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## Introduction

The First World Health Organization (WHO) Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health took place at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 30 October to 1 November 2018. The conference participants considered the scientific evidence on air pollution and health and emphasized: Air pollution — both ambient and household — is estimated to cause 7 million deaths per year; 5,6 million deaths are from noncommunicable diseases and 1,5 million from pneumonia. There is an urgent need to scale up the global response to prevent diseases and deaths (available at <http://www.who.int/phe/news/clean-air-for-health/en/>).

Research shows that indoor air pollution can be 2 to 5 times greater than outdoor pollution and under particular circumstances; it can be up to 100 times. Since people generally spend more than 80 % to 90 % of our time indoors, the quality of indoor air pollution is a key element to good health of people. At the same time, indoor air pollution is one of 5 environmental risk factors to the public health. Under most indoor environments, microbial suspension in the air is the chief culprit to transmitted diseases and it is a factor that many people ignore because these organisms, whose body size is ranging from several micrometres to more than 10 micrometres, are invisible to the naked eye.

In recent years, these germs bring much more intense effect, including frequent occurrences of sick building syndrome, elevated nosocomial infection rate, rapid increase of air-conditioning energy consumption (a microbe film a few millimetres thick accumulates on the air conditioner coil, reducing the heat transfer efficiency of the air treatment unit), smelly air-conditioned rooms and resurgence of tuberculosis. Many people have a drop in their own productivity and spend more on medical care because headache, chest congestion, disturbance in respiration, neurasthenia, nausea and state of mind are fidgety are the most common symptoms for people staying in the air-conditioned rooms. In addition, people in air-conditioned rooms are more susceptible to the infection of ophthalmic and nasitis.

Meanwhile, clinical medical evidence suggests that various diseases, such as heart disease, neurasthenia, memory decline and influenza, correlate with polluted indoor air. The improvement of indoor air quality is desperately needed.

Ultraviolet air disinfection devices are invented in such circumstances. Most ultraviolet air disinfection devices circulate the air indoors. With media filtration and a high-efficiency UV-C lamp, disinfection devices have good effects of filtration of dust in air, meanwhile, it can kill germs and viruses directly and cut the spread of disease. Disinfection devices application can reduce indoor air pollution, improve indoor air quality and provide protection against pneumonia, influenza and other respiratory diseases.





# UV-C devices — Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp, types of UV-C lamp, lamp ballast, and safety issues.

It is applicable to the output measurement of linear UV-C disinfection lamps.

This document specifies a measurement method for evaluating output power of UV-C lamps installed in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. The method includes the simulation measurement of UV-C output power of UV-C lamps under various temperatures and various air velocities, and under conditions that the axial direction of the lamp is parallel or perpendicular to the air flow direction. It can reliably evaluate and compare the UV-C output power of UV-C lamps in the ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) device based on the testing results. If the microbial inactivation rate of a particular UVGI device equipped with the same type of UV-C lamp is known, the microbial inactivation rate of the UVGI device at various temperatures and at various air velocities can be evaluated.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[ISO 15858](#), *UV-C Devices — Safety information — Permissible human exposure*

[ISO 29464:2017](#), *Cleaning of air and other gases — Terminology*

[ISO/IEC 17025](#), *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

CIE S 017, *International Lighting Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in [ISO 29464](#), CIE S 017 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### ultraviolet radiation

#### UV radiation

wavelength of the electromagnetic spectrum of radiation from 10 nm to 400 nm

Note 1 to entry: The range between 100 nm and 400 nm is commonly subdivided into:

- UV-A: 315 nm to 400 nm;
- UV-B: 280 nm to 315 nm;
- UV-C ([3.2](#)): 200 nm to 280 nm;



4.2 Types of UV-C lamps

4.2.1 General

UV-C lamps are divided into medium pressure UV-C lamps and low pressure UV-C lamps; air disinfection devices usually use low pressure UV-C lamps. The low pressure UV-C lamps are made of liquid mercury or amalgam that controls mercury vapour pressure in the UV-C lamp to provide mercury atoms required for discharge. Mercury atoms produce 253,7 nm UV-C photons through electron bombardment. [Figure 1](#) shows the spectrum of low pressure UV-C lamps.

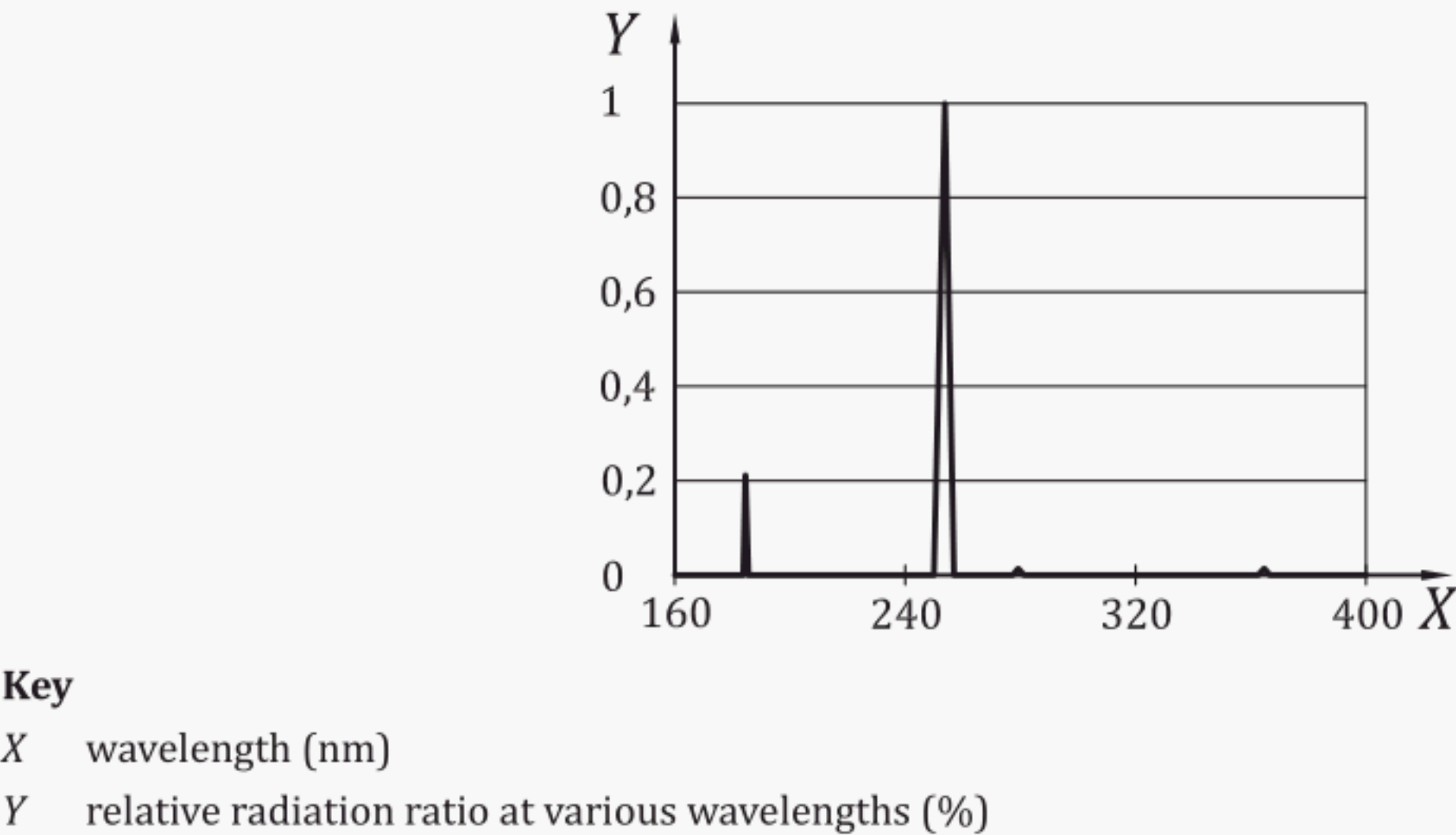


Figure 1 — Low pressure mercury lamp spectrum

4.2.2 Linear UV-C lamps

The most common type of UV-C lamp, linear UV-C lamps can have any length or diameter and are typically characterized by having connectors at both ends or having a connector at a single end, requiring a compatible fixture, as shown in [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#).

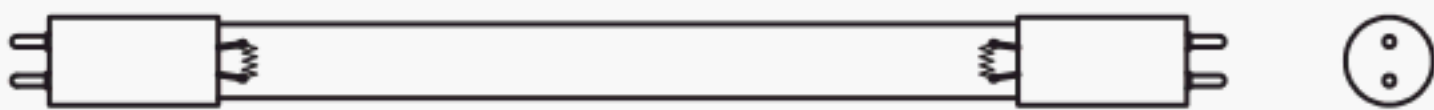


Figure 2 — Linear UV-C lamp with connectors at both ends

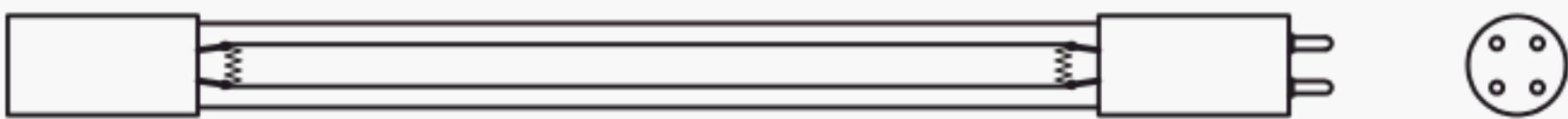


Figure 3 — Linear UV-C lamp with connector at a single end

4.3 Type of ballasts

4.3.1 General

The ballast provides the high initial voltage required to create the starting arc and then limits the current to prevent the UV-C lamp from self-destructing. UV-C lamp ballast can be either magnetic or electronic.



### 4.3.2 Magnetic ballasts

Magnetic ballasts are used to start the UV-C lamp and may be either standard electromagnetic or energy-efficient electromagnetic. The ballast provides a time-delayed inductive kick with enough voltage to ionize the gas mixture in the tube after which the current through the tube keeps the filaments energized. The starter will cycle until the tube lights up. While the UV-C lamp is on, a preheat ballast is just an inductor which at the main frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz) has the appropriate impedance to limit the current to the UV-C lamp to the proper value. Ballasts shall be fairly closely matched to the UV-C lamp in terms of tube wattage, length, and diameter.

### 4.3.3 Electronic ballasts

Electronic ballasts are basically switching power supplies, which eliminate the large, heavy, 'iron' ballast in favour of an integrated high frequency inverter/switcher. Current limiting is then done by a very small inductor, which has sufficient impedance at the high frequency. Properly designed electronic ballasts are relatively reliable, which depend on the ambient operating temperature, location with respect to the heat produced by the UV-C lamp as well as other factors.

## 5 Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp

### 5.1 Measurement method classification

There are two methods to measure the output of a UV-C lamp:

1. Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp in a darkroom: Tests in laboratory (also known as static darkroom test) are conducted to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the measured results;
2. Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp in a test chamber: For industrial application, the tests in a test chamber shall take account of the impact of environmental changes in field (such as temperature change and air velocity change). This method is described in [Annex B](#).

### 5.2 Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp in a darkroom

#### 5.2.1 Instrument

The cosine correction for radiometers and spectroradiometers is critical to the proper measurement of the UV-C irradiance. The cosine correction shall be confirmed by the following method for each UV-C lamp and ballast combination so that the UV-C lamp measurements are consistent within and between laboratories.

The minimum measurement distance needs to be determined for the given UV-C lamp and UV-C radiometer in order to verify cosine response characteristics of the UV-C radiometer and reduce its cosine correction error. The method is as follows:

- a) Take readings of the UV-C radiometer for different distances (radiometer position perpendicular to the UV-C lamp axis), see [Figure 4](#);
- b) Take several readings of the UV-C irradiance. For example, moving the radiometer from the closest point to the most remote point and then back again;
- c) Average the irradiance readings for each distance;
- d) Calculate the output UV-C radiation power of the UV-C lamp from the measured irradiance using [Formula \(1\)](#) for each distance;
- e) Calculate the output UV-C radiation power of the UV-C lamp; plot the calculated UV-C power versus the distance;



- f) When the measurement distance is greater than the minimum distance  $D_{min}$ , the measured UV-C irradiance is consistent with the UV-C output power through calculation as per [Formula \(1\)](#). The UV-C output power of the UV-C lamp should become independent of the distance;
- g) The measurement distance shall be greater than  $D_{min}$ .

The distance derived by this method is valid for the combination of specific UV-C lamp length and specific individual radiometer.

## 5.2.2 Calibration

In order to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data issued by the laboratory, the laboratory shall meet the requirements of [ISO/IEC 17025](#).

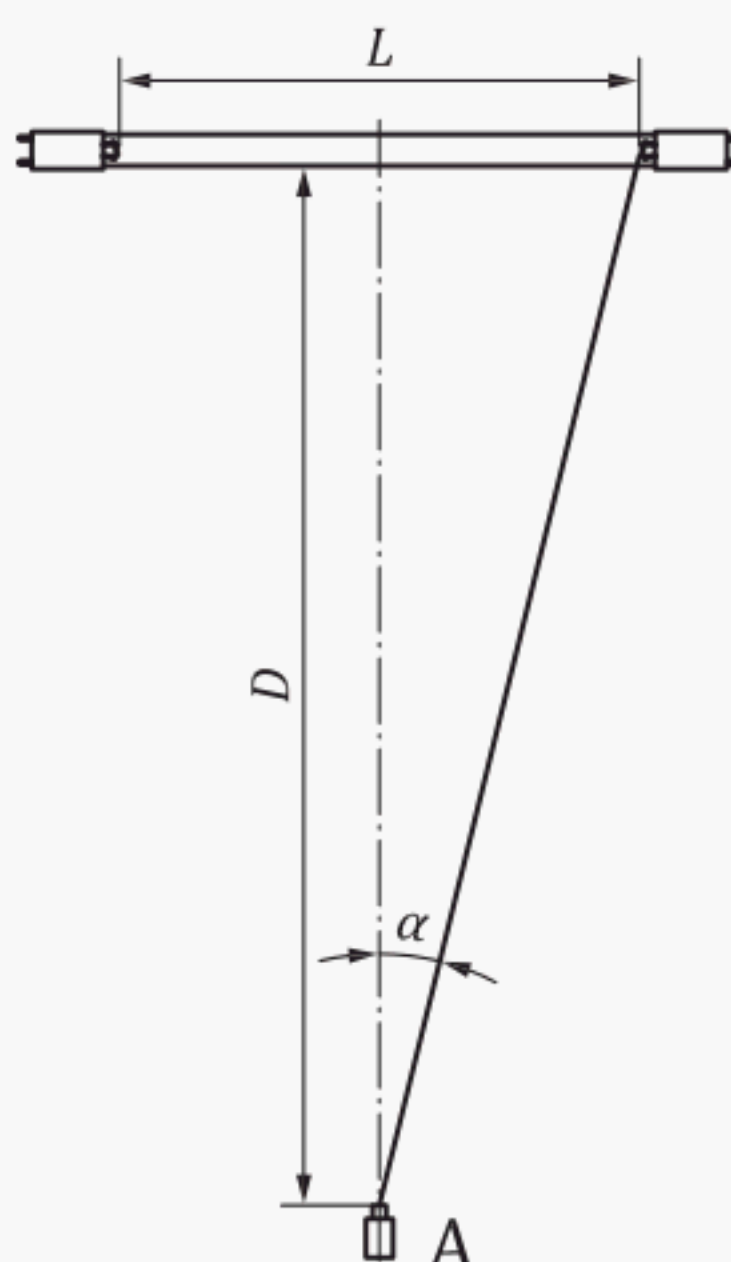
The following instruments shall be calibrated as per the standard method:

- a) UV-C radiometer shall have valid and traceable calibration documents;
- b) Calibration of the radiometer or the spectroradiometer shall comply with requirements of [ISO/IEC 17025](#);
- c) Power analyser shall have valid and traceable calibration documents.

## 5.2.3 UV-C radiation power calculation

### 5.2.3.1 UV-C radiation power calculation schematic diagram

For the UV-C radiation power calculation schematic diagram, see [Figure 4](#).



#### Key

- A UV-C radiometer
- $L$  UV-C lamp length (m) from electrode tip to electrode tip
- $D$  distance (m) from the UV-C lamp centre to the UV-C radiometer (here  $D$  is not less than  $D_{min}$ , many testing data indicate that  $D_{min}$  amounts to  $2L$ , recommended  $D$  from  $2L$  to  $4L$ )
- $\alpha$  half angle (rad) subtended by the UV-C lamp at the radiometer position; that is,  $\tan \alpha = L/(2D)$

**Figure 4 — Geometry of the measurement system**



5.2.3.2 UV-C radiation power calculation

Based on the work of Keitz, the UV-C radiation power  $P$  of UV-C lamp shall be calculated from [Formula \(1\)](#).

$$P = \frac{E 2\pi^2 DL}{2\alpha + \sin 2\alpha} \tag{1}$$

where

- $P$  is UV-C radiation power of the UV-C lamp (W);
- $E$  is the measured irradiance (W/m<sup>2</sup>);
- $D$  is the distance from UV-C lamp centre to the UV-C radiometer (m);
- $L$  is the UV-C lamp length from electrode tip to electrode tip (m);
- $\alpha$  is the half angle subtended by the UV-C lamp at the radiometer position (rad),  $\tan \alpha = L/(2D)$ .

This formula has been tested by comparing with goniometric measurements of the UV-C lamp output and by comparing results from laboratories in different countries. The results are considered accurate within 5 % and have shown good agreement among laboratories.

[Formula \(1\)](#) is applicable to the UV-C output power calculation of linear UV-C lamps; it is not applicable to other types of UV-C lamps. For other types of ultraviolet lamps, it is necessary to correct the angle radiation measurement or adopt the method of integrating spheres to measure and calculate UV-C output power.

5.2.4 Necessary conditions

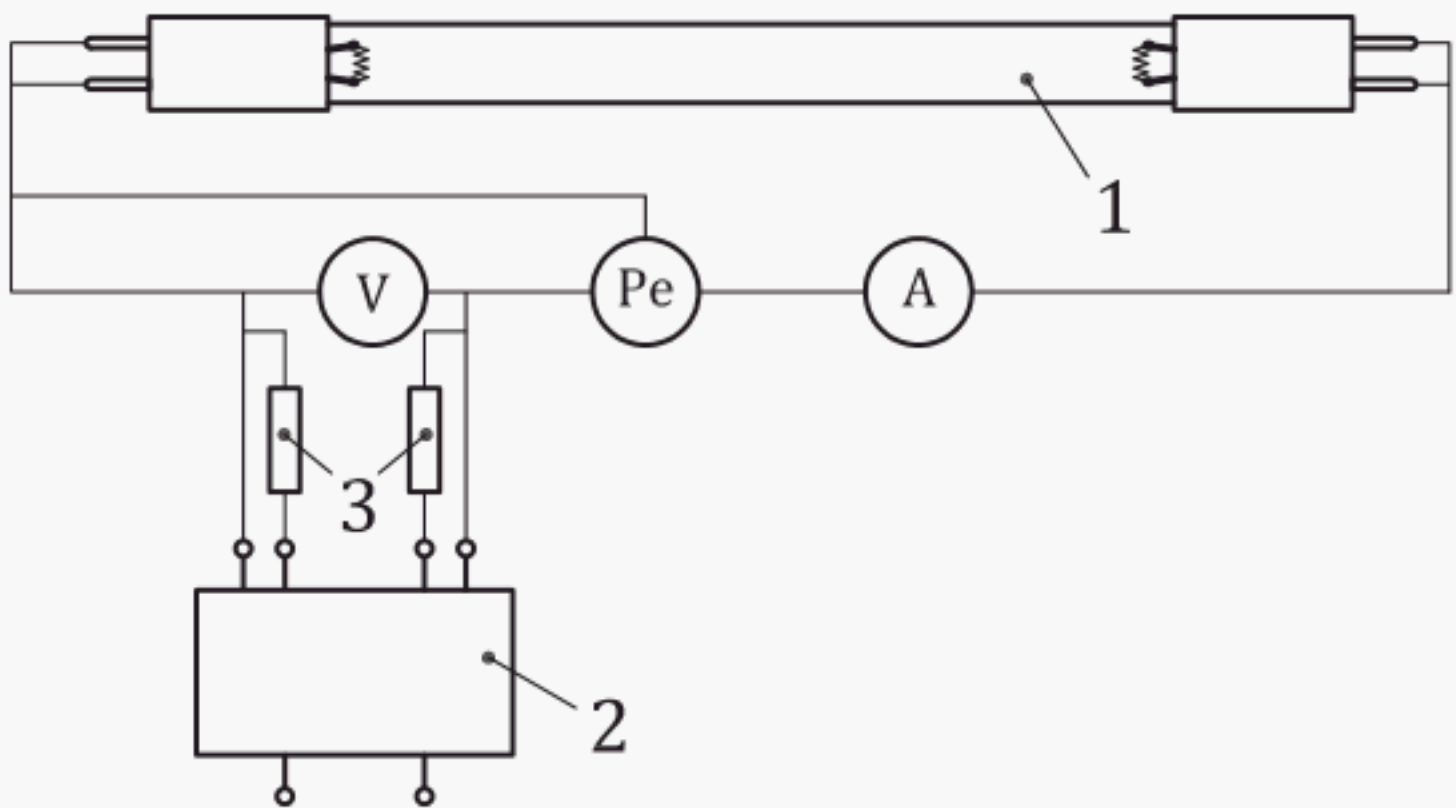
The following general conditions shall be fulfilled:

1. The measurements shall be conducted in still room air, not in a moving air stream;
2. The UV-C lamp orientation shall be horizontal;
3. Reflected light shall be avoided (e.g. through use of baffles, differential measurement with beam stops);
4. The UV-C radiometer shall have an adequate cosine response for the UV-C lamp length and distance used; this can require a distance  $D$  that is not less than  $2L$ , measured from the UV-C lamp's axis.

5.2.5 Measurements

5.2.5.1 Basic wiring diagram for electrical parameters measurements

[Figure 5](#) is the basic wiring diagram for electrical parameters measurement of the UV-C lamp system; the UV-C lamp as showed operates with the preheated electronic ballast, while other types of ballast shall refer to the wiring diagram supplied by the manufacturer.



**Key**

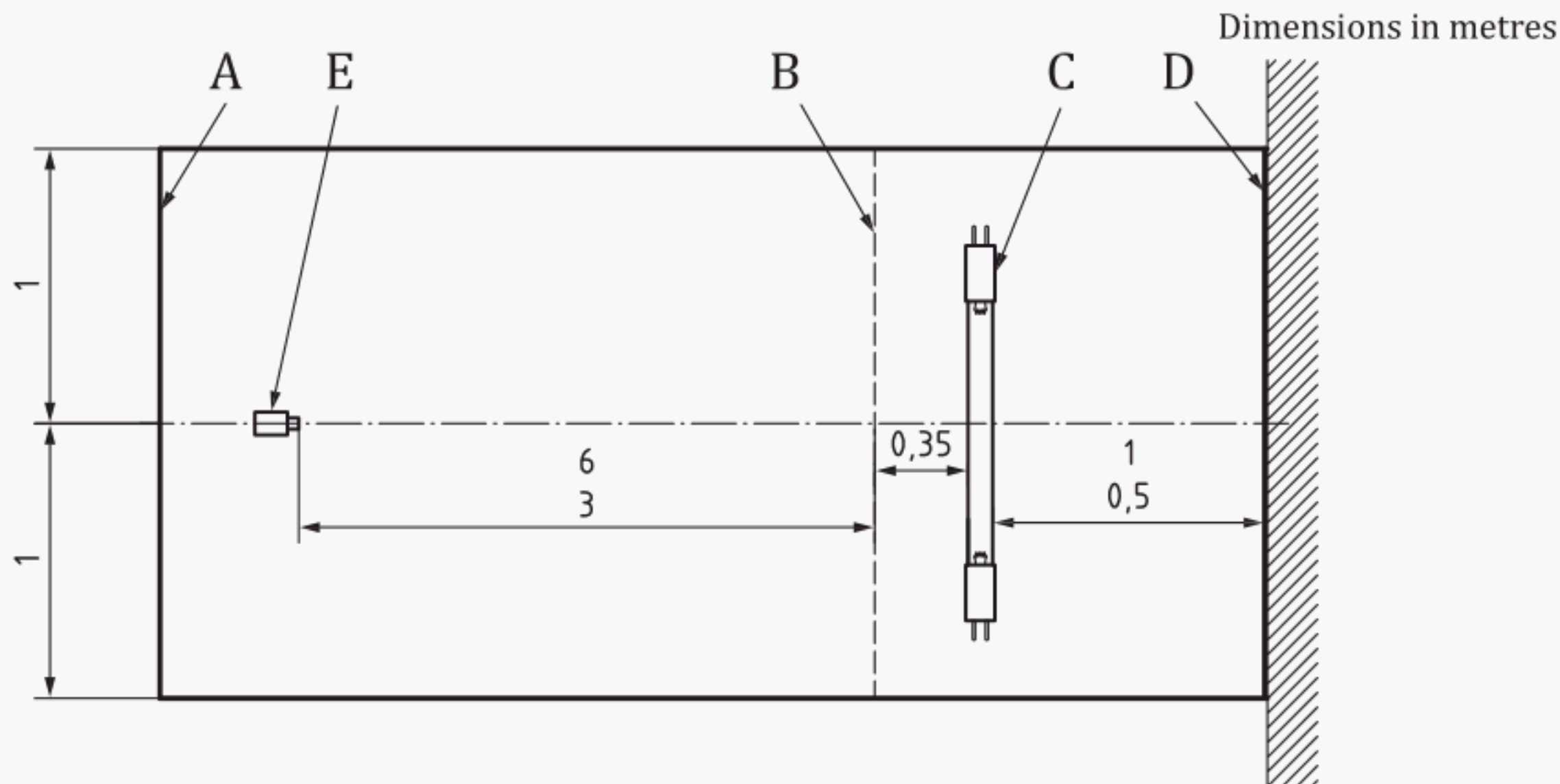
- 1 UV-C lamp
- 2 electronic ballast
- 3 equivalent resistance of the filament
- V voltmeter, used to measure input electric voltage of the UV-C lamp
- Pe power meter, used to measure input electric power of the UV-C lamp
- A ampere meter, used to measure input electric current of the UV-C lamp

**Figure 5 — Basic wiring diagram for electrical parameters measurements**

**5.2.5.2 Typical test chamber**

The UV-C lamp output shall be measured after a UV-C lamp 100 h burn-in period. The UV-C lamp output shall be based on a UV-C lamp operating under air conditions, in which the UV-C lamp has reached a maximum output and then decreases to a steady state, indicating that the UV-C lamp has passed through an optimum into an overheated condition. This will generate a UV-C irradiance curve as a function of time, which will illustrate the maximum and steady state output values. [Figure 6](#) shows a typical test chamber (typically called a darkroom), in which the UV-C lamp is mounted about 1 m off the floor and the UV-C radiometer is mounted at the same height as the UV-C lamp.





- Key**
- A black curtains
  - B slotted divider
  - C UV-C lamp
  - D wall
  - E UV-C radiometer

**Figure 6 — Top view of a typical test chamber**

**5.2.5.3 Measurement procedure**

The measurement procedure is as follows:

1. Record or monitor the ambient temperature ( $\pm 1$  °C tolerance); preferably, the ambient temperature can adjust within the range of the actual UV-C lamp operating temperature, so that the data of irradiance vs. time can be tested;
2. Determine that the distances for radiometer readings are valid;
3. Start recording the readings (UV-C irradiance, electrical measurements, etc.) after the UV-C lamp is turned on;
4. The sampling rate shall match the rate of changing of the UV-C irradiance readings;
5. One reading every 10 s is often sufficient to mark the maximum;
6. Record the irradiance until a steady state is achieved; record the steady state value of the irradiance;
7. Record the ambient temperature again;
8. Calculate the output UV-C radiation power of the UV-C lamp using [Formula \(1\)](#);
9. Calculate the output UV-C radiation conversion efficiency of the UV-C lamp using [Formula \(2\)](#).

$$\eta = \frac{P}{P_e} \quad (2)$$

where

- $\eta$  is the UV-C radiation conversion efficiency of the UV-C lamp (%);
- $P$  is the UV-C radiation power of the UV-C lamp (W);
- $P_e$  is the input power of the UV-C lamp (W), see [Figure 5](#).

#### 5.2.5.4 Cautions

Reflected light during the measurement of the UV-C radiation shall be avoided. Specific measures to avoid the reflected light are as follows:

1. Use non-reflecting materials for walls, floor, and baffles;
2. Be aware that the UV-C reflectance can be different from reflectance in the visible range. Wood and black cloth have very low UV-C reflectance;
3. Test: to check the amount of reflected light, compare the UV-C radiometer signal to that measured when direct irradiation is blocked out. Report the corrected result.

More information about methods and requirements for reducing reflected light are provided in [Annex A](#).

#### 5.2.5.5 UV-C lamp and ballast efficiency

UV-C lamp radiation power is generally compared with the electrical (line) power consumed in order to calculate the efficiency of the UV-C lamp/ballast system. It is recommended that the input power to the ballast be accurately measured as true root mean square (RMS), so that the efficiency can be calculated. This electrical power measurement shall be done accurately.

#### 5.2.5.6 Measurement report

The measurement report shall include:

1. full and detailed information about the UV-C lamp (e.g., manufacturer, identification etc.);
2. full and detailed information about the ballast (e.g., manufacturer, identification etc.);
3. UV-C lamp orientation during testing (horizontal required);
4. active arc length  $L$  (between the ends of the filaments for a linear UV-C lamp);
5. measurement of the distance  $D$  from the UV-C lamp centre (with tolerance) to the calibration plane of the radiometer;
6. laboratory room temperature (°C);
7. sensor and radiometer brand, model number and serial numbers for the radiometer, radiometer and any filters or other optical elements (e.g., diffuser) on the radiometer;
8. valid, traceable radiometer or spectroradiometer calibration documentation;
9. calculated peak and steady state UV-C power, with uncertainty;
10. valid and traceable calibration documents of the power meter;
11. measured voltage and current into the ballast;
12. measured electrical power across the UV-C lamp and "from the wall" with uncertainty;



NOTE The "from-the-wall" power includes power consumption in the ballast or power supply.

13. calculated UV-C lamp efficiency (%) both with respect to the electrical power consumed by the UV-C lamp and the "from-the-wall" electrical power;
14. photos of the lamp and testing chamber (to prove lamp and air flow directions and location).

### 5.3 Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp in a test chamber

Analogue measurement method of the output of a UV-C lamp under various ambient temperatures and various air velocities is conducted in a test chamber that does not reflect UV rays and that shall be in accordance with [Annex B](#).

## 6 Safety issues

### 6.1 General

This clause addresses basic safety issues that relate to UVGI systems. The basic safety shall be in accordance with [ISO 15858](#). Some aspects have regulations while others are recommended or represent current industry practice.

### 6.2 Protective clothing and eyewear

It is not recommended that any personnel be subject to direct UV-C exposure, but in the event such exposure is likely, personnel shall wear protective clothing, including full coverage of exposed skin if possible and protection of eyes with eyewear. Gloves shall be used to protect the hands. Most eyewear, including prescription glasses, are sufficient to protect the eyes from UV-C, but not all will offer complete coverage and standard issue protective goggles can be the most suitable alternative.

### 6.3 UV-C photodegradation of organics

Prolonged UV-C exposure can discolour or damage various types of organic materials and plants. In general, UV-C radiation will not only impact aesthetic effects, but also damage substances such as clothes, discolouring and embrittlement of plastic-coated wires with the result of potential fire hazard.

### 6.4 Ozone production

Ozone is a hazardous indoor pollutant that can be produced by the UV-C lamp. Some UV-C lamps are designed with a narrow spectral range of UV-C output and produce little or no ozone. Other UV-C lamps, especially the more common UV-C lamps that produce a broad-range UV-C spectrum, can produce enough ozone that it can be smelled in the indoor air. Ozone can cause damage to the lungs from prolonged or chronic inhalation and can also cause certain types of damage or degradation to materials. Although there are no known cases in which ozone produced by a UV-C lamp has caused any major health problem, the possibility exists and any undue levels of indoor ozone noted after a UV-C installation shall be investigated. Before testing, ozone sensors shall be set up to monitor the ozone leakage.

### 6.5 UV-C internal and external leakage

UV-C installations in an air handling unit (AHU) shall be designed so as to minimize the escape of UV-C through ductwork, gaps, and supply registers. Stray UV-C emerging from an AHU installation can cause harm to individuals in the local area, including maintenance personnel and passers-by. Various options are available to reduce the leakage of UV-C through ducting to supply registers, including the installation of light baffles (air vanes with multiple bends and painted black to absorb UV-C), the use of filters as light blocks, and the adjusting of register vanes to redirect light upwards.



Small cracks through which UV-C can leak out of an installation can result in exposure of plastic wiring (for example) outside the AHU, leading to a potential long-term fire hazard. In general, a visual inspection is sufficient to determine whether any UV-C leakage is occurring, and this is often best performed by turning out all lights and looking for the telltale blue glow showing up outside the installation (other than through windows, which are UV-C proof).

## **6.6 Mercury content of the UV-C lamp**

Most UV-C lamps contain varying quantities of mercury, which is considered a hazardous substance. Disposal of the UV-C lamp shall take into account the fact that the mercury must be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner and according to regulations. When a UV-C lamp gets damaged or burnt, operators shall follow proper handling procedures.

## **6.7 Personal protective equipment**

To prevent operators from suffering a UV-C damage, they shall wear personal protective equipment, such as protective goggles, face shield, safety glasses. Eye protection shall be applied to people or can be adjusted to provide the appropriate cover. The glasses shall ensure the comfort and provide adequate peripheral vision. When hands and bodies of operators suffer a UV-C damage, they shall wear proper gloves and protective clothing during experiments.



## **Annex A** (informative)

### **Suggested methods to minimize the effects of reflected UV-C**

#### **A.1 Radiometer mask method**

In this method, a black cardboard or wooden mask is placed at a distance of about 0,35 m from the UV-C lamp, where the size and the positioning of the mask cast a complete shadow over the radiometer.

The mask should be of a size that completely blocks the direct rays from the UV-C lamp, but not much larger. In this case the irradiance reading from the radiometer represents only UV-C reflected from the floor, ceiling and walls. The irradiance reading should be subtracted from the overall irradiance reading and should represent less than 1 % of the total irradiance at the radiometer.

#### **A.2 Two-chamber method**

UV-C can reach the UV-C radiometer by reflection from walls, the floor and the ceiling. This reflected UV-C shall be avoided or subtracted from the radiometer signal in order to get proper irradiance values. A two-sector approach can be used for this purpose.

In this method, the test chamber is divided into two light-tight sectors, with the divider between the two sectors at least 0,35 m from the centre of the UV-C lamp. The UV-C lamp and radiometer should be at least 0,25 m (preferably about 1 m) from the floor and preferably about 1 m from the wall behind the UV-C lamp.

A rectangular hole 0,03 m longer than the arc length and 0,02 m wider than the width of the UV-C lamp should be cut in the divider, so that the UV-C radiometer can "see" the entire arc length of the UV-C lamp through the hole. See [Figure 6](#) for a possible setup.

When the two-sector chamber approach is used, the procedure is the same as that described in the main body of this document. In addition, a measurement should be made with the hole between the two chambers covered with black cardboard. The radiometer signal in that case should be virtually zero.

## **Annex B** **(normative)**

### **Measurement of the output of a UV-C lamp in a test chamber**

#### **B.1 Measurement introduction and conditions**

**B.1.1** The method includes the simulation measurement of UV-C output power of UV-C lamps under various temperatures and various air velocities, and under conditions that the axial direction of the lamp is parallel to and perpendicular to the air flow direction.

**B.1.2** Range of input power supply: the supply voltage shall be equal to the rated voltage of the ballast. The supply voltage shall be stabilized at  $\pm 0,5$  % during the UV-C lamp stabilization period and this tolerance shall be controlled within 0,2 % in the measurement process.

**B.1.3** Range of input AC power supply frequency: 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

**B.1.4** Environmental temperature range:  $(25 \pm 1)$  °C.

**B.1.5** Environmental humidity range: maximum relative humidity 65 %.

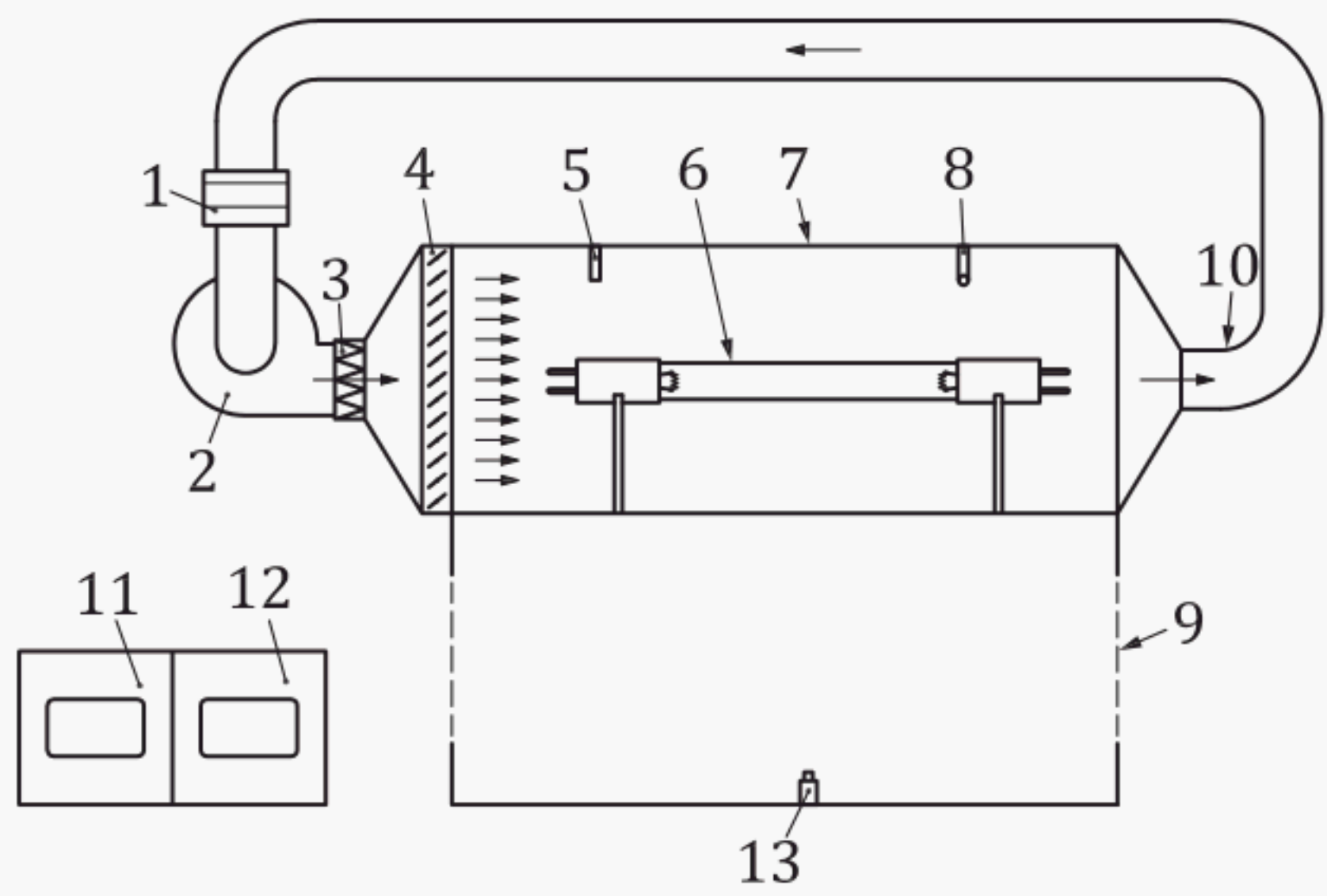
#### **B.2 Testing system**

##### **B.2.1 Classification and composition of the testing system**

The testing system mainly includes a test chamber, temperature control module, air velocity control module, UV-C radiometer, as shown in [Figure B.1](#) and [Figure B.2](#).

The testing system is divided into two categories according to the placement direction of the UV-C lamp and different air inlet directions. [Figure B.1](#) shows a temperature and air velocity adjustable testing system when the axis of the UV-C lamp is parallel to the air inlet direction.

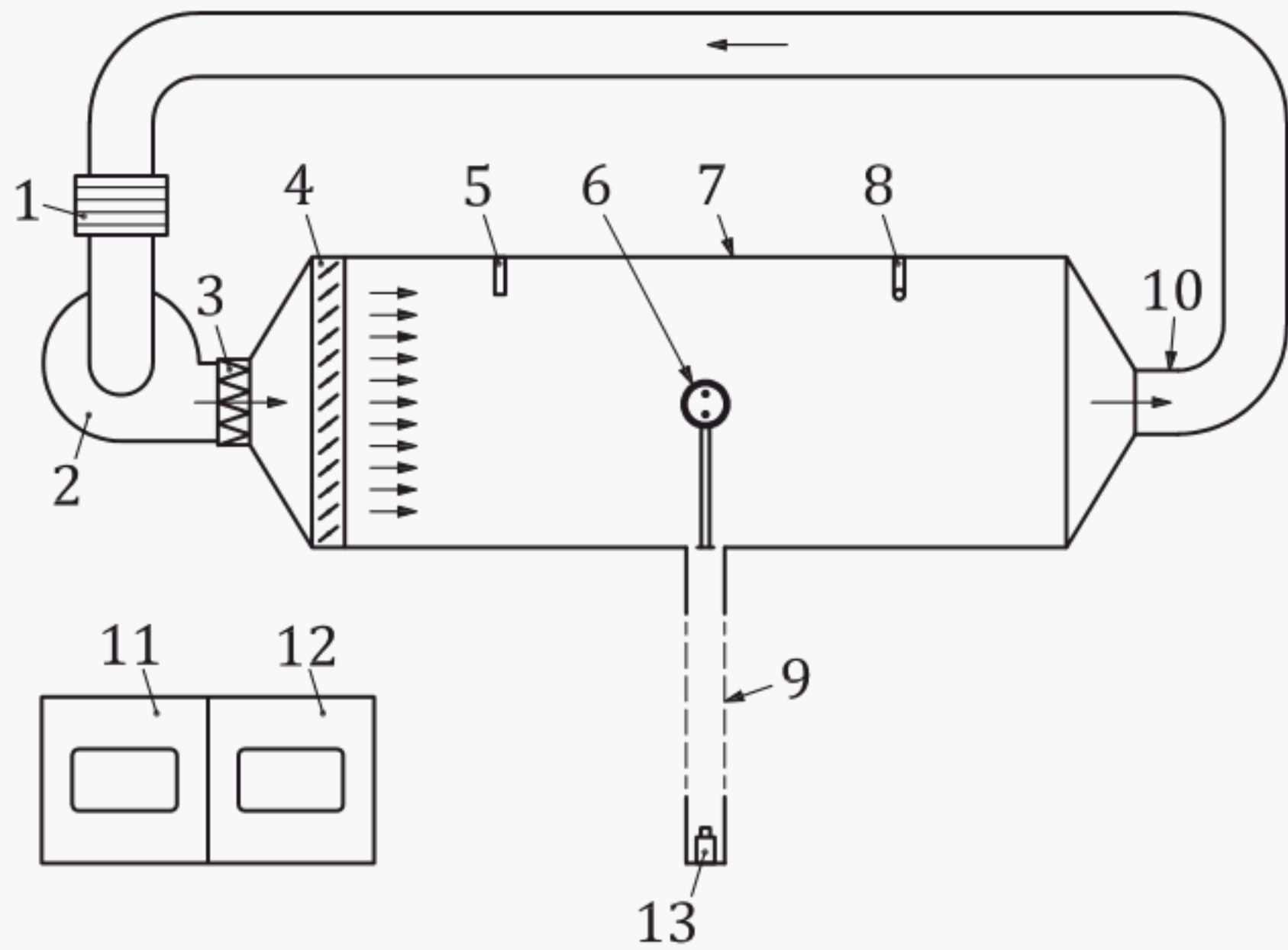




- Key**
- 1 temperature control module
  - 2 air velocity control module
  - 3 air filter
  - 4 uniform flow deflector
  - 5 anemometer
  - 6 UV-C lamp to be tested
  - 7 test chamber
  - 8 temperature sensor
  - 9 test channel
  - 10 circular duct
  - 11 electric measuring instruments
  - 12 air velocity and temperature display
  - 13 UV-C radiometer

**Figure B.1 — Testing system when the axis of the UV-C lamp is parallel to the air inlet direction**

[Figure B.2](#) shows a temperature and air velocity adjustable testing system when the UV-C lamp is perpendicular to the air inlet direction.



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**Figure B.2 — Testing system when the axis of the UV-C lamp is perpendicular to the air inlet direction**

**B.2.2 Temperature control module**

Provide stable temperatures for the test and adjust the temperature of the test chamber to comply with testing requirements. Temperature fluctuation is not more than 1 °C.

**B.2.3 Air velocity control module**

Provide stable airflow power source to guarantee that air velocities in the circular duct comply with testing requirements. Air velocity deviation is within  $\pm 10\%$ .

**B.2.4 Air filter**

Purify gases entering the test chamber to prevent dust or other sundries from affecting the test. The air filter generally refers to the static or high-efficient filtration module.



### **B.2.5 Uniform flow deflector**

Guarantee inlet air uniformity. The uniform flow deflector generally refers to a black metal sheet with holes. The hole shall comply with design requirements. It shall guarantee gases in the circular duct under a constant flow state.

### **B.2.6 Anemometer**

The anemometer is placed at the air inlet end for real-time detection of inlet air velocities in the circular duct.

Range: (0 to +20) m/s;

Precision:  $\pm 0,03$  m/s +5 % measurement value;

Resolution ratio: 0,01 m/s.

### **B.2.7 UV-C lamp to be tested**

The UV-C lamp to be tested is fixed to the base with a holder that is made of thermal insulating materials.

### **B.2.8 Test chamber**

The size of the test chamber shall comply with design requirements. A square chamber is recommended. The size of the space for the UV-C lamp is 2,5 m (length)  $\times$  2,5 m (width)  $\times$  0,65 m (height). The distance from the centre of the UV-C lamp to the inner wall of the test chamber is not less than 0,25 m. The chamber of the testing system shall be blackened and shall not reflect UV lights.

### **B.2.9 Temperature sensor**

The temperature sensor is placed at the air inlet end for real time measurement of air inlet temperature in the test chamber.

It may use platinum resistance, thermocouple or other similar thermometers, and complies with the following requirements:

- Effective temperature range: 0 °C to 150 °C;
- Precision: 0,1 °C;
- Permissible error:  $(0,1 + 0,0017 |t|)$  °C ( $|t|$  is the absolute temperature value, in °C).

### **B.2.10 Test channel**

The test channel is used to place the UV-C radiometer that receives UV rays emitted by the UV-C lamp through the test channel. The inner wall of the channel needs to be blackened and does not reflect UV rays. The channel shall be extendible and its extension scope can comply with adjustment of the distance from the UV-C radiometer and the UV-C lamp. Its recommended size is 4,0 m (length)  $\times$  2,5 m (width)  $\times$  0,1 m (height). The test channel is connected to the test chamber and shall be sealed, which will not affect the stability of temperatures and air velocities in the test chamber.

### **B.2.11 Circular duct**

It is recommended to use a square circular duct with a width of 1,5 m and a height of 0,65 m.

### **B.2.12 Electric measuring instruments**

Instruments are true root mean square, which basically do not have waveform distortion and are applicable for operating frequency.



Voltage measurement circuit impedances of instruments shall be not less than 100,000  $\Omega$ ; resistances of the current measurement circuit of instruments shall be as low as possible.

When measuring the UV-C lamp power, there is no need to correct the self-consumption of the power meter (the circuit is connected to one side of the UV-C lamp in the current measurement circuit).

### **B.2.13 Air velocity and temperature display**

The air velocity and temperature display is used to read temperature and air velocity values in the test process and conduct real-time control.

### **B.2.14 UV-C radiometer**

The UV-C radiometer is used to measure the UV-C irradiance of the UV-C lamp in the test chamber, which complies with [5.2.2](#) a), b).

## **B.3 Measurement preparation**

**B.3.1** The test chamber in the testing system shall be blackened, which shall not reflect UV-C rays.

**B.3.2** Gases in the test chamber shall be under the state of uniform flow when the testing system is working.

**B.3.3** The UV-C lamp to be tested shall be parallel to or perpendicular to the air inlet direction.

**B.3.4** The UV-C radiometer shall not be shielded by wires, amalgam or mercury to avoid affecting accuracy of the measurement result when measuring the UV-C irradiance.

**B.3.5** The UV-C lamp to be tested is placed inside the test chamber. The UV-C lamp to be tested shall be at least 0,30 m away from the inner wall of the test chamber.

**B.3.6** The ballast adopts constant current or constant power mode. The current or power of the UV-C lamp will be constant when measuring the UV-C irradiance under various temperatures.

**B.3.7** The temperature and air velocity in the test chamber shall be stable at the beginning of measurement. It can be confirmed that the test chamber reaches a stable state when the temperature and the air velocity in the test chamber reach the pre-set level and have been stabilized for five to ten minutes and the temperature and air velocity are within the allowable error range.

**B.3.8** The UV-C lamp to be tested is fixed to a holder, which is parallel or perpendicular to the air direction. The normal in the middle of the UV-C lamp goes through the centre of the probe of the UV-C radiometer. The UV-C lamp to be tested shall be perpendicular to the guide rail and parallel to the receiving surface of the probe of the UV-C radiometer.

**B.3.9** The UV-C radiometer is installed in the test channel. The distance  $D$  from the UV-C lamp to the UV-C radiometer shall be from  $2L$  to  $4L$  ( $L$  refers to the effective arc length of the UV-C lamp to be tested, i.e. distance between filaments on two ends of linear type UV-C lamp).

## **B.4 Measurement steps**

**B.4.1** The UV-C lamp to be tested is placed inside the test chamber. The UV-C lamp to be tested shall be at least 0,30 m away from the inner wall of the test chamber. In addition, the circuit shall be connected as per the circuit diagram in [Figure 5](#).



**B.4.2** Turn on the air velocity control module, temperature control module, electric measuring instruments and temperature display. Check and guarantee all relevant testing equipment and instruments are under normal operating state, turn on the UV-C radiometer, check and confirm the reading in the UV-C radiometer is zero.

**B.4.3** Select different test points in accordance with the applicable temperature range and air velocity range specified by the UV-C lamp manufacturer. At least five temperature values and three air velocity values shall be selected; values of test points shall be spaced evenly. Temperature test points should set at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C and 30 °C, while air velocity test points should be set at 1 m/s, 4,5 m/s and 8 m/s. Test points with fifteen combinations of temperature and air velocity are as follows:

- A1 (10 °C, 1,0 m/s), A2 (10 °C, 4,5 m/s), A3 (10 °C, 8,0 m/s);
- B1 (15 °C, 1,0 m/s), B2 (15 °C, 4,5 m/s), B3 (15 °C, 8,0 m/s);
- C1 (20 °C, 1,0 m/s), C2 (20 °C, 4,5 m/s), C3 (20 °C, 8,0 m/s);
- D1 (25 °C, 1,0 m/s), D2 (25 °C, 4,5 m/s), D3 (25 °C, 8,0 m/s);
- E1 (30 °C, 1,0 m/s), E2 (30 °C, 4,5 m/s), E3 (30 °C, 8,0 m/s).

**B.4.4** Adjust the temperature and the air velocity to the range of the test point A1 (temperature 10 °C, air velocity 1 m/s) by adjusting the air velocity control module and the temperature control module.

**B.4.5** Confirm the test chamber reaches a stable state before carrying out next step when the temperature and the air velocity in the test chamber reach the pre-set level and have been stabilized for five to ten minutes and temperature and air velocity are within the allowable error range.

**B.4.6** Turn on the power switch, ignite the UV-C lamp to be tested, turn on the UV-C radiometer and confirm whether the UV-C lamp to be tested is working or not.

**B.4.7** Record test data after the UV-C lamp to be tested has worked for at least 15 min continuously.

**B.4.8** Record test data when the UV-C irradiance fluctuation of the UV-C lamp to be tested is less than 0,5 %.

**B.4.9** At test point A0 record data of UV-C irradiance, UV-C lamp voltage, lamp current, UV-C lamp power, total power of the UV-C lamp and the ballast, ballast input voltage, input current and frequency.

**B.4.10** Adjust the air velocity and the temperature as per the above steps and measured values at other test points including A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2 and E3.

**B.4.11** Turn off the temperature control module and the fan after the test is completed; turn off all test input power supplies.

## **B.5 Measurement report**

For the measurement report, see [5.2.5.6](#).

## **B.6 Summary table of input and output characteristics of the UV-C lamp**

### **B.6.1 Calculation of the output of the UV-C lamp**

After the above steps, 15 stable irradiance values can be obtained from the ultraviolet radiometer. By substituting the irradiance values into [Formula \(1\)](#) and [Formula \(2\)](#) respectively, the ultraviolet



radiation power and ultraviolet radiation efficiency of the UV-C lamp at 15 environmental points under given conditions can be calculated.

**B.6.2 Summary of input and output characteristics of the UV-C lamp**

In order to provide reference for engineering application design, based on the data of the above 15 points in the test chamber (varying the temperature and varying the wind speed) together with the data of one point in the dark room A0 (25 °C, 0,0 m/s), the summary table of input and output characteristics of UV-C lamps shall be prepared as shown in [Table B.1](#).

**Table B.1 — Summary of input and output characteristics of the UV-C lamp**

No.	Environmental point	Input electric power $P_{eAn}(W)$	UV-C radiation power $P_{An}(W)$	UV-C radiation conversion efficiency $\eta_{An}(\%)$
1	A0 (25 °C,0,0 m/s)	$P_{eA0}$	$P_{A0}$	$\eta_{A0}$
2	A1 (10 °C, 1,0 m/s)	$P_{eA1}$	$P_{A1}$	$\eta_{A1}$
3	A2 (10 °C, 4,5 m/s)	$P_{eA2}$	$P_{A2}$	$\eta_{A2}$
4	A3 (10 °C, 8,0 m/s)	$P_{eA3}$	$P_{A3}$	$\eta_{A3}$
5	B1 (15 °C, 1,0 m/s)	$P_{eB1}$	$P_{B1}$	$\eta_{B1}$
6	B2 (15 °C, 4,5 m/s)	$P_{eB2}$	$P_{B2}$	$\eta_{B2}$
7	B3 (15 °C, 8,0 m/s)	$P_{eB3}$	$P_{B3}$	$\eta_{B3}$
8	C1 (20 °C, 1,0 m/s)	$P_{eC1}$	$P_{C1}$	$\eta_{C1}$
9	C2 (20 °C, 4,5 m/s)	$P_{eC2}$	$P_{C2}$	$\eta_{C2}$
10	C3 (20 °C, 8,0 m/s)	$P_{eC3}$	$P_{C3}$	$\eta_{C3}$
11	D1 (25 °C, 1,0 m/s)	$P_{eD1}$	$P_{D1}$	$\eta_{D1}$
12	D2 (25 °C, 4,5 m/s)	$P_{eD2}$	$P_{D2}$	$\eta_{D2}$
13	D3 (25 °C, 8,0 m/s)	$P_{eD3}$	$P_{D3}$	$\eta_{D3}$
14	E1 (25 °C, 1,0 m/s)	$P_{eE1}$	$P_{E1}$	$\eta_{E1}$
15	E2 (25 °C, 4,5 m/s)	$P_{eE2}$	$P_{E2}$	$\eta_{E2}$
16	E3 (25 °C, 8,0 m/s)	$P_{eE3}$	$P_{E3}$	$\eta_{E3}$

**B.7 Safety issues**

For safety issues, see [Clause 6](#).



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