



General

The operating conditions of lighting circuits have the following characteristics:

- continuous duty: the switching device can remain closed for several days or even months
- a dispersion factor of 1: all luminaires in the same group are switched on or off simultaneously
- a relatively high temperature around the device due to the enclosure, the presence of fuses, or an unventilated control panel location.

This is why the operational current for lighting is lower than the value given for AC-1 duty.

Protection

The continuous duty current drawn by a lighting circuit is constant. In fact:

- it is unlikely that the number of luminaires of an existing circuit will be modified
- this type of circuit cannot create an overload of long duration.

It is therefore only necessary to provide short-circuit protection. This can be provided by:

- gG type fuses, or
- modular circuit breakers.

Nevertheless, it is always possible and sometimes more economical (smaller cable size) to protect the circuit by a thermal overload relay and associated aM type uses.

Distribution system

Single-phase circuit, 220/240 V

The tables on pages A6/39 to A6/43 are based on a single-phase 220/240 V circuit and can therefore be applied directly in this case.

3-phase circuit, 380/415 V (with neutral)

The total number of lamps (N) to be switched simultaneously is divided into three equal groups, each connected between one phase and neutral. The contactor can then be selected from the 220/240 V single-phase tables for a number of lamps equal to $\frac{N}{3}$ lamps.

3-phase circuit, 220/240 V

The total number of lamps (N) to be switched simultaneously is divided into three equal groups, each connected between 2 phases (L1-L2), (L2-L3), (L3-L1). The contactor can then be selected from the 220/240 V single-phase table for a number of lamps equal to $\frac{N}{\sqrt{3}}$ lamps.

Contactor selection tables

For the different types of lamps, the tables on pages A6/39 to A6/43 give the maximum number of lamps of unit power P (in Watts), which can be switched simultaneously for each size of contactor.

They are based on:

- a 220/240 V single-phase circuit
- an ambient temperature of 55 °C ⁽¹⁾, taking into account the operating conditions (see General paragraph)
- an electrical life of more than 10 years (200 days' operation per year).

They take into account:

- the total current drawn (including ballast)
- transient phenomena which occur at switch-on
- the starting currents and their duration
- the circulation of any harmonics which may be present.

Lamps with compensating capacitor C (µF) connected in parallel

Parallel connected compensating capacitors C cause a current peak at the moment of switch-on. To ensure that the value of this current peak remains compatible with the making characteristics of the contactors, the unit value of the capacitance must not exceed the following:

Switching contactor rating	LC1 K09	LP1 K09	LC1 D09	LC1 D12	LC1 D18	LC1 D25	LC1 D32	LC1 D38	LC1 D40A	LC1 D50A	LC1 D65A	LC1 D80
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Maximum unit value C (µF) of parallel connected compensating capacitor

7	3	18	18	25	60	96	96	120	120	240	240
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Switching contactor rating	LC1 D95	LC1 D115	LC1 D150	LC1 F185	LC1 F225	LC1 F265	LC1 F330	LC1 F400	LC1 F500	LC1 F630	LC1 F800
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Maximum unit value C (µF) of parallel connected compensating capacitor

240	300	360	800	1200	1700	2500	4000	6000	9000	10800
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This value is independent of the number of lamps switched by the contactor.

⁽¹⁾ For an ambient temperature of 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2.



Usual values

The tables show the following values:

- IB: value of current drawn by each lamp at its rated voltage,
- C: unit capacitance for each lamp,

corresponding to the values normally quoted by lamp manufacturers.

These values are given for an ambient temperature of 55 °C (for 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2).

Incandescent and halogen lamps

P (W)	60	75	100	150	200	300	500	750	1000	LC1
IB (A)	0.27	0.34	0.45	0.68	0.91	1.40	2.30	3.40	4.60	K09
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	35	28	21	14	10	6	4	2	2	D09, D12
	59	47	35	23	17	11	7	4	3	D18
	77	61	46	30	23	15	9	6	4	D25
	92	73	55	36	27	18	11	7	5	D32, D38
	129	103	77	51	38	25	15	10	7	D40A
	163	129	97	64	48	31	19	13	9	D50A, D65A
	207	164	124	82	62	40	24	16	12	D80, D95
	296	235	177	117	88	57	34	23	17	D115
	430	340	256	170	126	82	50	34	24	D150
	466	370	280	184	138	90	54	36	26	F185
	710	564	426	282	210	136	82	56	40	F225
	770	610	462	304	228	148	90	60	44	F265
	888	704	532	352	262	170	104	70	52	F330
	1006	800	604	400	298	194	118	80	58	F400
	1274	1010	764	504	378	244	148	100	74	F500
	1718	1364	1030	682	508	330	200	136	100	F630
	2328	1850	1396	924	690	448	272	184	136	F800
	2776	2204	1666	1102	824	534	326	220	162	

Mixed lighting lamps

P (W)	100	160	250	500	1000	LC1
IB (A)	0.45	0.72	1.10	2.30	4.50	K09
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	21	13	8	4	2	D09, D12
	35	22	14	7	3	D18
	46	29	18	9	4	D25
	55	36	23	11	5	D32, D38
	77	48	30	15	7	D40A
	97	61	38	19	9	D50A, D65A
	124	77	49	24	12	D80, D95
	177	111	70	34	17	D115
	256	160	104	50	26	D150
	280	174	114	54	28	F185
	426	266	174	82	42	F225
	462	288	188	90	46	F265
	532	332	218	104	52	F330
	604	378	246	118	60	F400
	764	478	312	150	76	F500
	1030	644	422	202	102	F630
	1398	874	572	272	140	F800
	1666	1040	680	326	166	

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Usual values

The tables show the following values:
 ■ IB: value of current drawn by each lamp at its rated voltage
 ■ C: unit capacitance for each lamp corresponding to the values normally quoted by lamp manufacturers.

These values are given for an ambient temperature of 55 °C (for 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2).

Fluorescent lamps with starter. Single fitting											
Non corrected					With parallel correction						LC1
P (W)	20	40	65	80	110	20	40	65	80	110	
IB (A)	0.39	0.45	0.70	0.80	1.2	0.17	0.26	0.42	0.52	0.72	
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	7	7	16	
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	24	21	13	12	8	56	36	22	18	—	
	41	35	22	20	13	94	61	38	30	22	
	53	46	30	26	17	123	80	50	40	29	
	66	57	37	32	21	152	100	61	50	36	
	89	77	50	43	29	205	134	83	67	48	
	112	97	62	55	36	258	169	104	84	61	
	143	124	80	70	46	329	215	133	107	77	
	205	177	114	100	66	470	367	190	153	111	
	410	354	228	200	132	940	614	380	306	222	
	492	426	274	240	160	1128	738	456	368	266	
	532	462	296	260	172	1224	800	490	400	288	
	614	532	342	300	200	1412	922	570	462	332	
	696	604	388	340	226	1600	1046	648	522	378	
	882	764	490	430	286	2024	1322	818	662	478	
	1190	1030	662	580	386	2728	1724	1104	892	644	
	1612	1398	698	786	524	3700	2418	1498	1210	874	

Fluorescent lamps with starter. Twin fitting											
Non corrected					With series correction						LC1
P (W)	2x20	2x40	2x65	2x80	2x110	2x20	2x40	2x65	2x80	2x110	
IB (A)	2x0.22	2x0.41	2x0.67	2x0.82	2x1.1	2x0.13	2x0.24	2x0.39	2x0.48	2x0.65	
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	2x21	2x11	2x7	2x5	2x4	2x36	2x20	2x12	2x10	2x7	
	2x36	2x18	2x10	2x8	2x6	2x60	2x32	2x20	2x16	2x12	
	2x46	2x24	2x14	2x12	2x8	2x80	2x42	2x26	2x20	2x16	
	2x58	2x30	2x18	2x14	2x10	2x100	2x54	2x32	2x26	2x20	
	2x78	2x42	2x26	2x20	2x14	2x134	2x72	2x44	2x36	2x26	
	2x100	2x52	2x32	2x26	2x18	2x168	2x90	2x56	2x44	2x32	
	2x126	2x68	2x40	2x34	2x24	2x214	2x116	2x70	2x58	2x42	
	2x180	2x96	2x58	2x48	2x36	2x306	2x166	2x102	2x82	2x60	
	2x360	2x194	2x118	2x96	2x72	2x614	2x332	2x204	2x166	2x122	
	2x436	2x234	2x142	2x116	2x86	2x738	2x400	2x246	2x200	2x148	
	2x472	2x254	2x154	2x126	2x94	2x800	2x432	2x266	2x216	2x160	
	2x544	2x292	2x178	2x146	2x108	2x922	2x500	2x308	2x250	2x184	
	2x618	2x332	2x202	2x166	2x124	2x1046	2x566	2x348	2x282	2x208	
	2x782	2x420	2x256	2x210	2x156	2x1322	2x716	2x440	2x358	2x264	
	2x1054	2x566	2x346	2x282	2x210	2x1784	2x966	2x594	2x482	2x356	
	2x1430	2x766	2x468	2x384	2x286	2x2418	2x1310	2x806	2x654	2x484	

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Usual values

The tables show the following values:
 ■ IB: value of current drawn by each lamp at its rated voltage
 ■ C: unit capacitance for each lamp corresponding to the values normally quoted by lamp manufacturers.

These values are given for an ambient temperature of 55 °C (for 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2).

Fluorescent lamps without starter. Single fitting											
Non corrected					With parallel correction						LC1
P (W)	20	40	65	80	110	20	40	65	80	110	
IB (A)	0.43	0.55	0.80	0.95	1.4	0.19	0.29	0.46	0.57	0.79	
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	7	7	16	
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	22	17	12	10	6	50	33	20	16	—	
	37	29	20	16	11	84	55	34	28	20	
	48	38	26	22	15	110	72	45	36	26	
	60	47	32	27	18	136	89	56	45	32	
	97	63	43	36	25	184	101	76	61	44	
	102	80	55	46	31	231	151	95	77	55	
	130	101	70	58	40	294	193	121	98	70	
	186	145	100	84	57	421	275	173	140	101	
	372	290	200	168	114	842	550	346	280	202	
	446	348	240	202	136	1010	662	416	336	242	
	484	378	260	218	148	1094	716	452	364	262	
	558	436	300	252	170	1262	828	522	420	304	
	632	494	340	286	194	1432	938	590	476	344	
	800	624	430	362	246	1810	1186	748	604	434	
	1078	844	580	488	330	2442	1600	1008	814	586	
	1462	1144	786	662	448	3310	2168	1366	1104	796	

Fluorescent lamps without starter. Twin fitting											
Non corrected					With series correction						LC1
P (W)	2x20	2x40	2x65	2x80	2x110	2x20	2x40	2x65	2x80	2x110	
IB (A)	2x0.25	2x0.47	2x0.76	2x0.93	2x1.3	2x0.14	2x0.26	2x0.43	2x0.53	2x0.72	
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	2x19	2x10	2x6	2x5	2x3	2x34	2x18	2x11	2x9	2x6	
	2x32	2x16	2x10	2x8	2x6	2x56	2x30	2x18	2x14	2x10	
	2x42	2x22	2x12	2x10	2x8	2x74	2x40	2x24	2x18	2x14	
	2x52	2x26	2x16	2x12	2x10	2x92	2x50	2x30	2x24	2x18	
	2x70	2x36	2x22	2x18	2x12	2x124	2x66	2x40	2x32	2x24	
	2x88	2x46	2x28	2x22	2x16	2x156	2x84	2x50	2x40	2x30	
	2x112	2x58	2x36	2x30	2x20	2x200	2x106	2x64	2x52	2x38	
	2x160	2x84	2x52	2x42	2x30	2x234	2x152	2x92	2x74	2x54	
	2x320	2x170	2x104	2x86	2x60	2x570	2x306	2x186	2x150	2x110	
	2x384	2x204	2x126	2x102	2x74	2x686	2x368	2x222	2x180	2x132	
	2x416	2x220	2x136	2x112	2x80	2x742	2x400	2x242	2x196	2x144	
	2x480	2x254	2x158	2x128	2x92	2x856	2x462	2x278	2x226	2x166	
	2x544	2x288	2x178	2x146	2x104	2x970	2x522	2x316	2x256	2x188	
	2x688	2x366	2x226	2x184	2x132	2x1228	2x662	2x400	2x324	2x238	
	2x928	2x494	2x304	2x248	2x178	2x1656	2x892	2x540	2x438	2x322	
	2x1258	2x668	2x414	2x338	2x242	2x2246	2x1210	2x730	2x592	2x436	

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Usual values

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- C: unit capacitance for each lamp corresponding to the values normally quoted by lamp manufacturers.

These values are given for an ambient temperature of 55 °C (for 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2).

Low pressure sodium vapour lamps							
Non corrected							
P (W)	35	55	90	135	150	180	200
IB (A)	1.2	1.6	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	6	5	3	2	2	2	2
	10	7	5	3	3	3	3
	12	9	6	4	4	4	4
	15	11	7	6	5	5	5
	21	16	10	8	8	7	7
	27	20	13	10	10	10	9
	35	26	17	13	13	12	12
	50	37	25	19	18	18	17
	100	75	50	38	36	36	34
	140	104	70	54	52	50	48
	152	114	76	58	56	54	54
	174	130	88	68	66	64	62
	198	148	98	76	74	72	70
	250	188	124	96	94	90	88
	338	254	168	130	126	122	118
	496	372	248	192	186	180	174

High pressure sodium vapour lamps							
Non corrected							
P (W)	150	250	400	700	1000		
IB (A)	1.9	3.2	5	8.8	12.4		
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—		
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	4	2	1	—	—		
	6	3	2	1	—		
	7	4	3	1	1		
	10	5	3	2	1		
	13	8	5	2	2		
	17	10	6	3	2		
	22	13	8	4	3		
	31	18	12	6	4		
	62	36	24	12	8		
	88	52	34	18	14		
	96	56	36	20	16		
	110	66	42	24	18		
	124	74	48	26	20		
	158	94	60	34	24		
	214	126	80	46	32		
	312	186	118	68	48		

Low pressure sodium vapour lamps							
With parallel correction							
P (W)	35	55	90	135	150	180	200
IB (A)	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	1	1.2	1.3
C (µF)	17	17	25	36	36	36	36
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	40	30	—	—	—	—	—
	50	37	25	—	—	—	—
	63	47	31	21	19	15	14
	86	65	43	28	26	21	20
	110	82	55	36	33	27	25
	140	105	70	46	42	35	32
	200	150	100	66	60	50	46
	400	300	200	132	120	100	92
	560	420	280	186	168	140	128
	606	454	302	202	182	152	140
	700	524	350	232	210	174	162
	792	594	396	264	238	198	182
	1002	752	502	334	300	250	252
	1352	1014	676	450	406	338	312
	1982	1488	992	660	594	496	458

High pressure sodium vapour lamps							
With parallel correction							
P (W)	150	250	400	700	1000		
IB (A)	0.84	1.4	2.2	3.9	5.5		
C (µF)	20	32	48	96	120		
	—	—	—	—	—		
	—	—	—	—	—		
	17	—	—	—	—		
	22	13	8	—	—		
	30	18	11	6	—		
	39	23	15	8	6		
	50	30	19	10	7		
	71	42	27	15	10		
	142	84	54	30	20		
	200	120	76	42	30		
	216	130	82	46	32		
	250	150	94	54	38		
	282	170	108	60	42		
	358	214	136	76	54		
	482	290	184	104	74		
	708	424	270	152	108		

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- C: unit capacitance for each lamp corresponding to the values normally quoted by lamp manufacturers.

These values are given for an ambient temperature of 55 °C (for 40 °C, multiply the number by 1.2).

High pressure mercury vapour lamps											
Non corrected											
P (W)	50	80	125	250	400	700	1000				
IB (A)	0.54	0.81	1.20	2.30	4.10	6.80	9.90				
C (µF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	14	9	6	3	1	—	—				
	22	14	9	5	2	1	1				
	27	18	12	6	3	2	1				
	35	23	15	8	4	2	1				
	48	32	21	11	6	3	2				
	61	40	27	14	8	4	3				
	77	51	34	17	10	6	4				
	111	74	49	26	14	8	6				
	222	148	100	52	28	16	12				
	310	206	140	72	40	24	17				
	336	224	152	78	44	26	18				
	388	258	174	90	50	30	20				
	440	294	198	102	58	34	24				
	556	372	250	130	72	44	30				
	752	500	338	176	98	60	40				
	1102	734	496	258	144	88	60				

High pressure mercury vapour lamps											
With parallel correction											
P (W)	50	80	125	250	400	700	1000				
IB (A)	0.3	0.45	0.67	1.3	2.3	3.8	5.5				
C (µF)	10	10	10	18	25	40	60				
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	40	26	17	9	—	—	—				
	50	33	22	11	6	—	—				
	63	42	28	14	8	5	3				
	86	57	38	20	11	6	4				
	110	73	49	25	14	8	6				
	140	93	62	32	18	11	7				
	200	133	89	46	26	15	10				
	400	266	178	92	52	30	20				
	560	372	250	128	72	44	30				
	606	404	272	140	78	48	32				
	700	466	312	162	90	54	38				
	792	528	354	182	102	62	42				
	1002	668	448	232	130	78	54				
	1352	902	606	312	176	106	74				
	1982	1322	888	458	258	156	108				

Metal iodine vapour lamps							
Non corrected							
P (W)	250	400	1000	2000			
IB (A)	2.5	3.6	9.5	20			
C (µF)	—	—	—	—			
Max. no. of lamps according to P (W)	3	2	—	—			
	4	3	1	—			
	6	4	1	—			
	7	5	2	—			
	10	7	2	1			
	13	9	3	1			
	16	11	4	2			
	24	16	6	3			
	48	32	12	6			
	66	46	18	8			
	72	50	20	10			
	84	58	22	12			
	94	66	24	14			
	120	84	32	16			
	162	112	42	20			
	238	164	62	30			

Metal iodine vapour lamps							
With parallel correction							
P (W)	250	400	1000	2000			
IB (A)	1.4	2	5.3	11.2			
C (µF)	32	32	64	140			
	—	—	—	—			
	—	—	—	—			
	13	9	—	—			
	18	13	4	—			
	23	16	6	—			
	30	21	7	—			
	42	30	11	5			
	84	60	22	10			
	120	84	32	14			
	130	90	34	16			
	150	104	40	18			
	170	118	44	20			
	214	150	56	26			
	290	202	76	36			
	424	298	112	52			