8.0 Road Lighting Luminaires

8.1 Luminous Intensity Distribution

Road lighting luminaires have traditionally been classified as full-cutoff or semi-cutoff, according to their luminous intensity distribution.

BS EN 13201: Part 2: 2003 has introduced a finer classification designed to give better control of disability glare and obtrusive light.

This classification uses the maximum luminous

intensity per 1000 lamp lumens at different angles from the downward vertical in any direction as a criterion.

Table 18 shows the limits based on EU Standards for each of the six classes (G levels) and their relationship to the traditional semi-cutoff and full-cutoff terms:

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Cutoff	G level	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum	Other
classification		luminous	luminous	luminous	requirements
		intensity/1000	intensity/1000	intensity/1000	
		lamp lumens,	lamp lumens,	lamp lumens,	
		at 70° from	at 80° from	at 90° from	
		downward	downward	downward	
		vertical	vertical	vertical	
	G1	-	200	50	None
	G2	-	150	30	None
Semi-cutoff	G3	-	100	20	None
	G4	500	100	10	0 at greater than 95°
	G5	350	100	10	0 at greater than 95°
Full cutoff	G6	350	100	0	0 at greater than 95°

Table 18

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NOTE 1 The 'G'-Classes are to be found in manufacturer's data sheets or catalogues, in case missing the manufacturer to provide the correct classification.