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1500-watt, M48 single-ended metal-halide lamps

1 Lamp designation and description

Metal-halide lamp designations are assigned in accordance with ANSI C78.380.

Designation	Bulb	Base
M48PC-1500	BT56 (BT180), clear	Mogul screw (E39)

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

ANSI C78.380-1984 (R1993), *Electric Lamps—High-Intensity-Discharge Lamps—Method of Designation*

ANSI C78.387-1995, *Electric Lamps—Metal-Halide Lamps—Methods of Measuring Characteristics*

ANSI C79.1-1994, *Nomenclature for Glass Bulbs Intended for Use with Electric Lamps*

ANSI C81.61-1990, *Electric Lamp Bases*

ANSI C81.63-1991, *Electric Lamp Base and Lampholder Gauges*

ANSI C82.4-1992, *Ballasts for High-Intensity-Discharge and Low Pressure Sodium Lamps (Multiple Supply Type)*

ANSI C82.5-1990 (R1995), *Reference Ballasts for High-Intensity-Discharge Lamps*

ANSI C82.6-1985 (R1995) and ANSI C82.6a-1988 (R1995), *Ballasts for High-Intensity-Discharge Lamps—Methods of Measurement*

ANSI C82.9-1996, *Definitions for High-Intensity-Discharge and Low Pressure Sodium Lamps, Ballasts, and Transformers*

ANSI/UL 1572-1995, *Standard for Safety, High-Intensity-Discharge Lighting Fixtures*

3 Physical characteristics

3.1 Bulb designations

Bulb designations are defined in ANSI C79.1. Due to the long term use of the conventional method of bulb designations, their use will continue herein with the equivalent metric bulb designations shown in parentheses (i.e. BT28 [BT90]) in contrast with the use of metric primary dimensions elsewhere in this standard.

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3.2 Base specifications

Screw-shell-type bases are specified in ANSI C81.61. Compliance shall be checked by the relevant gauges in ANSI C81.63.

3.3 General characteristics

With BT56 (BT180) bulb:

Nominal diameter	180 mm (7.0 in)
Maximum overall length (MOL)	391 mm (15.375 in)
Light center length (LCL)	241 mm ± 6 mm (9.5 in ± 0.24 in)
Effective Arc Length	94 mm ± 12 mm (3.7 in ± 0.5 in)
Maximum electrode tip deviation from base axis (apex at base eyelet)	3 degrees
Operating position limitation	As indicated by the lamp marking
Maximum permissible bulb temperature	430°C (806°F)
Maximum permissible base temperature	210°C (410°F)

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4 Maximum outline drawings

Figure 1 defines the maximum outline dimensional limits, including eccentricity, of the lamp. The figure does not define the actual bulb configuration. All dimensions are in millimeters.

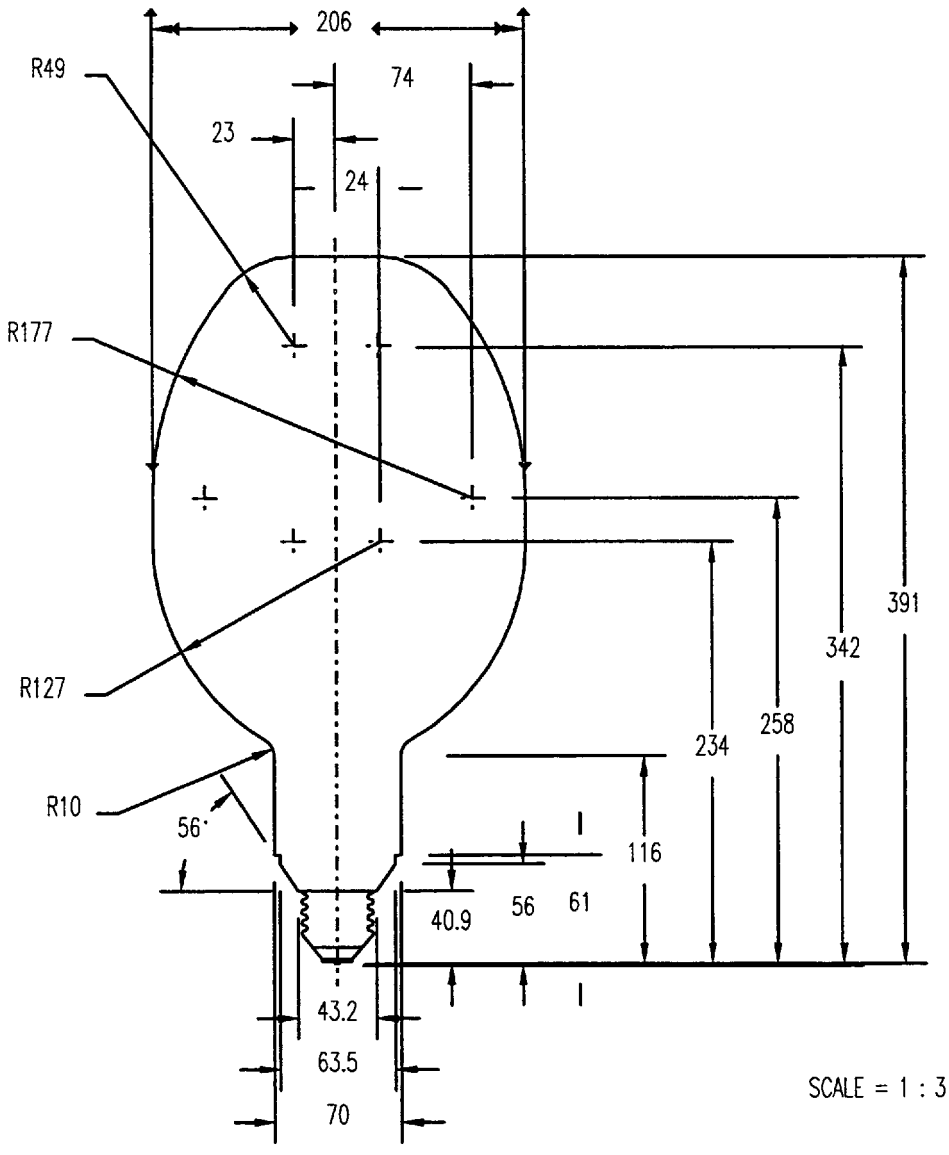


Figure 1–Maximum outline drawing

Bulb:	BT56 (BT180)
Base:	Mogul Screw (E39)
MOL:	391mm
Eccentricity:	3°

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5 Electrical characteristics

See ANSI C78.387 for measurement procedures.

Lamps shall be measured in the vertical, base-up, position unless otherwise designated by the lamp manufacturer.

5.1 Lamp operating characteristics at 100 hours operation

	Vertical, Base Up*			45° Base Up
	Min	Nom	Max	Wattage and
Voltage at lamp terminals (volts, rms)	253	268	283	voltage may
Lamp current (amperes, rms)	–	6.2	–	within ± 5% of
Lamp wattage (watts)	–	1500	–	vertical base-up.

*Unless otherwise designated by the lamp manufacturer.

The preceding lamp operating characteristics are based on operation in an ambient temperature of 25°C ± 5°C (77°F± 9°F) on a reference ballast as shown in section 7.

5.2 Lamp reignition voltage spike

The reignition voltage spike during warm-up for any lamp shall not exceed 150 volts peak throughout life when operated on a linear reactor ballast having the following characteristics:

Supply voltage..... 440 volts
Ballast short circuit current..... 7.6 amperes
Impedance ..... 57.9 ohms
Power factor..... 0.075 ± 0.005
Linearity..... Requirements identical to reference ballasts (See ANSI C82.5)

5.3 Lamp reignition voltage (Vr)

Maximum value through life as measured on a reference ballast in section 7:
TBD volts, peak

6 Lamp starting voltage and warm-up requirements

See ANSI C78.387 for measurement procedures.

Lamps shall be measured in the vertical, base-up, position unless otherwise designated by the lamp manufacturer.

6.1 Lamp starting voltage requirements as a function of time and temperature

6.1.1 lamp starting voltage requirements for lamps not requiring auxiliary starting circuits

Lamps shall start within the time specified at the ambient temperature indicated when the following sine-wave open-circuit test voltages are applied. Lamps shall start throughout the range of their rated life, under these conditions.

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Temperature	Volts, rms	Volts, peak	Time
10°C ± 1°C (50°F ± 2°F)	440	622	2 Mins.
-30°C ± 1°C (-22°F ± 2°F)	530	750	2 Mins.

6.1.2 Lamp starting voltage requirements for lamps requiring auxiliary starting circuits

(Reserved for future consideration)

6.2 Lamp warm-up requirement

A bare lamp operating in still air at an ambient temperature of 25°C ± 5°C (77°F ± 9°F) and at the minimum specified starting current shall reach 95% of the specified minimum lamp operating voltage in not more than 10 minutes.

7 Reference ballast characteristics

See ANSI C82.5 for the general specifications for reference ballasts.

Supply voltage..... 460 volts*
Reference current..... 6.2 amperes
Impedance..... 50.5 ohms
Power factor..... 0.075 ± 0.005
Frequency..... 60 Hz

* A momentary higher open-circuit voltage may be necessary to start the lamp where an auxiliary starting circuit is not provided.

8 Data for ballast design

The ballast requirements shall be met throughout the full range of ballast rated supply voltages. They apply to ballasts integral to the luminaire as well as remotely connected ballasts and HID starters (that is, ignitors). Capacitive loading across the lampholder terminals may be necessary to simulate characteristics of a remotely connected ballast.

For additional limits on ballast performance, see ANSI C82.4.

8.1 Requirements for lag ballasts

8.1.1 Lag ballasts without auxiliary starting circuits

A lag ballast without an auxiliary starting circuit shall satisfy the following minimum open-circuit requirements for starting, within the time specified in section 6.1.1, and sustaining the arc discharge of a lamp:

Temperature	Minimum Open-Circuit Voltage volts, rms	volts, peak	Probability of Starting
10°C ± 1°C (50°F ± 2°F)	440	622	98% for 0-hour lamps
-30°C ± 1°C (-22°F ± 2°F)	530	750	90% for 100-hour lamps

8.1.2 Lag ballasts with auxiliary starting circuits

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8.2 Requirements for peak lead ballast

8.2.1 Voltages for reliable starting

A peak lead ballast shall supply the following minimum open-circuit voltage requirements for starting, within the time specified in section 6.1.1, and sustaining the arc discharge of a lamp.

Temperature	Minimum Open-Circuit Voltage volts, rms	Crest Factor	Probability of Starting
10°C ● 1°C (50°F ± 2°F)	370*	2.0	98% for 0-hour lamps
-30°C ± 1°C (-22°F ± 2° F)	410**	2.0	90% for 100-hour lamps

* The rms open-circuit voltage may be reduced by 10 volts for each 0.1 increase of the voltage crest factor, down to 350 volts rms, as the lowest value.

** The rms open-circuit voltage may be reduced by 10 volts for each 0.1 increase of the voltage crest factor, down to 390 volts rms, as the lowest value.

8.2.2 Current waveshape characteristics

The following current waveshape characteristics, as determined by ballast design, are required to sustain a lamp throughout its warm-up period. See ANSI C82.6 for measurement procedures.

1) Current slope (di/dt), minimum ..... 2.50 amperes per millisecond (See Note 1)
2) Off time (OT), maximum ..... 2.75 milliseconds
3) Peak current, maximum ..... 16.0 amperes
4) Overshoot (OS), maximum ..... 50 milliamperes (See Note 2)

NOTES
1 Current slope di/dt is measured within a 100-microsecond window centered at zero crossing.
2 Overshoot is measured with a maximum source impedance of 0.30 ohms.

8.2.3 Minimum sustaining voltage (V_{ss})

Sustaining voltage, V_{ss}, is defined in ANSI C82.9 and is measured in accordance with ANSI C82.6.

The ballast shall meet the following conditions, as shown in table 1, at its minimum rated input voltage for reliable lamp operation.

**Table 1–Minimum sustaining voltage (V_{ss})
current slope (di/dt), amperes per millisecond, at i=o**

Off-time (Milliseconds)	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5
2.75	447	397	357	324	297	275	258
2.50	436	386	346	313	286	264	247
2.25	425	375	335	302	275	253	236
2.00	414	364	324	291	264	242	225
1.75	403	353	313	280	253	231	214
1.50	392	342	302	269	242	220	203

The values given in this table are derived from the equation:

$$V_{SS} = C1 + C2(OT) - C3\,(di/dt)$$

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Where:

V_{SS} = Minimum sustaining voltage in volts, (rms)
OT = Off-time in milliseconds
di/dt = Current slope at i=0 in amperes per millisecond
C1 = 59
C2 = 44
C3 = 745

8.2.4 Peak lead ballasts with auxiliary starting circuits

(Reserved for future consideration)

8.3 Starter requirements

(Reserved for future consideration)

8.4 Starting current requirements

Amperes, rms	Lag Ballasts	Peak-Lead Ballasts
Minimum	6.2	6.2
Maximum	10.4	9.0

Starting current is measured 5 to 15 seconds after the lamp has started.

To protect lamps during initial warm-up, maximum peak rectification current for lag ballasts shall be TBD amperes, peak. The peak value shall be measured with a suitable rectifying load substituted for the lamp. Refer to lamp manufacturer for details.

8.5 Current crest factor

The lamp current crest factor, at any rated supply voltage, during warm-up and operation of a reference lamp shall not exceed 1.8.

8.6 Maximum voltage across lamp terminals

8.6.1 Non-pulse-start circuits

A ballast shall not supply to the lamp terminals a voltage in excess of the following values:

Duration	Applied Voltage
First second	2150 volts, peak
Continuous	530 volts, rms

8.6.2 Pulse-start circuits

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8.7 Lamp operating wattage

The operating wattage of a bare lamp is measured in its designated operating position on a ballast throughout its range of rated supply voltages in a still air ambient of 25°C ± 5°C (77°F ± 9°F). The following wattage limits apply:

	Minimum (watts)	Maximum (watts)
Wattage limits, 100-hour lamps	1200	1800 *
Wattage limits through life (At all rated input voltages)	TBD	TBD *

***CAUTION:** Specific wattage limits are based on normal tolerance distributions of lamp voltage, ballast adjustment, and line voltage. If these tolerances are extreme and in the same direction, the specified wattage limits could be exceeded.

Lamps shall operate within these limits throughout the full range of lamp voltage tolerance. When measured on a reference ballast, the range of lamp voltage through life is TBD to TBD.

To meet these limits, a ballast at 100% rated input voltage shall operate a reference lamp within ± 5% of the wattage delivered to the same lamp in the same position by a reference ballast. Also the ballast, throughout the input voltage range for which it was intended, shall operate a reference lamp within ± 15% of the wattage delivered to that reference lamp by a reference ballast at its rated voltage.

The wattage design center of a ballast intended for this lamp shall be 1500 watts.

For additional limits of ballast performance, see ANSI C82.4.

8.8 Minimum lamp operating wattage

Operation of metal halide lamps below the wattage limits of this standard will lower lamp efficacy and may result in color shift, arc instability, flicker and reduced lamp life. The lamp manufacturer shall be consulted before operating metal halide lamps at reduced wattage or with dimming circuits.

9 Information for luminaire design

CAUTION: To insure correct thermal operation, UV protection and non-passive failure protection, the luminaire shall be designed in accordance with lamp manufacturers' recommendations for use and application.

Also see ANSI/UL 1572 for requirements on the construction of luminaires.

9.1 Voltage rise, luminaire effect limit

The lamp voltage of reference lamps, operating on a sinusoidal power supply of 60 Hz with the specified reference ballast at its rated input voltage, shall not change more than TBD volts when going from stabilized operation in open air to stabilized operation in a luminaire.

9.2 Lamp failure mechanism

Metal-halide lamps are constructed of a glass bulb with an internal arc tube made of quartz. These arc tubes operate under high pressure (typically 5 atmospheres) and temperature (typically 900°C). The arc tube may unexpectedly rupture due to internal causes or external factors. When this occurs, the glass bulb surrounding the arc tube may break and particles of extremely hot quartz from the arc tube and glass fragments from the glass bulb may be discharged into the fixture enclosure and possibly the surrounding environment, thereby creating a risk of personal injury or other hazard.

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APPENDIX A
(Informative)

A.1 Related standards

This standards are listed for information only.

ANSI C78.30-1996, *Procedure for Use in Preparation of Incandescent Lamp Space Drawings*[1]

ANSI C81.62-1991, *Lampholders for Electric Lamps*

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