

Standards Engineering Department

Brand stamp specification

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Subject SIX DOT DATE CODE FOR INCANDESCENT LAMPS

#### 1. DESCRIPTION

- 1.1. The date code shall comprise six dots, one bar and a digit.
- 1.2. The dots shall represent a six month cycle and the bar shall indicate the first half of the year.

The digit shall indicate the last figure of the year of manufacture.

### 2. ARRANGEMENT

- 2.1. On all Thorn and Thorn subsidiary brands the dots shall appear along the bottom of the stamp impression.
- 2.2. The bar indicating the first half of the year shall be positioned to the right of the wattage rating.
- 2.3. The digit indicating the year of manufacture shall be positioned to the left of the wattage rating.
- 2.4. On customer brands the Thorn dot date code will be used, unless otherwise requested, and will be positioned where convenient or requested and as indicated on the stamp drawings.

## 3. THE CODE

3.1. The month code shall be represented as follows:-

6 dots	January	6 dots	July
5 dots	February	5 dots	August
4 dots	March	4 dots	September
3 dots	April	3 dots	October
2 dots	May	2 dots	November
1 dot	June	1 dot	December

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3.2. The year code shall be represented by a digit as follows:-

5	1975
6	1976
7	1977
8	1978
9	1979
0	1980

- 3.3. The months January to June inclusive shall be represented by the inclusion of the bar.
- 3.4. The months July to December inclusive shall be represented by the omission of the bar.

# 4. REMOVAL OF DOTS AND BAR

- 4.1. Unwanted dots for month code shall be removed in order starting from the left.
- 4.2. The bar shall be removed for months July to December inclusive.

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