## THORN LIGHTING LIMITED

Standards Engineering Department Research & Engineering Laboratories EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION No DA=D0=004 Sheet 1 of 1 Supersedes

# SUBJECT DATE CODE FOR BEACON BRANDED FLUORESCENT TUBES

## 1. DESCRIPTION

1.1 The date code shall comprise of nine dots. Four shall represent the four quarters of the year and five shall represent a five year cycle.

#### 2. ARRANGEMENT

- 2.1 The quarter year dots shall be positioned one in each of the four corners of the stamp.
- 2.2 The five year cycle dots shall be positioned three on the left hand side of the brand name and two on the right hand side of the brand name.

### 3. THE CCDE

3.1 The quarter year code shall be represented as follows:-

4 dots......1st quarter.....Jan, Feb, Mar. 3 dots.....2nd quarter.....Apr, May, Jun. 2 dots.....3rd quarter.....Jul, Aug, Sep. 1 dot.....4th quarter.....Oct, Nov. Dec.

3.2 The five year cycle code shall be represented as follows:-

#### 4. REMOVAL OF DCTS

- 4.1 The removal of unwanted code dots shall be made in the following order:-
  - 4.1.1. Quarter Year Code.

1st removal top left hand corner 2nd removal top right hand corner 3rd removal bottom left hand corner

4.1.2. Year Code.

1st removal extreme left hand dot 2nd removal top left hand dot 3rd removal bottom left hand dot 4th removal top right hand dot

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