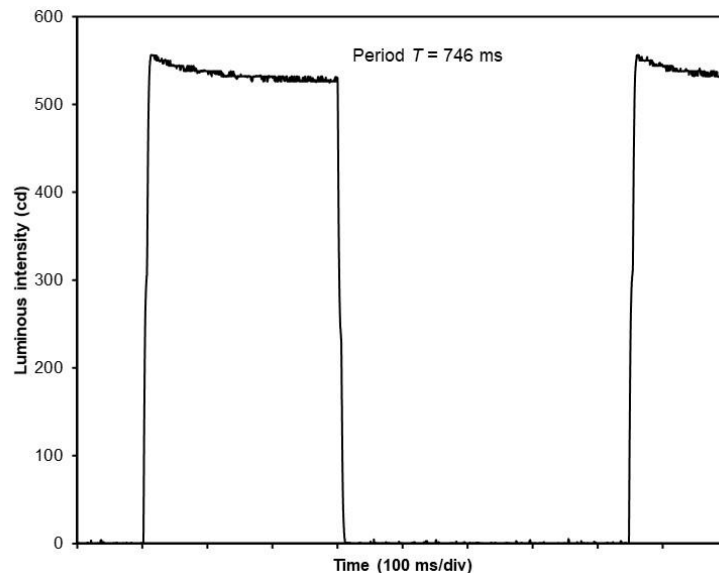


Figure 1. Pulse pattern of the tested object.

The light source fulfils the requirement for flashing in ICAO, Section 6.2, Table 6-1 *Characteristics of obstacle lights*.

Colour

Table 1. Measurement results for colour of the light source.

	x coordinate	y coordinate	Note
PXA1 XXDAAL	0,5801	0,4180	Fulfil requirement

The light source fulfils the requirement for chromaticity coordinates in ICAO, Appendix 1 Section 2.3 *Chromaticities for lights having a solid state light source*. See also diagram in Appendix 1.

Horizontal beam spread

The horizontal beam spread of the light source is 360°, which fulfil the requirements of ICAO Table 6-2 a). Figure 2 shows results for the light source distribution at +17° vertical.

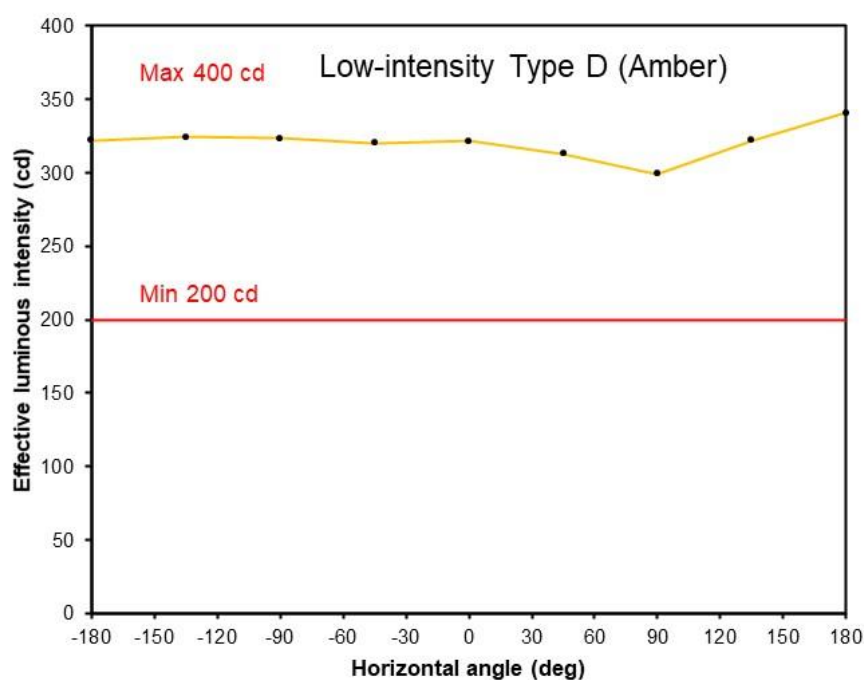


Figure 2. Horizontal beam spread at +17° vertical. The red line shows the minimum requirement.

The light fulfils the requirement of ICAO Table 6-2 for horizontal beam spread.

Vertical beam spread and distribution

The peak intensity was located at approximately $+17^\circ$ vertical, which fulfil the requirements of ICAO Table 6-2. The vertical distribution is shown in Figure 3.

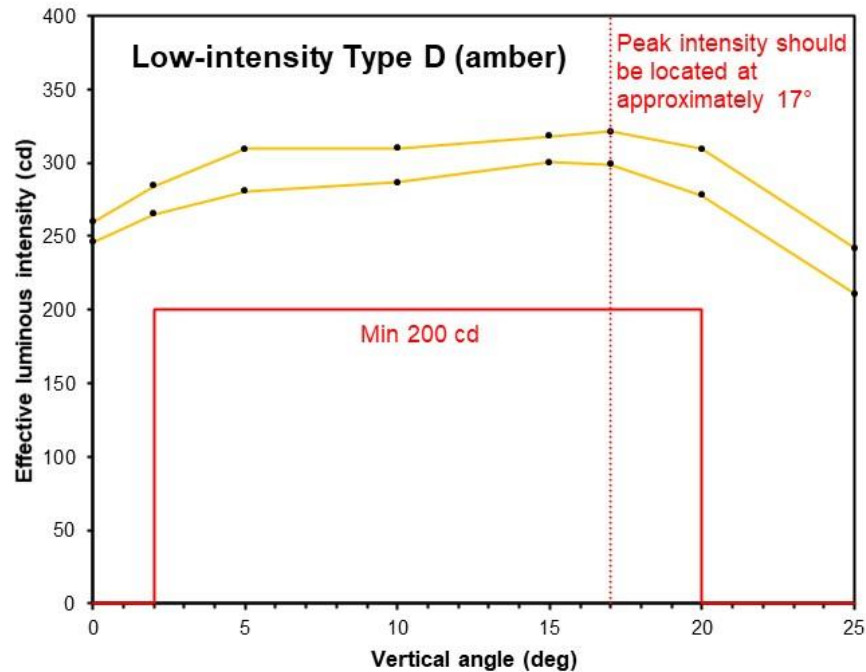


Figure 3. Vertical distribution in two orthogonal directions. The red line indicates the minimum requirement.

The light source fulfils the requirements of ICAO Table 6-2 regarding vertical distribution and minimum luminous intensity.

Remark

The measured values reported are valid only for the unit under test.

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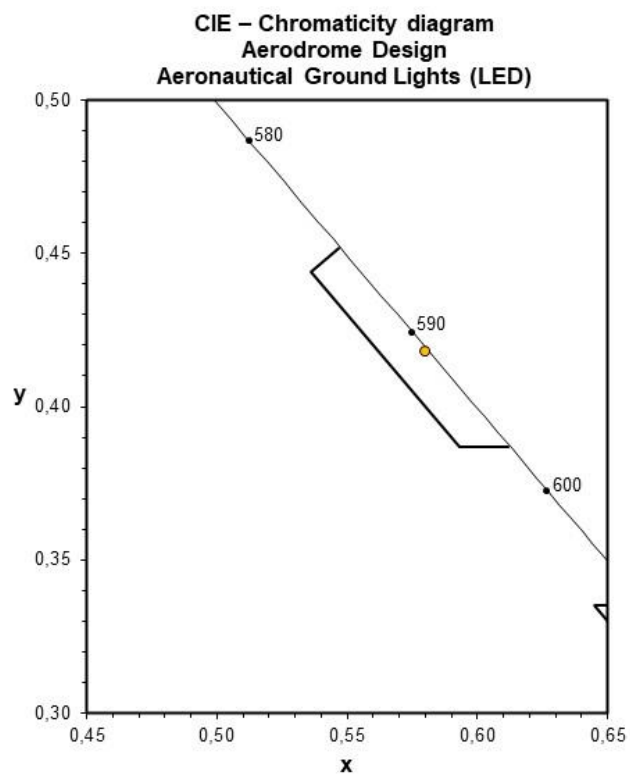
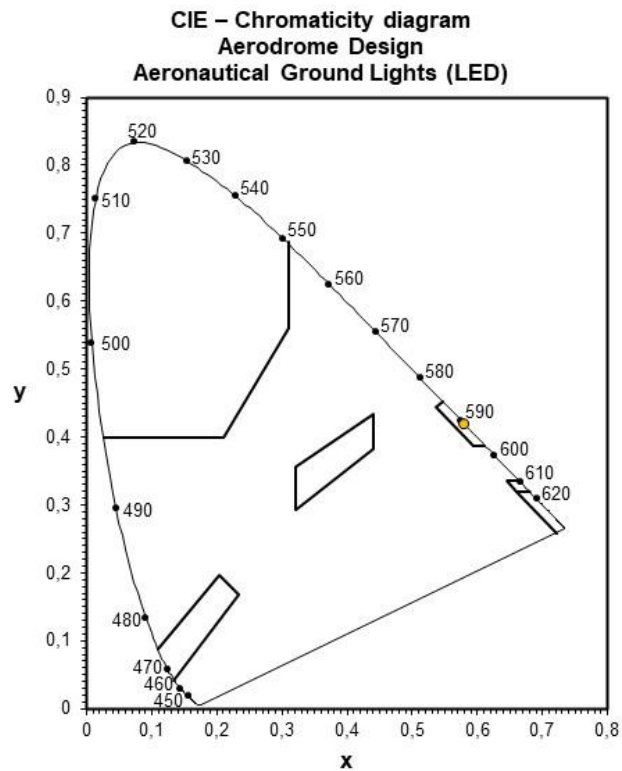
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Appendices

Appendix 1

Colour plot



Appendix 2

Photo of the tested object



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