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Method of Designation

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1 Scope

This standard describes a system for the designation of integrally ballasted Solid State Lighting (SSL) lamps that have standardized characteristics. Lamps with clear, frosted, opaque, or prescription lenses, and with various reflector and/or emitting coatings are covered. Lamps covered in this standard contain LED-based light sources. The lamps may be connected to the branch circuit or to another voltage suitable for lighting applications, such as 12 V AC or DC.

This document is intended to allocate lamp codes for new lamps that are not direct replacements for lamps with existing ANSI Lamp Codes or Lamp Designations. OLED lamps are not included at this time.