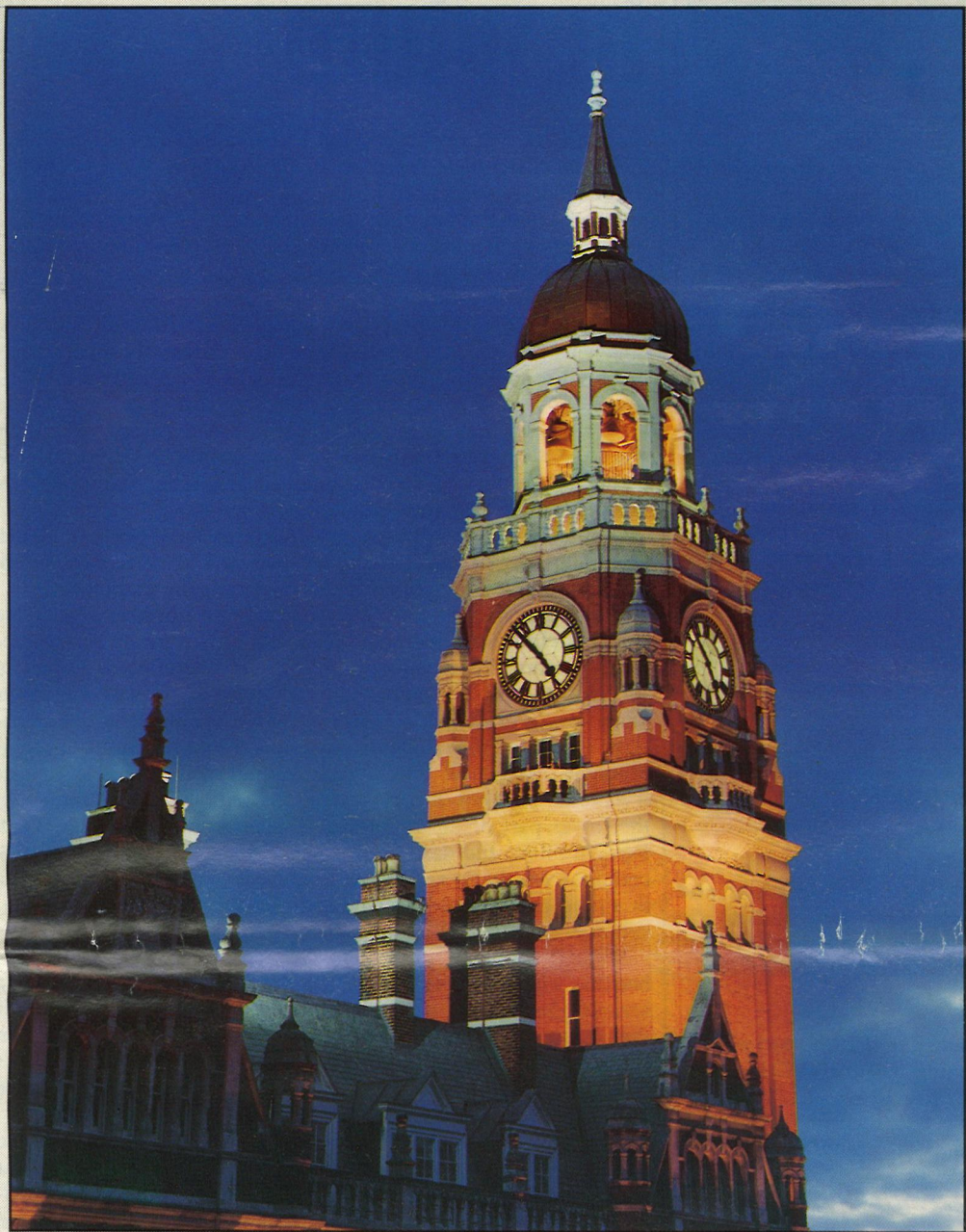


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The Clock Tower on the Croydon Town Hall building was floodlit so that it would stand out against other high buildings in the neighbourhood.

The main body is lit with narrow beam Philips HNF 003 projectors each with one 400W SON lamp. The bell housing is lit from SNF projectors with 100W and 250W SON lamps.

The top cupola is lit by Philips MSB18 luminaires each with one 18W SOX lamp. As a contrast, the top of the tower is floodlit from MVF 406 Arenavision with a 1 860W metal halide lamp. The upper tower is lit by a ring of weatherproof fluorescent battens each with two 36W Col 35 lamps.

Brightening up Belfast

During 1991 Belfast is staging a celebration of the city's history. One of the events will be a competition to find the best floodlit building.

Buildings will be judged in three categories. The first category consists of smaller premises such as restaurants; the second covers larger commercial premises, while the

third group will consist of non-commercial buildings such as churches and historic monuments.

Applications must be received by 1 September.

Entry forms can be obtained from Northern Ireland Electricity, PO Box 2, Danesfort, 120 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 5HT.

● The Department of the Environment is introducing a temporary grant scheme to assist new floodlighting projects in Belfast. Entrants may, therefore, be eligible for a grant.

Fitzgerald expands into Europe

Fitzgerald Lighting has formed a German subsidiary Fitzgerald Light GmbH based in Cologne. VDE approval is being attained to ensure products comply with the necessary German standards.

The new company will be formally launched at the Hanover Fair where a number of the new products are being exhibited.

use of Targetti's computer lighting packages.

The sales and marketing office will be located in Doncaster where orders will be processed and delivered via specialist stockists covering the UK.

The general manager of the company, Steve Ballantyne, commented "I believe there is an opportunity to establish a small, professional team dedicated to re-confirming Targetti's presence in the UK market and achieving a market share which corresponds to Targetti's position in the rest of Europe."

Targetti sets up in UK

Following a year of discussions, Crompton Parkinson and Targetti Sankey SpA have formed a new company in the UK to act as sole British distributor of Targetti products.

The company will market, sell and distribute these products through a network of selected specialist lighting distributors. It will initially concentrate on building UK sales of Targetti products and developing the

UK's largest lamp company formed

GE (USA) and Thorn EMI consolidated the UK Light sources operation of Thorn Lighting, Thorn EMI Lamps and Components (Mitcham) and Omega Lighting (New Malden) from 1 February. The new operation is adopting a new single company name GE Thorn Lamps Limited.

Wealth of experience

Commented Andrew Osmond, head of commercial operations for GE Lighting Europe, "As the

largest manufacturer of lamps in the UK, GE Thorn will be able to provide a unique level of service to the lighting industry. With the wealth of experience and resources drawn from both GE and Thorn, the new company will be able to offer the widest possible choice of innovative products, together with the highest quality service to its customers."

The company has established a new sales team to cover the whole-sale light sources business transferred from Thorn Lighting. The

new structure includes four regional managers covering the north, west, east, Scotland/ Northern Ireland. Scheduled deliveries will continue to be made from Thorn Lighting's distribution centres situated at Romford for the South, Normanton for the North and Belfast for Northern Ireland.

Product development

Stress will be placed on new product development and a heavy investment programme is planned.

CIBSE launches research initiative

CIBSE has launched a fundraising campaign to support research within the building services industry. The initial target for the first year is £500,000.

It is generally acknowledged within the construction industry that current research is inadequate and building services engineering is no exception, so the Institution plans to co-ordinate the industry in this respect.

Launching the initiative, Lord Ezra expressed his concern about the country's inconsistent approach to energy efficiency, one of the subject areas for research identified by CIBSE.

At the launch, Jerome O'Hea of the Colt Foundation announced that trustees of the foundation had agreed to give £100,000 over three years to

cover the administrative overheads of the initiative so that all money raised from industry could go directly on research.

Funds raised will be controlled by the CIBSE Research Committee which will be responsible for deciding which projects should be financed. Topics for research will be identified by CIBSE committees and task groups as well as from external sources. Task groups will be established to control and monitor projects.

Individuals and companies who support the initiative will be able to illustrate their support by use of the Research Initiative logo. Donations will be acknowledged by gold, silver and bronze awards which will be given to those investing £2,000, £1,000 and £500 respectively.

Lighting experts meet in Montreal

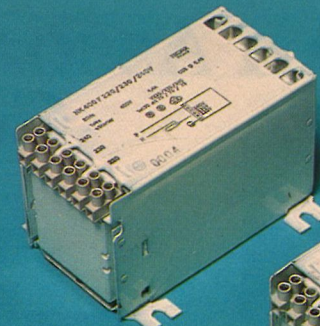
Montreal will be the venue for the 1991 conference of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. The event will take place from 11-15 August.

Subjects covered in technical papers will include design theory, applications, light sources, VDT lighting, road lighting and vision.

In addition, there will be seminars on topics such as international design considerations in lighting, fluorescent ballasts and lamps, and liabilities in lighting design.

For further details contact the IES at 345 East 47th Street, New York, New York 10017.

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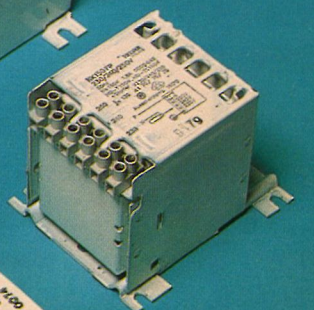


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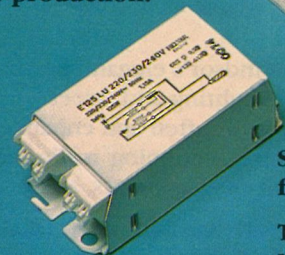
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European event on how to save lighting energy

European countries use 15-30% of their total electricity consumption on lighting and this could be halved without sacrificing either lighting quality or comfort, according to the Swedish National Energy Administration, organiser of the First European conference on energy efficient lighting. This event will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, from 28 to 30 May, 1991.

The conference will be an important forum for the exchange of ideas, information and 'know-how' at a time when rapid change-over to more efficient lighting could bring considerable benefits to society as a whole.

There will be a pre-conference workshop for utilities who have already conducted campaigns to promote energy efficient lighting. The latest developments in lighting design and technology will be on display at an exhibition con-

current with the conference.

All aspects of lighting efficiency will be covered and possibilities and incentives for greater electricity savings in delegates' own spheres of activity will be explored.

Papers will be grouped into sessions such as technology, economy, lighting quality, marketing and the planning of energy efficient lighting campaigns.

Participants are expected to come from all branches of industry, with strong representation from the construction, consulting and contracting sectors, property administration and maintenance, specifying authorities, national and local government, and the energy utilities.

Further information is available from Swedish National Energy Administration, Department of Energy Efficiency, S-117 87 Stockholm, Sweden.

Commercial lighting show to be held in Milan

Light Pavilions is a lighting exhibition to be held in Milan from 25-29 May. Lighting technology for industrial, commercial, sports, streets, transportation and living space will be featured.

The products will be divided into four groups: lighting fittings, lamps, components, and software and instruments for designing

lighting schemes.

Some 130 companies from Italy and other countries have booked stands. The event is being held in the grounds of INTEL '91, the International Electrotechnics and Electronics Exhibition.

For more information contact Associazione INTEL, Via Algardi 2, 20148 Milano, Italy.

CIE seminar on computer programs

Following the successful CIE seminar on light measurement the next CIE seminar is scheduled for 1992 in Vienna. Theme of the seminar will be computer programs for light and lighting.

The intention is to foster direct contact between vendors and users of illuminating engineering computer programs.

Producers of lighting programs interested in co-operating in workshop sessions and demonstrations should contact the CIE Central Bureau, Kegelgasse 27, A-1030 Vienna to find out more about how they could participate in the event.

The seminar will provide opportunities for discussing the use of programs with the producers, checking different programs and finding out more about their capabilities.



London's Greenwood theatre, the television studio that is home to Channel 4's *Tonight with Jonathan Ross*, has a twin lighting installation. It was planned to install a Strand Galaxy 3 lighting control system, but the production company, Channel X, felt it might not be sufficient for live rock acts. The solution was to mount Strand's latest MX24 board next to the Galaxy 3. MX24 can introduce chases and flash channels individually, as well as acting as a back-up to the Galaxy if necessary.

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Opportunities for consultants and contractors in the single European market. Evening meeting in Cardiff held by South Wales region of CIBSE. Details from A D Jones 0792 641172.

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Building environmental performance '91. Conference at Canterbury organised by the Building Environmental Performance Analysis Club. Details from Elaine Baker 0923 664132.

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Hanover Fair, Germany. Commercial lighting exhibition. Details from A Rustemeyer, 081-688 9541.

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Photographing lighting installations. Evening meeting in London held by CIBSE Lighting Division. Details from CIBSE 081-675 5211.

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One-day technical conference in

Clydebank on public lighting, arranged by ILE Scottish region. Details from D G McNair 041-227 2454.

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The lights of Spain. International decorative lighting exhibition in Valencia. Details from PO Box 476, 46080 Valencia, Spain.

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Emergency lighting. One-day seminar and exhibition in London held by CIBSE. Information from CIBSE 081-675 5211.

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Lighting basics 1: Light and vision. One-day seminar in Manchester arranged by Mid Career College, 0223 880016.

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Innovative lighting techniques. Evening meeting at Godalming, Surrey, held by CIBSE London and South East region. Details from Carl Sandford 071-387 4442.

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CIBSE Lighting Division AGM followed by Lighting Division lunch and presentation of lighting awards. Tickets from CIBSE 081-675 5211.

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Trends in office furniture

Since the advent of the original IES Glare Code in 1963 when GEC launched their 'comfort in lighting' luminaires, and the introduction of suspended ceilings in the UK, the recessed cut-off reflector luminaire has been developed into the most widely used office lighting luminaire in major speculative office developments and elsewhere. It has proved to be a popular luminaire and today the prismatic alternative is very rarely used.

Accompanying this trend and, under the influence of the Scandinavians and the Americans, we came to adopt very much lighter colours for our office surface decorations and our office furniture. In the 1960s desk tops were generally very dark greys, greens and even black, or they were dark highly polished stained oak. Walls were usually cream and below dado height were often dark painted and occasionally dark stained panelling. Floor surfaces were also very dark lino and dark polished wood.

Gradually over the years these surfaces have been lightened and, in particular, the highly polished dark desk tops and dark office furniture have gone and floors are usually carpeted.

These changes brought about a significant improvement in the visual environment in which we work. They were of course necessary before the introduction of the cut-off reflector luminaire for, with the rapidly increasing illuminance levels of the 1960s when levels in excess of 1000 lux were planned and used, discomfort glare from diffuser luminaires was becoming a major problem. The cut-off luminaire solved all of that, only to replace it with the problem of dark ceilings caused by lack of lightness in the lower part of the room space, mainly due to the dark desk tops, furniture and dark floor finishes. Indeed, against these dark ceilings even the so called low brightness luminaires were viewed in strong contrast and became significant glare sources in themselves.

With the highly vertical distributions, contrast rendering became a problem, and paper on the dark desk tops became a serious glare source, particularly with the high illuminance levels then in use. And while developments in widening the distribution (batwing luminaires) made significant improvements, it wasn't until the whole space was lightened and illuminance levels started to fall that real improvements were made.

Over the years we have introduced spaces with large open plan offices, and more recent times have found the smaller cellular spaces much more workable. Integrated office furniture has gradually developed alongside these changes and, whether by good fortune or just by fashion, the surfaces have been kept light and rather matt. Computers have arrived and after initial skirmishes with dark colours, are today invariably very light.

In very recent times and in particular in London's Docklands, the Americans have been noted to be asserting a strong influence in how new buildings are designed and constructed and how the office spaces may be laid out. After initial trials with typical European specular reflector luminaires, they have now tended to adopt the typical American recessed semi-matt (lustre) reflector ceiling mounted luminaire, which of course is fine so long as the surface finishes remain light and luminaires aren't overspaced.

Unfortunately American integrated office furniture trends are going in the other direction and many recent mock-ups have shown that we may be going back to the days of dark wood surfaces and highly polished finishes. In addition, some American firms have really taken the cellular office to their hearts and some of these new integrated layouts are little short of pigeon holes or, to be more honest, rabbit hutchies. The 'rabbit' or worker, faces a shallow depth desk top with a vertical wall immediately ahead and surrounded by vertical walls formed by adjacent units to either side. Because little overhead light can reach the working area there is usually a very well designed fluorescent fixture immediately ahead and parallel to the desk top. With American integrated furniture, contrast rendering is not a problem because these fixtures are always designed to bring light in from either side. In the UK, where price is so often the determining factor, it is doubtful whether the elaborate designs to avoid the contrast rendering problem will be used by the furniture manufacturers.

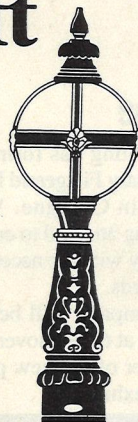
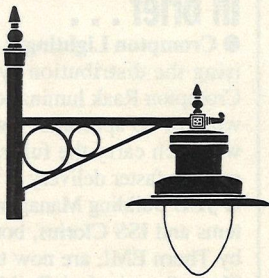
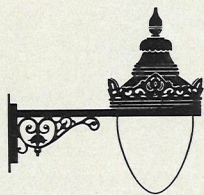
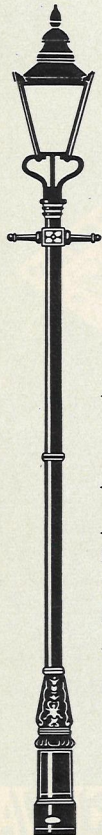
In the more open layouts the screens used to separate the space usually prevent more than one overhead luminaire lighting the area so that obstructions from the furniture and screens introduce fixed shadows into the working space with obvious loss of illuminance and poor uniformity as a result.

Add to this the use of dark furniture and vertical wall panelling and all the problems of the strong contrasts, dark ceilings, and high veiling reflections are with us once again. If these American ideas do become a fashion, then apart from complaining, we are going to have to light them, so we ought to face the problems and find a way of tackling these developments before they get out of hand.

Brian Morgan,

CIBSE Lighting Division Technical Committee

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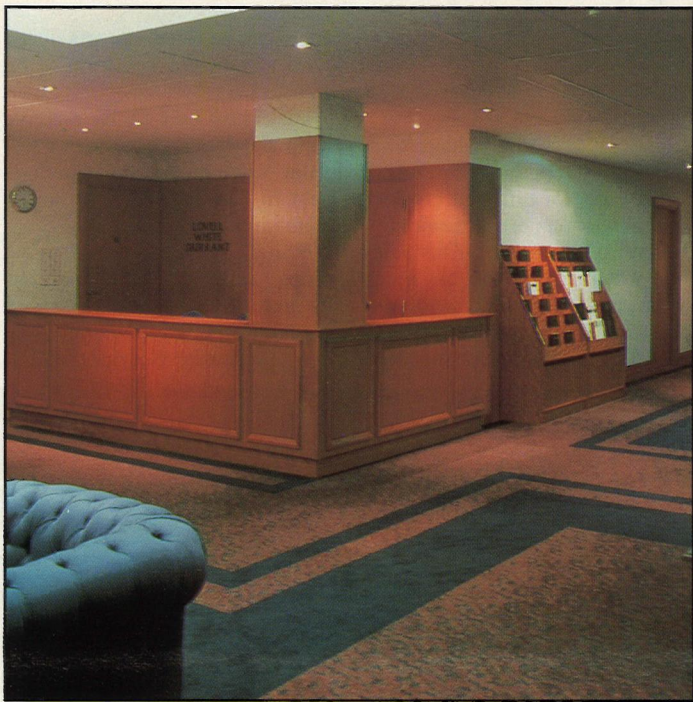
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Storage causes a lighting problem

Lawyers generate a lot of paperwork, so in any legal practice ample storage space is a must. In lighting a leading law firm in the City of London, one of the major problems was, therefore, to provide satisfactory ambient lighting levels, while coping with the need for high levels of illumination for vertical storage systems housed in the corridors and library of the office building. Design contractors Udasplus, went to Light Years with this problem.

New lighting

City lawyers Lovell, White, Durrant recently obtained a nine-floor building in London's Holborn Viaduct. The whole building was totally refurbished and new lighting designed and installed throughout. Fully recessed low brightness fluorescent fittings were installed in the office spaces, but specific requirements needed to be met to allow good illumination of the filing systems which lined the

corridors, and in the reference library on the fifth floor.

The corridors are 1.8m wide and contain floor-to-ceiling built-in filing systems. Because the company is paper-based, the corridors are activity areas in which people tend to congregate. Any lighting system has to prevent these areas from appearing tunnel-like, as well as providing an equal amount of illumination on the higher and the lower filing shelves. Fully recessed low voltage square downlights adjustable to 32° and with remote transformers, were specified with wide beam lamps and installed in groups of six, interspersed with groups of two, throughout the corridors on each floor, ensuring an even level of illumination on the files as well as creating visual interest and an overall vertical illuminance of 350 lux.

Emergency lighting

The corridors house a non-maintaining emergency lighting system which revolves around tiny

low voltage 'starburst' fittings using 10W capsule lamps without reflectors to obtain the maximum spread of light. One transformer services ten fittings, which are spaced 5m apart, covering up to a 50m run on one 100W battery pack. As an average of 2 lux has been achieved at floor level for emergency lighting, this system has proved cost effective and still provides illumination well in excess of the levels required by BS 5266.

The reference library was more of a headache. It houses floor to ceiling racking at 1m centres. Moreover, the ceiling is staggered, reaching 2.5m at its highest point and 2.3m at its lowest. Lit with straightforward recessed fluorescent fittings, the top shelves would be brightly lit leaving the bottom shelves extremely dull. An 'hourglass' lighting effect was achieved using a suspended elliptical fluorescent lighting system to solve the problem. Lytette fittings have been positioned in a series of seven parallel lines between

the lines of racking. The louvred fronts to the fitting are directed at an oblique angle to light the shelves from the floor to middle height while slots in the rear of the fittings provided uplight which is reflected off the ceiling, thus lighting the upper shelves. Although the direct light travels further to the lower shelves, it produces the same brightness levels as the indirect light on the upper shelving, thus achieving even vertical light distribution.

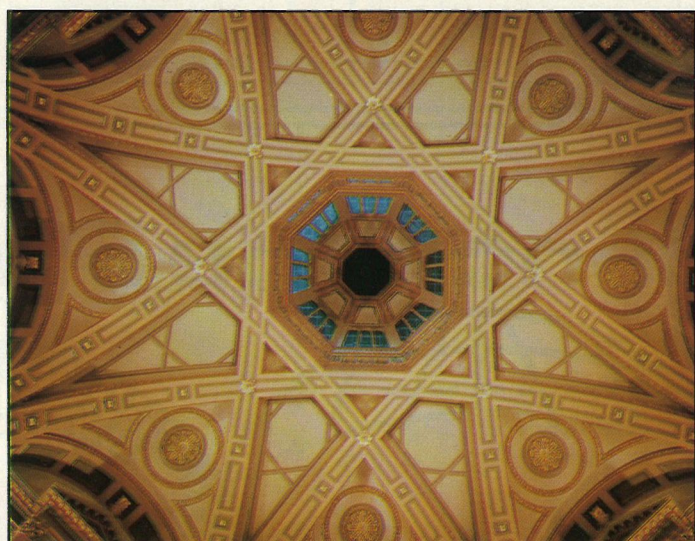
Decorative scheme

The ground floor reception areas and conference rooms needed a more decorative approach. Fully recessed low voltage pinhole downlights have been used in the centre of these rooms, supported by recessed directional low voltage mini wallwashers which provide perimeter lighting. In the most important meeting rooms, circular wall-mounted uplighters taking 200W linear tungsten halogen lamps provide an appropriate ambience.

Banking on art deco down under

A new commercial development in Melbourne, Australia's commercial centre combines art deco features with the latest in building technology.

The development at 333 Collins Street, also saves a small part of the city's architectural heritage in the form of a ground floor banking hall preserved within the new 29 storey structure. This was salvaged from the



building which previously occupied the site.

The banking hall, acknowledged by the National Trust of Australia as historic importance, features a domed ceiling ringed by what were formally skylights.

To preserve the visual impact of the hall, lighting engineers Lighting Sciences Australia and Simpson Kotzman Pty Ltd were commissioned to recreate the effect of daylight streaming in through the skylights.

Lighting consultant Kevin Poulton specified 24 Thorn ALI CSI series sealed beam floodlights, equipped with 1kW compact iodine daylight Par 64 lamps,

for the job. These were mounted on a 12m diameter steel ring supported above the domed ceiling by a pulley system.

The floodlights, with a colour temperature of 4000K and a rendering index of RA80, shine down through the former skylights.

Designed primarily for high tower installations where good illumination and excellent colour rendering is required, the floodlights are excellent for lighting high buildings.

The northern and southern facades of the development employed some 60 sealed beam CSI floodlights.

Opportunity for retailers

A training course for lighting retailers, organised by the Decorative Lighting Association, will start in May.

It is a correspondence course in six units. Designed for sales staff, it will help them to answer questions from customers, such as "Exactly how much light do I need in the kitchen?"

Places are limited, so contact Caryolynn Shaw as soon as possible at the DLA, Bryn House, Bryn, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire SY9 5LE. Tel 05884 658

Young designers forum: Lighting Group

The Young Designer Forum is a recently formed platform for young people (under the age of thirty), working within the construction industry to discuss topical issues and air their views to the relevant professional institutions such as CIBSE and RIBA.

A discussion group has been set up within the Forum, to highlight current issues and problems, and hopes to cover all aspects of the visual environment.

Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Mark Ayers on 081-784 5768.

COMMENT

A licence to lose money?

It seems you're okay in this country as long as you're not successful. How very British! The background to my tale is as follows. A 1968 report by the Monopolies Commission expressed concern that three companies — in those days called Thorn (UK owned); GEC-Osram, (UK); and Philips (Dutch) — controlled some 80% of the UK light sources market. As a result they had to agree to be good boys and not fix prices to their advantage or give preference to their parent companies when it came to supplying products.

Well, you'll be delighted to hear that after all this time they are not to be released from these promises as, and I quote: 'The Secretary of State is now satisfied that the undertakings are no longer necessary in view of the changed circumstances of the lamp market. This market is now competitive with actual and potential competition from imports. There is no evidence of excessive profitability or prices.' However, in case these firms revert back to their bad old ways, the Director General of Fair Trading will continue to keep a close watch on the market.

In reality, over twenty years later so successful have these companies with the overwhelming market share been that GE-Thorn is well on the way to being completely American owned, and Osram is now run from Germany.

By contrast, a real success story in the lighting field has been the parliamentary pressure exerted by LIF and the British Parliamentary Lighting Group on the issue of lighting and street crime. 'Now, what I want is Facts', was the perpetual cry of Dickens' schoolmaster Thomas Gradgrind. And, like his pupils, those organisations have set out to supply the government with the facts. First came the groundswell of public apprehension about safety on the streets of inner London Boroughs. Studies currently being carried out in provincial centres including Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow seem set to produce results as spectacular as the London surveys.

Now, following the carnage on the M4, the Secretary of State for Transport, Christopher Chopes, has been forced to admit to BPLG activist Ian Twinn that installing road lighting leads to an average reduction in night-time accidents of 30%, and that this figure is used by the department in cost assessments for motorways and trunk roads. So the battle for decent lighting appears to be extending into the field of lighting major routes.

For sheer, dogged determination these organisations take some beating. We can only hope that the private member's bill, 'The Local Authority's Street Lighting Bill', aimed at forcing local authorities to assess their street lighting needs and invest an adequate amount of money in this sector meets with equal success.

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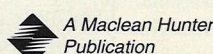
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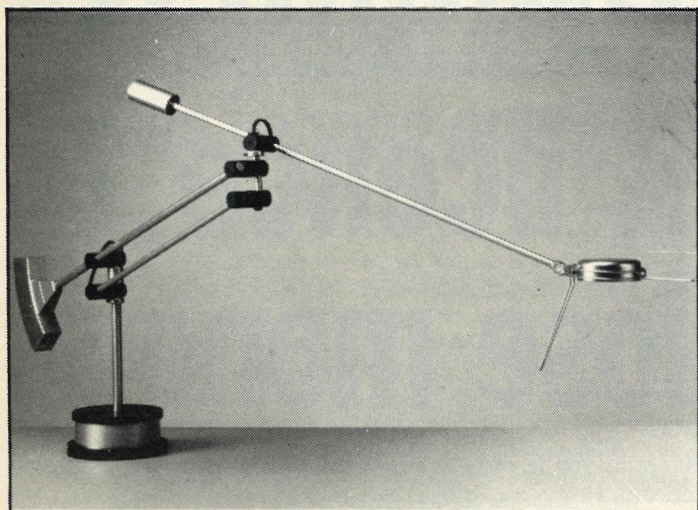
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NEW PRODUCTS



Task light is balanced

Precision balanced for easy adjustment, the Isis task light from Crescent Lighting responds to the slightest touch.

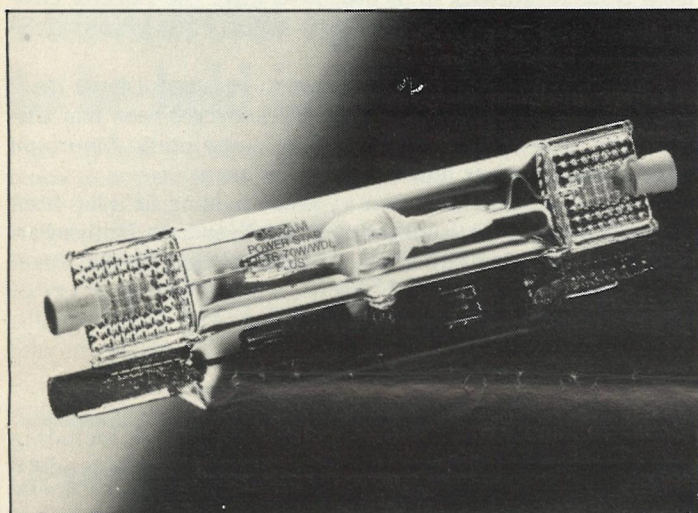
The circular base houses a transformer and incorporates a dual switching facility. By twisting the base plate, light output from the 12V 50W tungsten halo-

gen lamp is reduced by half.

It is suitable for domestic and commercial applications.

Isis is made of aluminium and black polycarbonate and comes in a choice of silver and black, bright blue and black, or red and black finishes.

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Wider range of metal halide

Osram has introduced three more double-ended metal halide lamps to its Powerstar range. They are designated WDL Plus 70W, W/D 1000W and W/DS 2000W.

The WDL Plus is designed to

fit small luminaires and is stated to have an increased light output and improved colour rendering properties.

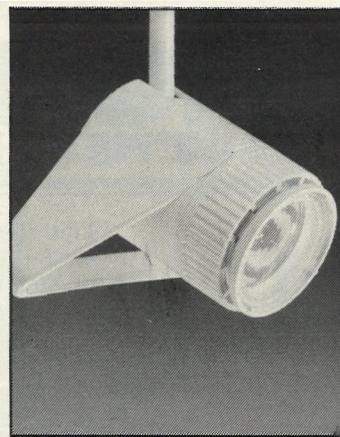
Both the W/D and W/DS are suitable for small floodlights. They are short lamps giving good beam control with minimal stray light. Applications include outside TV broadcasts.

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Geometric low voltage spotlights

Troll's Delta range of low voltage spotlights consists of models for either dichroic or aluminium reflector lamps. The design is based on geometric shapes and includes a heat resistant positioning handle.

The fittings operate either off the company's mains voltage lighting track or are individually surface mounted. Transformers are housed in either the track adaptor or ceiling plate.



There are two types of connector, Troll's universal connector and an automatic jack system.

Reader Service No. 164

Gold plated wall washer

Panorama Lighting has a recessed, tilting, low voltage luminaire that can be used either as a wall washer or as a straight forward downlight.

It uses dichroic lamps rated at up to 50W and is re-lamped from

below. Installation is simplified by the use of springs.

The luminaire is gold plated and mounted in a square bezel.

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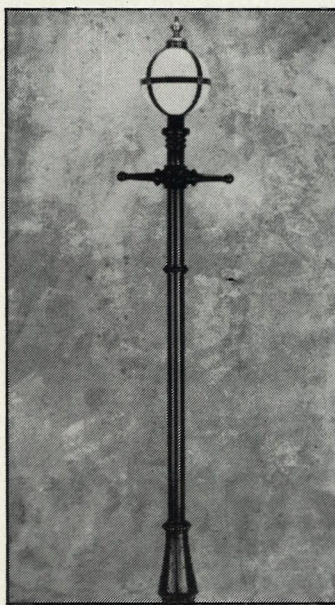
Street lighting has emergency facility

Lighting columns in the Parliament range are the latest addition to Andy Thornton Architectural Antiques' street lighting.

The Parliament range of classical designs are made of cast iron. Vandal resistant polythene globes are held in place by a steel frame with brass rosettes and copper finials. A cast iron root is available for fixing.

All models can be adapted to use compact fluorescent lamps or be fitted with emergency lighting facilities.

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Dimmer makes scene setting simple

Multi Dim is a programmable scene control for four MCB-protected dimmer channels and is available from Electrosonic.

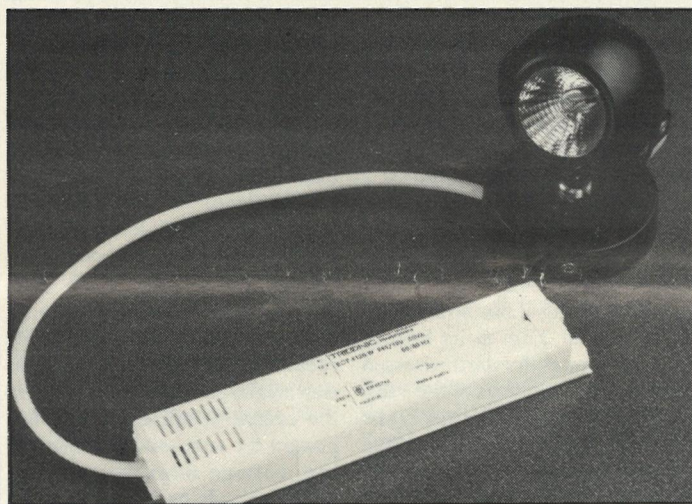
The four channels can be allocated to the lighting of more than one area and controlled either

remotely or from the wall mounted module itself. No additional equipment is required to programme lighting scenes.

Any dimmer channel in any scene can be assigned an intensity between 0 and 100. Other facilities include variable fade rates and memory retention for up to a month without external power.

Once programmed, operation is by pressing a single button.

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Transformer for lighting

Lovotec 50 is a transformer from Tridonic using state-of-the-art wound transformer technology.

It is thermally protected and

the cut-out only re-sets after the power has been turned off and on again. Its capacity is 50VA.

Attention has been paid to characteristics such as cool running, compact size and easily protected terminals.

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Spotlights have curved arms

Limelight is a low voltage track lighting system from Guzzini. It has a range of different connecting rods to support luminaires.

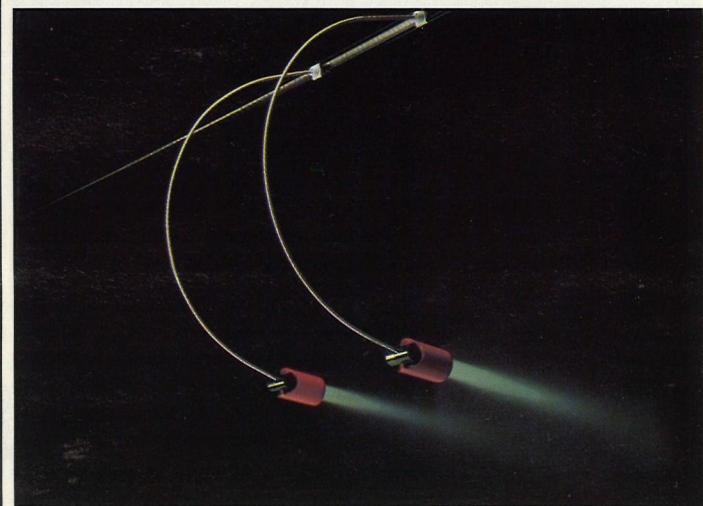
Zoom luminaire, illustrated here on a curved rod, has a cast aluminium cylindrical housing and uses a 50W dichroic reflector lamp. Coloured filters and barn-

doors can be fitted. An articulated joint allows the spotlight to be adjusted.

Focus also uses a 50W dichroic lamp and can be fitted with a circular diffusing glass which is held in front of the lamp on an aluminium rod.

Wing has an elongated, wing shaped reflector, while Disc has its housing fitted into a V-shaped cut-out in a plastic disc.

Reader Service No. 169



Warmer light for the home

Omega Lighting has a range of fluorescent luminaires for the home which feature Warm White lamps for a softer lighting effect in kitchens and utility areas.

Called Mazda Slim Fluorescent, they have joined the Mazda Interiors range.

The 600mm size has a built-in switch; the 1200mm model is suitable for either wall or ceiling mounting, while the 1500mm version is for ceiling installation. The 1200mm and 1500mm types can also be used in bathrooms.

A slim opal coloured diffuser is completed with grey end caps. The range retails from about £21.50 for the 600mm size.

Reader Service No. 170

Arrowslim is even better

Thorn has updated its long-standing Arrowslim range of single-lamp fluorescent luminaires with U-shaped diffusers.

They now have an all-white finish and rounded profile end caps. At 37mm wide they are well suited for retail display areas such as shopfitted cabinets and gondolas. They are also widely used in other commercial and domestic interiors.

Reader Service No. 171

I-R controls light and air

Infra-red remote control is a feature of Monarch ceiling fans by Fantasia.

As well as switching the luminaires on and off and controlling the speed of the five-blade fan, the hand-held control dims the lights.

The length of the ceiling stem is adjustable and the company will spray fans to match, for example, kitchen decor.

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Versatile uplight

A floor standing uplight with a separate, adjustable reading light is available from Deknudt Lighting.

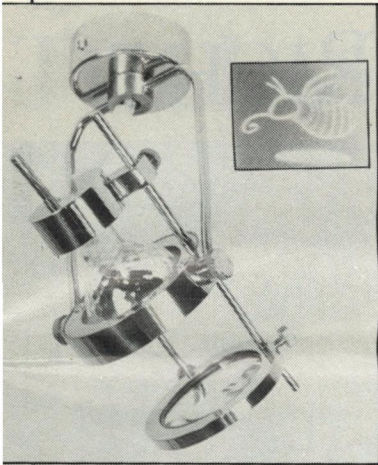
Upward light is from a mains voltage tungsten halogen lamp on a dimmer control. The reflector is directionally adjustable.

Reading light is provided by a low voltage tungsten halogen fitting which also has an adjustable reflector. In addition, there is a two-position switch to give a choice of light output.

The uplight, called Combi, is in brass with a marble base. It is intended for use near a seat which is not necessarily near a wall. When placed away from a wall, the upward light will spread further across the ceiling, thus lighting more of the room.

Reader Service No. 151

Projecting the company's logo



Porthole Imagemaker is one of a new range of low voltage luminaires from Luna Lighting. It comes with a gobo attachment for projecting graphics and images.

Applications include company reception areas, exhibition stands, and many retail and leisure situations where images can be projected of brand names or special promotions, and changed as required.

Finished in either chromium or brass, the Porthole Imagemaker consists of a glass lens and laser-cut light mask, mounted just in front of a low voltage lamp.

Porthole Imagemaker is a creative alternative to traditional signage. The price is about £75 plus an origination cost of around £50 for making the light mask.

Reader Service No. 152

Low energy bollards

Abacus Municipal's AM110 series of illuminated bollards are designed to provide efficient lighting for footpaths, pedestrian walkways, forecourts and parks. They can be ordered for use

with either 25W compact fluorescent, 50W SON-E high pressure sodium, or 50W mercury lamps.

The tubular steel shaft has a black polyester powder coated finish. The cylindrical borosilicate glass refractor is the same diameter as the shaft and has a cast aluminium top cap secured with recessed fixings.

Reader Service No. 153

Light and sound co-ordination improved

Theatre Projects has launched a computerised system which improves co-ordination between sound and lighting technology, including automated Vari-Lite luminaires. It increases efficiency both in setting up and operating.

Lighting and sound equipment can be controlled either from an Atari computer, or from a remote control. This then interfaces to

MIDI (musical instrument digital interface), RS232, Colormag or Celco lighting desks, relay switches, Avo dimmer racks, DMX and SMPTE code. Theatre Projects has also written new software for the system.

The philosophy behind the control system is to help, rather than replace the engineer. For instance, there will always be some form of manual override. It can be pre-programmed to run a show unmanned, but it really comes into its own when an operator wants to do several things simultaneously.

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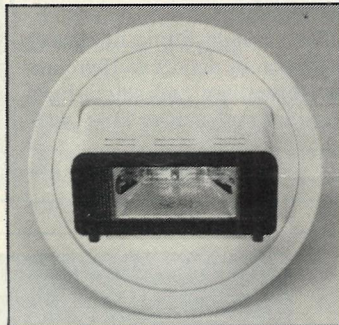
Projectors for display lighting

Powerlite Electrical Products has launched the Discovery range of display projectors for retail display and accent lighting. Both tungsten halogen and metal halide models are included.

The luminaires are made of extruded aluminium with a clear tempered, or ultra-violet filtering safety glass.

Control gear for the metal halide models is thermally protected and is either integral or in a remote enclosure.

One model is surface mounted, the other is a semi-recessed, rotating type. Both are available

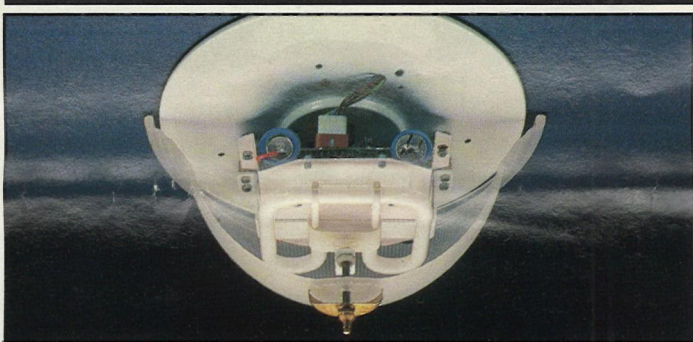


in black or white, with a choice of light sources.

Metal halide models use either 70W or 150W lamps while the tungsten halogen models use 200W or 300W lamps.

Accessories include barn doors and fixing bases.

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Flush fitting luminaires

A range of decorative, flush fitting luminaires for incandescent or compact fluorescent lamps has been introduced by Chelsom. Selected versions can be equipped with emergency lighting.

There are 10 styles with decorative bowls including clear diamond-cut patterned glass, moulded glass in feathered and flowered designs and plain opaque bowls with galleries in a variety of finishes.

All except the smallest fittings can be converted to take compact fluorescent lamps.

Reader Service No. 156

LIF LINE

LIF changes its membership criteria

As from the 1 January 1991, LIF is willing to consider admitting into membership continental-based companies who have been operating in the UK for some time and who have a substantial market presence.

This reflects the changing role of the Federation as very much a market orientated organisation, increasingly successful in its key role of promoting the benefits of modern lighting.

The decision comes after a long process of consultation with its membership and demonstrates that LIF is dedicated to business development and, at the same time, thinking 'European'.

The precise membership criteria for continental based companies will be:

1. The applicant must be a company registered in the UK for at least five years.
2. The applicant must have a manufacturing base within the EEC/EFTA region of Europe.
3. The applicant must have either BS 5750 (or equivalent) operating in its UK operation, or agree to implement it within two years of joining LIF.
4. The applicant must agree to supply UK sales statistics as required by LIF.

This new criteria replaces the previous rules of membership requiring companies to have a manufacturing base within the UK and to have been a UK registered company for at least two years.

This move by LIF is one of many new objectives set for 1991 to develop the profitable growth and expansion of the UK industry as represented by LIF membership.

Further objectives on the European front will involve continued discussions with the EEC Commission, the European Parliament and the UK government on the potential for legislation on emergency lighting.

LIF will continue to investigate the scope of the legislative instruments already in place which include the Construction Products Directive, the Hotel Safety Recommendation and the Health and Safety at Work Directive, to ensure that their scope will incorporate all the proposals put forward by LIF to the EEC Commission — ie for emergency lighting to be installed in all places open to the public, certified according to the appropriate standards and regularly inspected and maintained.

Translating this into the home front, LIF will then be active in ensuring that UK legislation fully implements the requirements laid down in the EEC Directives. In this way, suitable lighting will become an imperative in all areas and the health and safety of all concerned, including the industry, will be maintained.

Further objectives aim to encourage the refurbishment of existing lighting and the installation of good lighting schemes using modern lighting technology. In these difficult times, lighting has proved itself to be the only building service which can reduce costs considerably while boosting productivity at the same time. What better combination for combatting a recession!

LIF is, therefore, increasing its efforts to bring this message across to a broader audience by lobbying government to use modern lighting technology as a means of increasing energy efficiency and business efficiency in the government estate. Thus, by example, the rest of the business sector may 'see the light' and save the nation not only millions in reduced energy costs but also enjoy the incalculable benefits of a more environmentally friendly approach.

For retailers, LIF will show by example how recent winners in the NLA and EMILAS reported that the refurbished lighting had given their business the boost it needed and their future was now far from dim, in more senses than one.

With such 'bright prospects', LIF has certainly got its work cut out in drawing attention to these developments and encouraging everyone to take heed.

One way of achieving this is to review LIF'S two major annual competitions — the National Lighting Awards and EMILAS — to consider merging the awards to commend a more combined approach to lighting design. In other words, to commend lighting schemes which are both operationally effective and aesthetically enhancing yet energy efficient and meeting all the requirements of health and safety for its users. The new competition will then be relaunched in 1992.

Together with the street lighting campaign, the LIF training programme and the elaboration of IEC, CEN and CENELEC standards, it must be said that LIF is a leading light in developing opportunities for its members and it is certainly never to be heard in this Federation that times are slack! Any company interested in more information about LIF membership should contact the director, Ernest Magog, at LIF, tel: 081 675 5432.

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Floor standing uplight

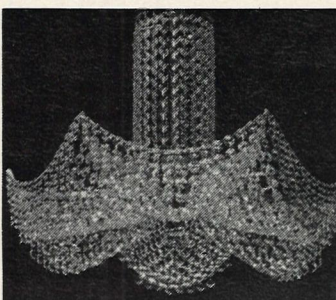
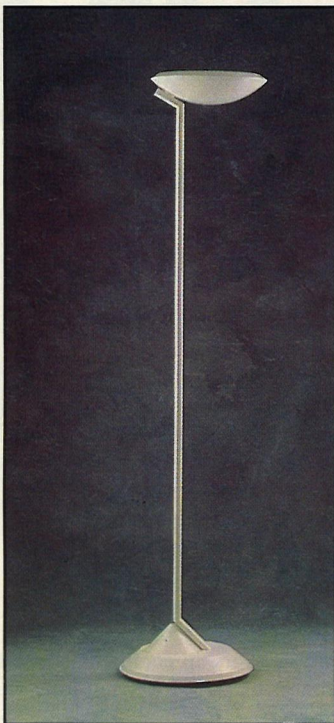
To complement its Legend wall mounted uplight, Hitech has now introduced a floor standing version.

It can be supplied for use with either 70W, 150W or 250W double-ended metal halide lamps. There is a choice of reflector to give either symmetric or asymmetric light distribution.

Control gear is housed in the base to provide a low centre of gravity for stability. Colours are matt black or white, (although for major projects non-standard finishes can be provided).

For applications requiring instant light an auxiliary lamp can be fitted to give illumination until the metal halide lamp reaches full output.

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Sparkle for modern interiors

An unusual crystal fitting for modern interiors is available from Impex. Both the central column and scallop shape surrounding it are draped in chains of crystal buttons.

The six-light fitting illustrated is 480mm in diameter. There are also three-light and single light versions and a matching wall light.

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Splashproof downlight

A low voltage splashproof downlight from Microlights is suitable for applications where the fitting will be exposed to condensation or splashing, such as in bathrooms, kitchens and some exterior locations. It is ingress protection rated IP 44.

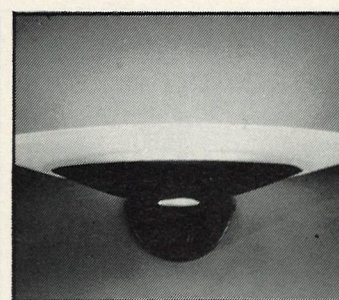
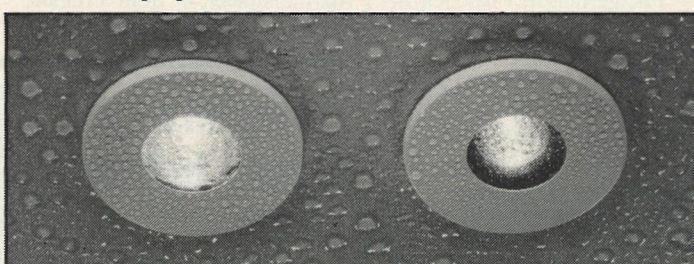
Magnit Splashproof 1 accepts 20W or 35W, 35mm dichroic lamps, while Magnit Splashproof 2 takes any 50mm diameter dichroic lamp up to 50W. Both

luminaires require a remotely positioned transformer.

The recessed fittings can be installed into surfaces between 0.2mm and 20mm thick. They require a cut-out diameter of 80mm and have a special mechanical clamp system.

The ceiling plate, which is held in place by magnets and a silicone rubber seal, is a simple push fit. When removed it gives access to the interior of the fitting for speedy re-lamping. Finishes are either satin black or white, with gold or chromium and other colours to order.

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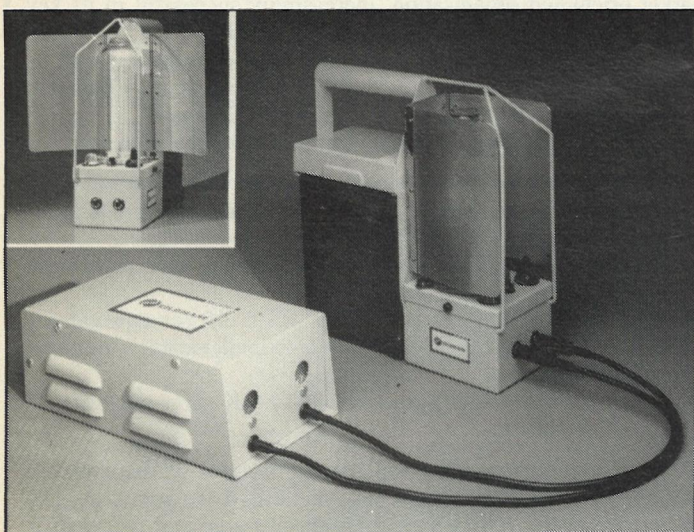


Crystal and gold uplight

A wall mounted uplight from R & S Robertson is made of a combination of acid finished crystal glass with metalwork finished in either 24ct gold or black chromium.

A 300W linear tungsten halogen lamp is used. The wall light, which measures 400mm in width, is part of the Estiluz collection.

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Handlamp has folding reflector

Oldham Crompton has a handlamp for use as a long duration, general purpose working and inspection light. It uses an 18W compact fluorescent lamp powered by two T type 4V batteries to give 6hr continuous light.

The lamp is totally enclosed in a clear polycarbonate shield. A feature of the handlamp is a folding reflector in three sections which can be adjusted to direct

the light where it is required, but folds up for easy storage.

There is also a 3W tungsten halogen pilot light. A two-way switch selects either the main light or the pilot light.

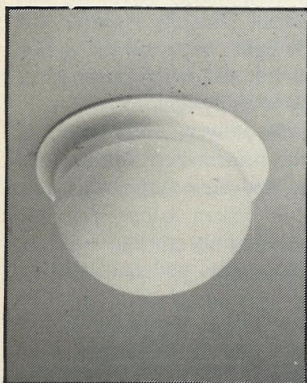
Batteries are recharged either with a special charger, or from the Oldham dual charger through two special charging leads, to the jack plug charging sockets on the front of the handlamp.

Weight of the complete handlamp is 6kg. It is 285mm high, with the sheet steel housing finished in yellow.

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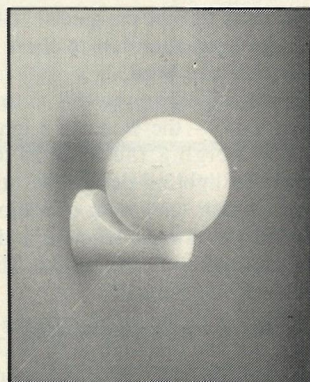
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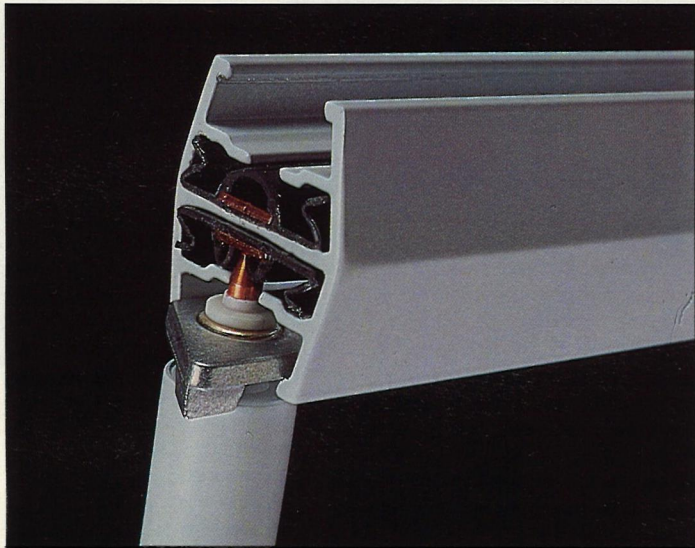
Concord's exciting track system sets a new standard in low voltage lighting design.

Infinitely better

Think of a display lighting system which is so user-friendly it needs only two tools to assemble — an Allen key and a 2p coin — but so sophisticated it can be formed into complex three-dimensional configurations and extended horizontal planes. A retail designer's dream? Far from it. The system is in fact to be launched on the lighting market at the Hanover Fair this month.

'Infinite' by Concord Lighting, is the result of an eighteen month collaboration between designer Terence Woodgate and Concord's own design team headed by Tony Lawrence.

It is an excellent example of how a consultant designer can fire the enthusiasm of an in-house



The track in section, showing the mechanical adaptor.

team while benefitting from their close links with the production side of things. The depth of collaboration shows through in details which have been carefully thought through, producing solutions which cause you to say 'It's so simple, why did nobody ever think of it before?' at every turn. The designers are not only still talking to each other but positively enthuse about the experience and are quick to credit their colleagues on a 'who suggested what' basis.

Foolproof

One of the parameters of the design brief was that the system should be as foolproof as possible. Installation is simple because the system carries no cables downstream of the transformer — so there are no wires to twist. A smooth swivel action allows luminaires to revolve through 360° in two arcs — there are no stops to stress or break.

The current is carried horizontally by means of modular lengths of low voltage track which comes in straight lines or as arcs forming a circle 3m in diameter.



One of the multiple applications of the system.

Insulated in-line connectors permit an infinite length of track — the name of the system stresses its limitless possibilities — each section of which operates off a separate transformer. A noticeable first is a hinged coupler allowing a through current of 25 amps across a 60° angle by means of spring plates. The joint is lockable using a coin.

Luminaires may be clipped to the top or underside of the track. The only limitation is that fittings may not bend backwards towards the track for safety reasons.

Modular vertical elements are provided by suspension rods and power rods 100mm and 300mm long. These may be combined to give any length up to 900mm, and used merely to extend the position of a single luminaire or to create a layered structure by hanging a further horizontal track beneath the first one.

The contact point of the vertical rod is sprung on the socket. The suspension rod connects with the track rail through a tapered haft and trapezoidal mechanical adaptor. The latter is very simple to lock into position — you just insert and turn. The conductor is protected by plastic and neoprene cover flaps. As a result small objects such as paper clips accidentally dropped onto the rail cannot produce a short or melt down. Neat, pointed end caps connect conductors, giving a loop in the track. These are the only elements that require the use of a screwdriver — in this case as a safety precaution.

Even the 300VA transformer is well thought out. Toroidal in form and incorporating sophisticated electronics, the different models

are designed with current as well as temperature cut out. If the system is overlamped the circuit closes down without shorting; remove the excess lamp and the system automatically lights up again. So it is almost impossible to overload the installation.

Transformers can be surface-mounted or remote. The surface-mounted model allows the track to pierce the transformer without any wires being involved. A further model permits power rods to screw directly into the casing.

Initially the range of fittings available is limited to four spotlights, but further models are already in the pipeline and will extend the range of applications.

The first luminaires include: a 20W 10° beam reflector, which can be fitted with filters; a 50W dichroic with a range of alternative beam widths; and 50W and 75W spotlights with focussing rings and a choice of wide or narrow beams.

Straight lines

The design of all fittings is characterised by straight lines truncated by geometric forms; it thus echoes the design of the suspension elements. Cool handling while focussing and relamping is provided by an integral handle which operates the revolve. A ribbed finial band around this gives a satisfactory grip.

In addition to the dedicated track, luminaires can also be connected to flush solo points or clipped onto Concord's existing Lytespan track system.

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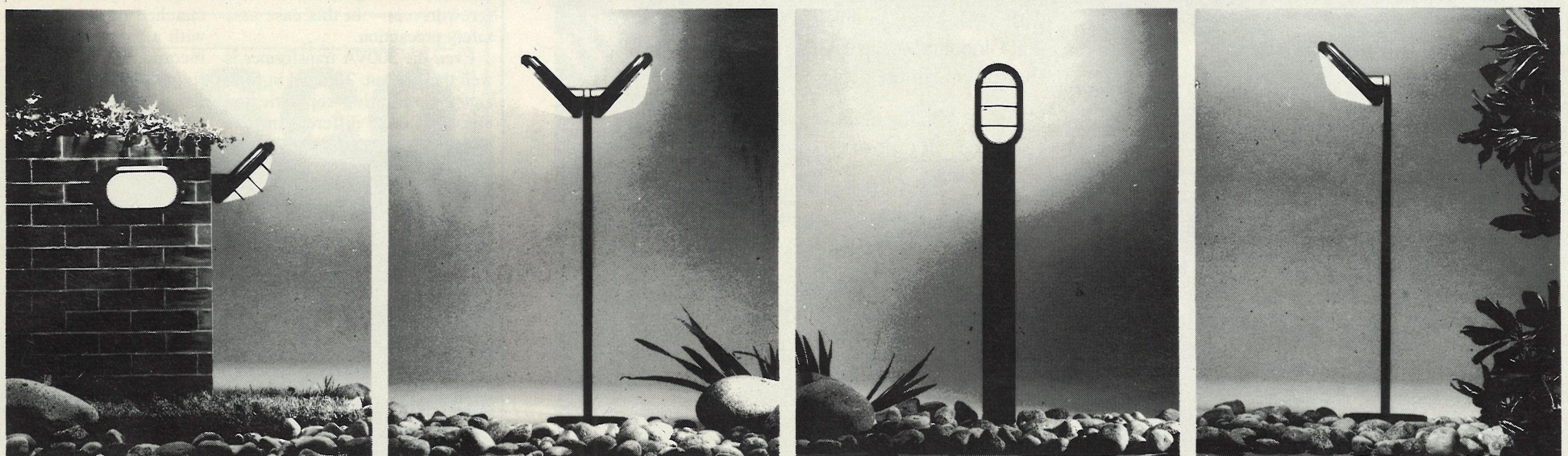
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The all-seeing eye

Computers can give your client an accurate idea of what his lighting installation will look like in use. An update on Thorn's computer visualisation scheme.

Computers have been used for some time to carry out lighting calculations by lighting engineers, but the power of modern computers is starting to be used for 'scheme visualisation'. Previously it had been necessary to build a complete mock-up of an installation in the laboratory in order to assess the effect of new lighting concepts. Graphics software can depict a room and its lighting on the computer, and some CAD software can include simple lighting effects.

The problem with accurate representation has always been to deal with the millions of inter-reflections between all the surfaces in a room (including furniture and obstructions) and also to include the effect of colour. The room must be subdivided into small elements and the effect of each element on every other element must be calculated. That means a lot of arithmetic, even a simple scene requiring between 10 and 100 billion lengthy calculations!

So, even on the fastest and most expensive conventional computers, the time needed to calculate the result can take hours unless short cuts or simplifications are made. The Central Research Laboratories of Thorn Lighting have now developed

techniques which enable a complete colour visualisation of the lighting effects, including diffuse light, in an area with around 1000 surfaces, to be calculated in seconds.

The method used is based upon the way the brain processes information. Compared with a typical home computer or office PC, the human brain is very slow at processing individual bits of information — it works in thousandths of a second rather than millionths or less. Yet, unlike even fast computers, the brain can process visual images very rapidly. The secret is that it processes many items of information simultaneously.

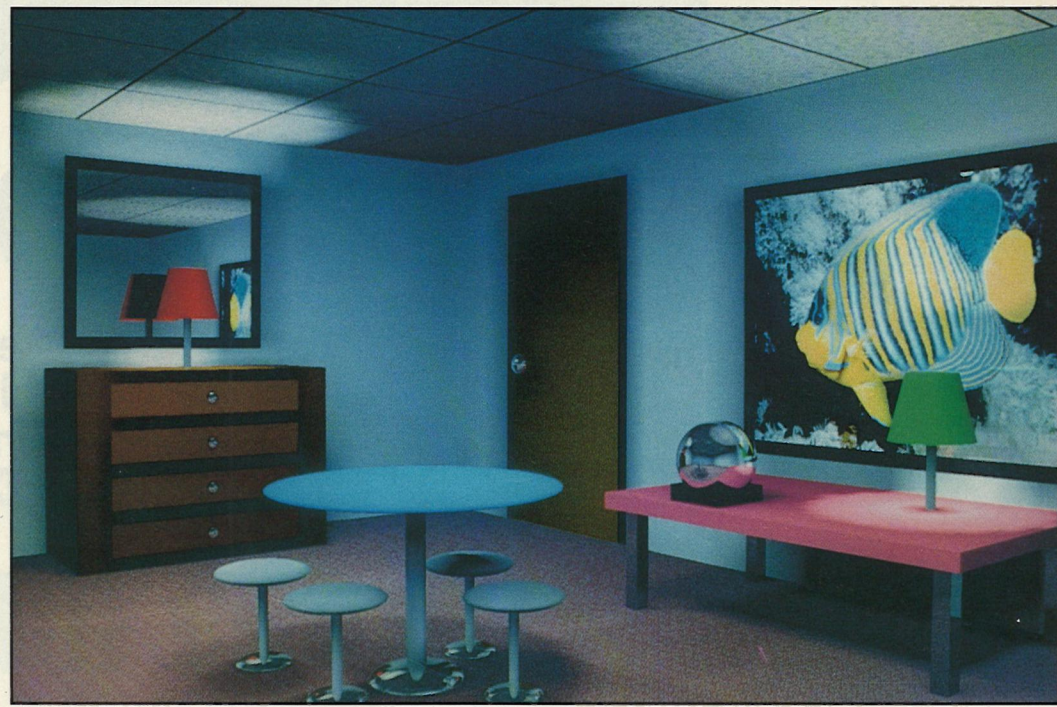
The Thorn visualisation system was developed under Espirit, Europe's research programme in information technology, and uses transputer technology developed with INMOS, now part of SGS Thomson the Franco-Italian group.

Another important difference between this system and conventionally calculated perspectives of rooms is also analogous to the brain. The brain does not show us 'pictures' of the world around us, but creates a 3D map of the world in which we move (when we move our head we alter what we see of a fixed picture). In the same way, the Thorn system does

not calculate a single 2D 'picture' of the room from a particular viewpoint, but calculates the complete 3D room. This means that the viewer can move around the illuminated room (on screen) without the lighting being recalculated. He can even look under the tables!

The extra speed that this methodology has given, has been used to add detail to the visualisations. Not only are obstructions fully dealt with, but trichromatic interreflection theory is used, so that light reflected from a coloured surface becomes suitably coloured.

However, people do not judge photographs of lighting installa-



A room set and its lighting installation as interpreted by the computer.

tions in the same way as they do the actual installation. So, more research work is needed in this field. The system is currently at a research and development stage

and will not become available until later in 1991. It will then be used at first for major project work with key architects and consultants.

This will enable the client to

'walk through' the proposed installation by sitting in front of a computer screen which will build up a moving picture of the completed lighting scheme.

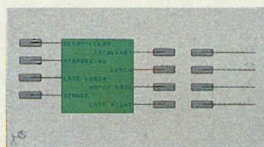
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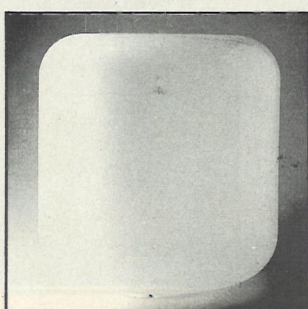
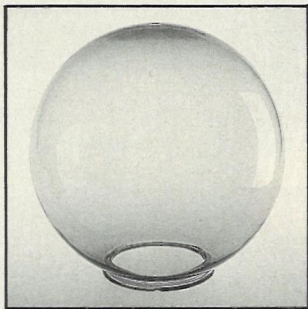
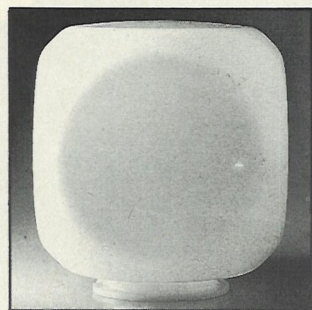
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Improving accuracy in distribution photometry

Errors can be made in measuring the light emitted from a luminaire, particularly in the case of a narrow beam spotlight, and these would suggest the luminaire is more efficient than it really is. *Peter Everard* studied this phenomenon in his finalists paper for the CIBSE Young Lighter Competition. *LEN* reports.

To design a lighting scheme you need to know the way in which light is emitted from a particular luminaire. This can be described by a set of measured photometric data for the luminaire.

Distribution photometry is the recording of the light output from a lamp or luminaire, both the quantity of light and the way it is output.

The luminaire intensity is recorded at a number of points around the lamp, both in elevation and in azimuth around the beam. The data, which is usually collected by a computer system, describes the intensity distribution for that lamp. But there are errors which can occur in using the recorded data.

'Errors from Distribution Photometry' was the subject of a report by Peter Everard, entered in the CIBSE 'Young Lighter of the Year' competition.

The author's aim was to consider these errors. "In some cases," said Mr Everard, "the number of measurements might be insufficient to record the changing intensities of the beam. This is most apparent where the output of a lamp changes rapidly, such as in the beam of a narrow spotlight."

The author measured the intensity distribution at 1° intervals and 5° intervals. He found that the larger interval did not express fully the shape of intensity distribution and could lead to errors in calculating luminous flux.

There is a general appreciation that more detailed measurements can improve the accuracy. But, says the author, there is little pub-

lished work to indicate the magnitude and disposition of errors.

Peter Everard explored this area further using a set of GTE Sylvania Tru-aim Professional lamps. The lamps were connected in a 12V ac supply for 100 hours to stabilise their operation. Electrical power was taken from a toroidal transformer which was supplied from the mains through a stabiliser to prevent lamp output changing due to drifting of the lamp voltage.

An LMT goniophotometer was used to record the intensity distribution with a Hewlett Packard computer controlled the measuring process.

Distinct differences in the results between measurements at 1° and 5° angular steps could be seen.

"In each case the greatest part of the error was generated at around 10° elevation. Large errors were not indicated at other parts of the intensity distribution."

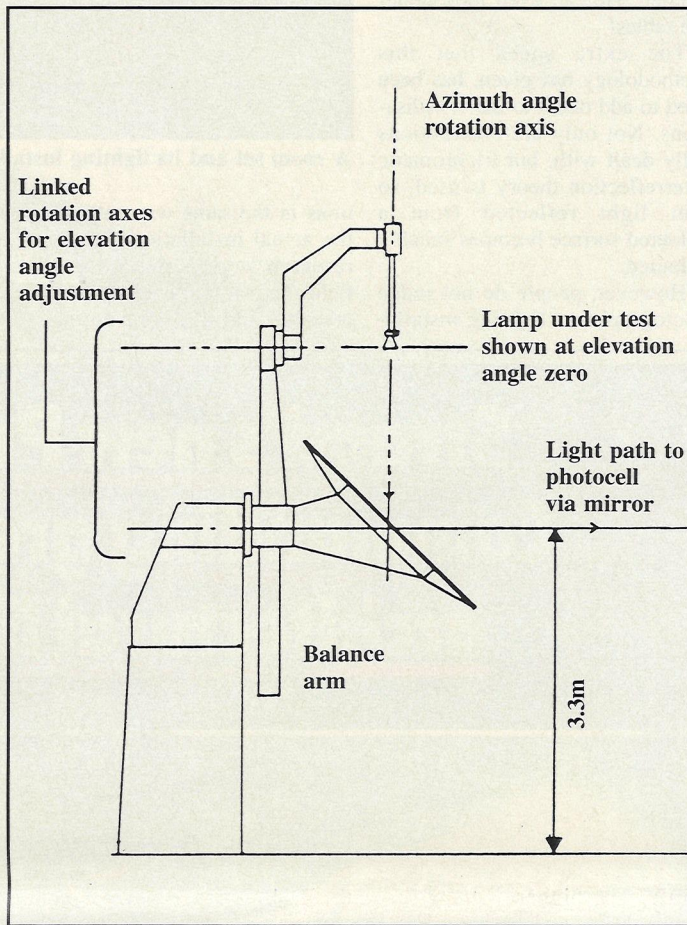
When Peter Everard looked at the results for all lamps, he found "the difference indicated between 1° and 5° interval calculations is as little as 1% for a wide beam lamp, or as much as 25% for the narrowest beam lamp measured".

It was, therefore, apparent that a narrower beam angle lamp leads to a larger error in calculating the total luminous flux.

"This can be expected," says Mr Everard, "as a narrow beam lamp has a greater difference between intensities measured close to the lamp axis."

"Further considerations suggest differences in beam profile — soft or hard edged beam — are likely to be significant."

The high value of calculated



The distribution photometer.

luminous flux suggests that more light is given out than is true and that conversion of electrical energy into light is more efficient than it really is.

In measurement of luminaire output it would suggest less light is lost in the optical control system.

"Thus data derived for a lighting scheme design is also affected." It could result in the installation of excessive lighting levels.

Eliminating errors

Peter Everard's work showed that "a great improvement can be obtained by taking more detailed measurements. For each of the lamps tested, measurements at 2° intervals gave errors of less than 2%, which would be acceptable in many cases."

However, using 2° intervals instead of 5° more than doubles the number of data points needed,

measurement time is increased, more expensive computers are needed to store and process the data, and distribution of the data on floppy disks would require more disks.

"The effect is even more pronounced with measurements at 1° intervals."

Mr Everard suggests it might be possible to make more detailed measurements only on those luminaires where the luminous intensity distribution warrants it. In this case some form of preliminary measurement would be needed to find a suitable measurement interval.

A further option would be to make detailed measurements near the main beam, with less detail of the hemisphere. One method of doing this is detailed in CIE 43, 'The Photometry of Floodlights', for two groups of floodlights. Group I is for half intensity beam angles from 4° to 8°, and greater than 8° Group II.

"A pertinent question," suggests the author, "is whether measuring equipment can offer suitably detailed angular intervals. Most distribution photometers built a few years ago are set to record 5° intervals only. Even more recent ones can only measure a 2.5° interval."

A different approach, therefore, would be to apply mathematical processing in the measured data, by using a curve fitting routine.

In Mr Everard's test, a third order polynomial did not match the intensity distribution, but a seventh order polynomial provided a far better fit.

Using a single function of this type to describe the entire intensity distribution, any data point

could be given by the equation: $\text{Intensity} = C_0 + C_1.0 + C_2.0^2 + C_3.0^3 + \dots + C_7.0^7$ where C_0, \dots, C_7 are constants

0 is the angle of elevation.

So for a seventh order function, storage of only eight constants is required to regenerate any point or set of points on the intensity distribution — albeit with reduced accuracy.

Another mathematical approach uses spline functions to approximate to the intensity distribution between each pair of data points.

Using computation routines offered by Axel Stockmar, the intensity at 1° intervals was determined using data measured at 5° intervals.

When results calculated in this manner were compared with the measured values, the cubic spline functions closely followed the measured intensity.

In summing up his report, Peter Everard says most published methods of processing data use luminaire data at fixed measurement points, usually 5° or even 10° intervals. More accurate calculations would cause the output to seem less. "It is unreasonable," he feels, "to expect one manufacturer to give highly accurate information that could imply a worse performance than a competitor providing data by existing methods."

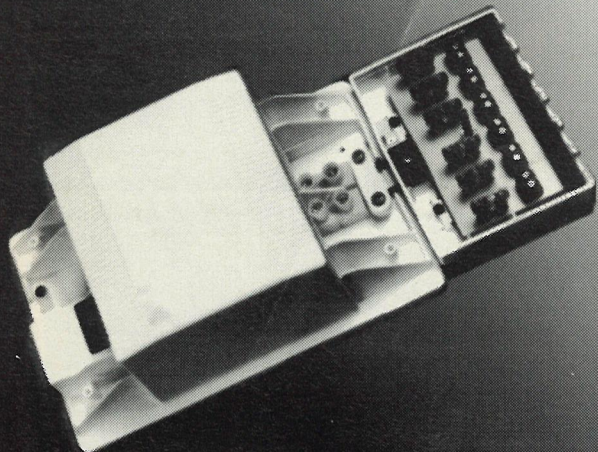
"A standard method, internationally accepted, is required in order that published data can be seen to be of a known accuracy. Methods of achieving this accuracy are available, and little work is now required to determine where to apply each method."

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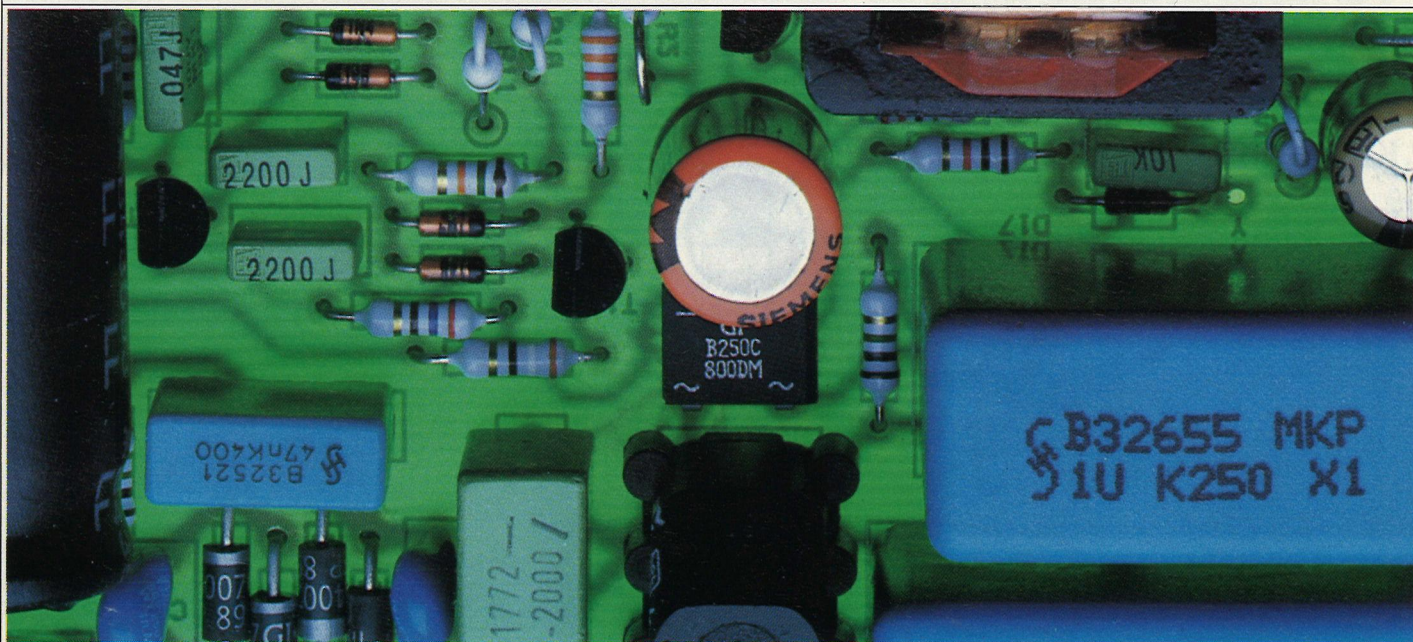
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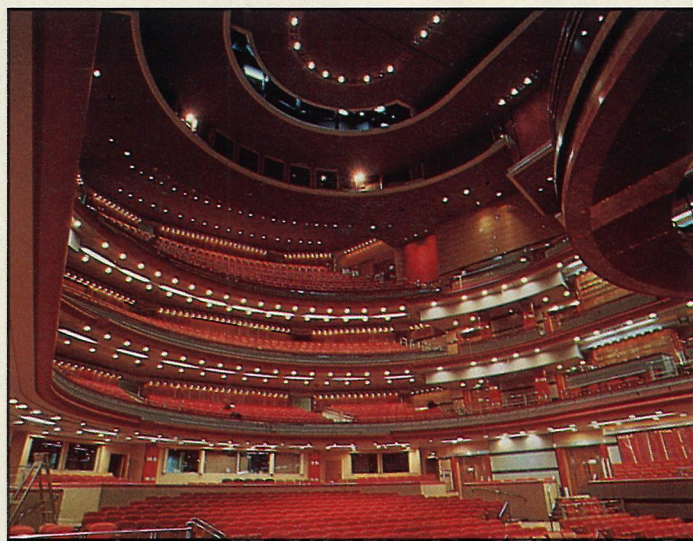
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Right: the main conference hall lit by pairs of metal halide and tungsten halogen downlights. The tungsten halogen fittings can be dimmed from 200-0 lux.



Left: the Symphony Hall in final stages of preparation. A season of concerts by orchestras from as far afield as Los Angeles and Tokyo starts in May.

Birmingham centre welcomes the world

As the first event takes place at Birmingham's new world standard convention centre, *LEN* takes a look at some of its highlights.

In April, the International Convention Centre in Birmingham will host its first conference. This £160 million centre, financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Birmingham City Council, is the centrepiece of a huge redevelopment of the city centre.

Although the International Convention Centre (ICC) has 11 main halls and 10 smaller meeting rooms, the complex of buildings is compact, with easy access to the various halls from a central mall.

This mall runs from Centenary Square in the centre of the city to the canalside which has been restored and incorporated into the centre. Some hotels are arranging transport to the centre by boat. Landscaping in the mall includes trees and plants, with shops at two levels.

Decorative lighting consists of large, white opal coloured spheres containing 11W PL compact fluorescent lamps. From three to five of these luminaires, specially made by Udalite, are mounted on slim multi-arm columns. Single

spheres on short columns are mounted on the balustrade of a stairway in the mall.

At high level, below the glazed roof, 250W mercury floodlights by Thorn provide general illumination, while pairs of 150W metal halide spotlights, also by Thorn, use narrow beam lenses to light the trees.

A row of wall mounted Concord uplights with 150W mains voltage tungsten halogen lamps wall wash one of the marble effect walls.

Amenity lighting by the canal-side and outside the Quayside Café is clear spheres on columns, from Thorn's City Scape range. These luminaires use 70W high pressure sodium lamps in cylindrical refractors. There are also bollards by the water's edge, again by Thorn, containing 50W mercury lamps.

A registration area on level 4, overlooking the mall, is lit by a white tubular lighting system from Erco arranged in a square grid. Fluorescent modules are louvred, while tungsten sections include Eclipse projectors with

150W metal halide lamps to light small exhibitions and other display items.

Main conference hall

The principal conference hall seats up to 1500 people in two tiers and has extensive stage facilities, including full stage lighting.

Auditorium lighting is by Concord recessed downlights mounted in pairs, one containing a metal halide lamp of either 250W or 70W, and the other a dimmer controlled tungsten halogen lamp rated at either 250W or 150W. The higher wattages are used in high ceiling areas while the lower wattage fittings light low ceiling areas. This combination of lamps was chosen to provide an illuminance of 500 lux with a minimum of heat.

An architectural feature of this interior is slightly projecting walls, the tops of which finish in sweeping curves. To emphasise the curves, flexible plastic tubing containing a line of sub-miniature tungsten lamps is concealed behind the top edges. These Rope Lights, by Northern Lights, are on

dimmers.

Alternate rows of seats in the hall can be folded down allowing desk tops to slide forward from the backs of those seats. Individual 12V reading lights on flexible arms are then placed in mono-points in the desks. The seats, complete with lighting, were supplied by Figueras, Spain.

Twelve simultaneous interpreting rooms are built into the hall, six at each side of the platform. Working light in these is provided by four 150W PAR38 spotlamps mounted on Thorn track low over the desk top. A bare, twin fluorescent batten fitting, again by Thorn, in each room is provided for setting up and cleaning.

Symphony Hall

Seating up to 2200 people on four levels, the Symphony Hall has been designed with world class acoustics, both for musical performances and conferences.

Below each balcony there is a row of mains voltage downlights by Concord, using 150W tungsten halogen lamps on dimmers, then a row of fully recessed fluores-

cent fittings made up by the builders with prismatic panels and high frequency gear, to boost the illuminance for conference delegates. This is followed by another row of Concord downlights and finally a line of smaller downlights, also by Concord, to give a wall washing effect on the back wall.

Mounted in the main ceiling of the auditorium there are 500W tungsten halogen and 250W mercury Thorn floodlights. These are used as spotlights, with glass lenses to give a wide beam, and mounted above cut-outs in the ceiling.

Small ante-rooms at the entrance doors of the hall form "light and sound locks". They are lit by small rectangular luminaires fully recessed into the wall at waist height. These fittings from the Bega range, available through Concord, use GLS lamps, some controlled by dimmers, to give a low level of light.

All three halls at the ICC that have raked seating have step lights recessed into the stair risers. In the main conference hall

they are in the form of small, square, black louvred fittings, in the Symphony Hall curved steel reflectors conceal the light sources, which in both cases are 15W Pygmy lamps.

For theatrical effect, all halls that have a control room also have a dead blackout facility. This was negotiated with the fire officers and permits all lighting, including emergency lights, to be switched off for up to 30 seconds. Once used, this cannot be repeated for five minutes. A fire alarm automatically overrides the blackout.

Unusual exterior lighting effects are planned for the ICC, which will create an interesting environment in the city centre by the time the Queen officially opens the complex on 12 June.

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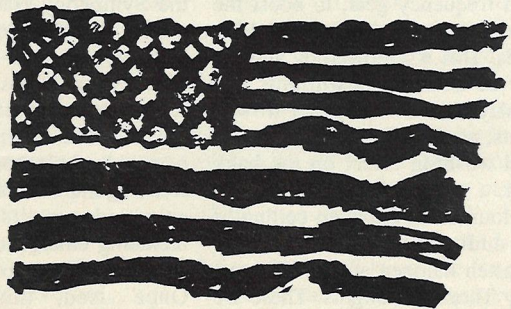
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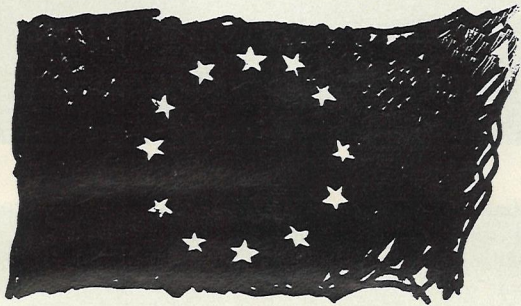
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The Welsh Rugby Unions' National Stadium at Cardiff Arms Park has only recently been utilised to stage events other than daytime international rugby union matches or other tournaments. When the stadium was used to house concerts by Michael Jackson and David Bowie, it was necessary to install temporary festoon safety lighting each time —

a situation which was not ideal.

This, together with the recent Taylor report into safety at sports grounds meant that an updated safety lighting system had to be introduced. The South Glamorgan County Council specification called for a minimum of 20 lux anywhere on escape routes and under main stands.

The lighting under the main stand was targeted to meet this

illuminance as was the concourse lighting, and the floodlighting of the exterior escape routes.

A 350 KVA generator to supply all fittings on mains failure, either on quick run up or to run on standby for instant change-over was decided as the means of maintaining the required lighting under all conditions. As fittings would need to restrike quickly after a mains failure luminaire

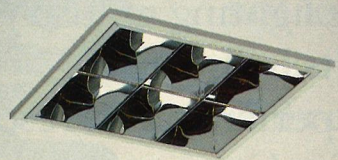
selection was made from fluorescent and tungsten halogen sources, discharge lamps being discounted.

Obvious solution

At first glance the obvious solution for the lighting under the main stand was tungsten halogen floodlighting. However, this would have created a high electrical load, and fittings would have been mounted in positions which were almost impossible to maintain.

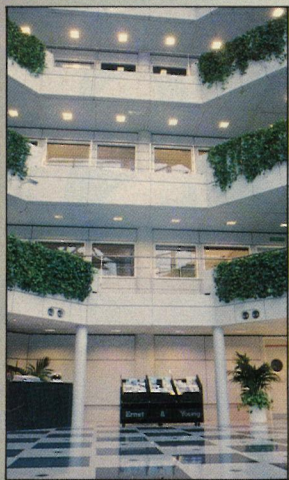
The solution was to use a single row of twin totally enclosed 70W fluorescent luminaires to illuminate the majority of upper stand and the front section of the lower terracing. A row of single fittings at the back of the stand

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supplemented the illumination at this point and similar fittings also used to light under the balcony at the rear of the lower terraces. In all 550 totally enclosed luminaires were used to light the upper stand.

Computer plots were produced to substantiate calculations to provide the minimum requirement. As the slope of the seating gives a varying mounting height above any particular point, the plots had to be produced in small sections (for a given height) and pieced together to obtain the full

result for the whole stand from front to back.

Under stand concourses were designed also to provide a minimum of 20 lux anywhere across their width, using mainly single and twin 1.5m totally enclosed luminaires. These were also wall mounted as necessary on staircases, and 2D bulkheads were located at certain exit points which would not be covered by the main lighting.

The remaining open terrace and other external escape routes were lit using tungsten halogen



The slope of the seating gives variable mounting heights, and these had to be taken into account when planning the installation.



erator back-up for the mains supply, ensured that, in the unlikely event of a sub-circuit failure, only every third fitting would be off supply, thus maintaining the integrity of the safety lighting system.

Maintenance

The new installation was designed and installed by Thorn Lighting and South Wales Electricity. The design fully meets the requirements of the South Glamorgan County Council specification, provides substantial uniformity of illuminance throughout all areas, seating, escape routes and terracing, and is designed particularly to keep maintenance within relamping periods to a minimum.

The fluorescent system is supplemented with tungsten halogen floodlights where necessary.



Looking across the ground

floodlights, using various mounting arrangements.

The main terrace uses 10m columns plus the floodlights on the score board. Escape areas around the ground are lit by floodlights mounted on certain elements of the building. Routes across open car parks are illuminated again by appropriate wattage tungsten halogen floodlights mounted on existing gantries that have been specially extended to give added height for the floodlights.

Locations of fittings were picked to ensure easy maintenance on what is basically a complex site to maintain, and the main run of understand fluores-

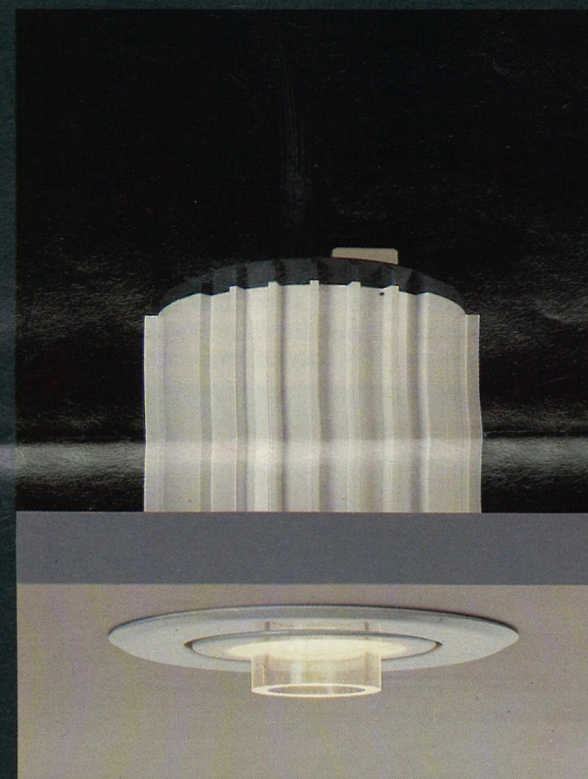
cent fittings were mounted at a point that can be accessed by a large tower wagon from the pitch to avoid the need to use scaffolding. In using fluorescent sources for the main understand lighting it was concluded that the emergency lighting installation would require no attention between full maintenance periods as a number of tubes out at high level would have little effect on the illuminance or uniformity.

To provide the maximum security of supply, the wiring to individual lighting outlets throughout the stadium was designed to ensure all three phases were employed in sequence.

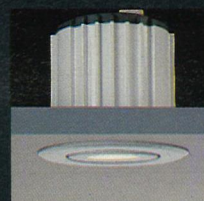
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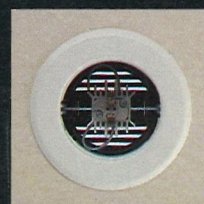
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Leading lights

Improved lighting could do much to help the image of ten-pin bowling, according to *Mark Ayers*, one of this year's CIBSE Young Lighters finalists. *Geoff Platt* reports.

Until recently the image of ten-pin bowling has been locked in the 1950s, a sport played by ardent fanatics in centres dubbed 'some of the dingiest interiors in Britain'.

But facilities have started to improve, complemented by bright and snappy graphics, designer furniture and fixings and vastly improved lighting.

The lighting of ten-pin bowling centres was the subject of a report, by Mark Ayers, in the CIBSE 'Young Lighter of the Year' competition.

Mark assessed lighting installations and the lit scene at four centres in Crawley, Northampton, Tolworth and Stevenage.

He focussed on three separate areas: his subjective assessment, a questionnaire survey of users, measurement of luminance and illuminance.

Subjective assessment

At each centre Mark carried out his first assessment within ten minutes of arriving, adding further comments after bowling three games.

The Crawley Bowl is compact with no foyer area and a relatively low ceiling. Surfaces are fairly light in colour, with red and

grey carpet in the non-playing area.

'Three distinct lighting zones are evident. The thoroughfare is illuminated by recessed downlighters containing PAR 38 lamps. The player's area is lit by a continuous single row of recessed fluorescent fittings with egg-crate louvres.

'A stepped high reflectance white ceiling houses fluorescent tubes and acts as a semi-diffusing surface.'

Crawley is summed up as being 'uninviting but adequate for bowling'.

The GX Superbowl in Northampton, by contrast, has 'vibrant surfaces enhanced by natural daylight and recessed downlighters'.

The walls are off-white, covered in brightly coloured graphics. The carpet is in red/green/blue design.

'The lighting of the bowling area is provided by light solely reflected off the walls and ceiling by a number of floodlights, with asymmetric reflectors acting as uplighters.

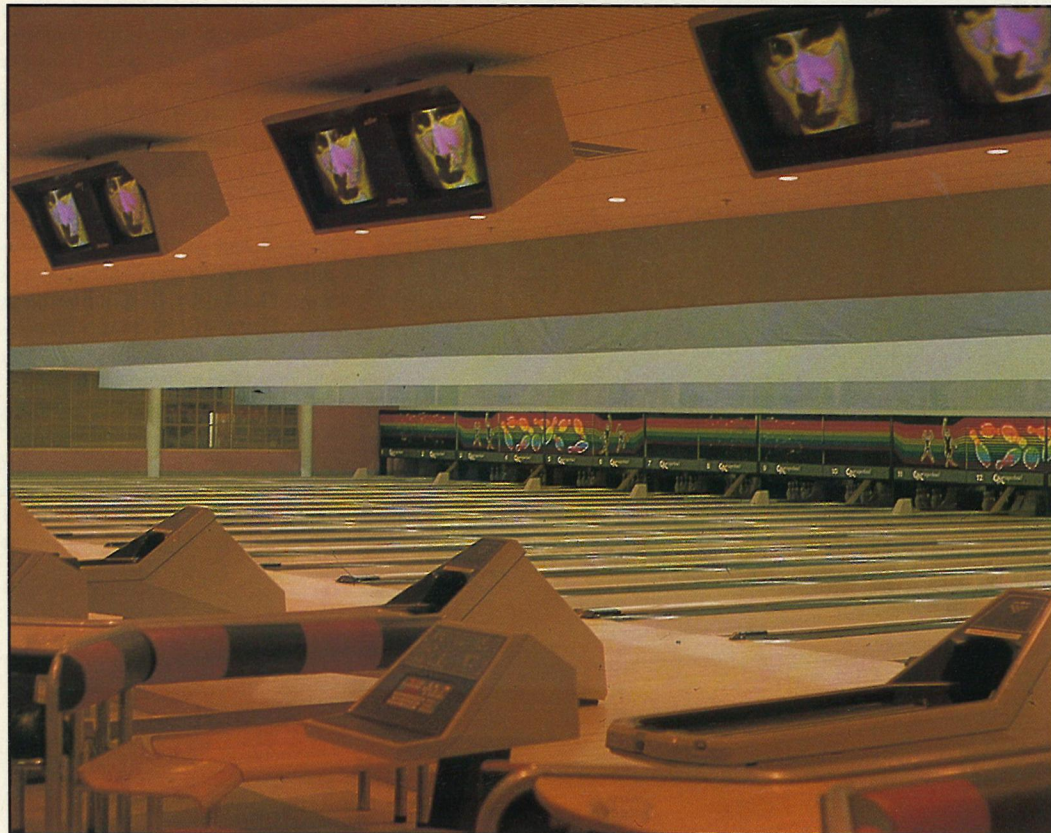
'The lamps used are 400W metal halide, generating approximately 36 000 lumens, and with a rated life of 20 000 hours. The majority of those are of warm

appearance (3200K), although there are two uplighters clearly using cooler sources

The GX Superbowl at Stevenage was the newest of the four. The walls are pastel blue, the ceiling covered in white ceiling tiles, and the carpet blue and yellow.

'The non-bowling area is lit by recessed downlighters utilising a range of different sources, 100W Osram reflector lamps, 20W Philips PLC lamps and 12v Dichroic lamps. There is a warm and inviting atmosphere.

'Bare fluorescent lamps illuminate the bowling lanes in perpendicular rows. The sources are shielded from view by coloured



The newest of the bowling centres assessed, the GX Superbowl at Stevenage, uses largely pastel colours.

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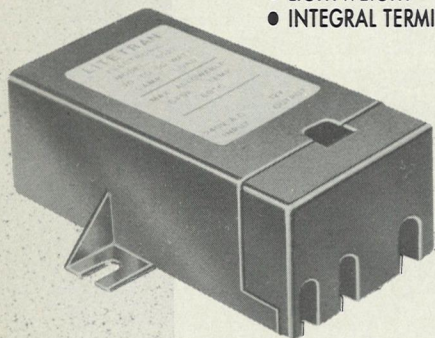


The Charrington Bowl at Tolworth is one of the largest ten-pin bowling centres in the country. Bowling lanes are lit by fluorescent luminaires.

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Mark Ayers says the combination of space and lighting installation provides a warm and inviting atmosphere in a non-spectacular way.

Finally the Charrington Bowl, at Tolworth, is one of the largest in the country. Here the walls range from white pastel to dark wood. Ceiling tiles are magnolia and the carpet has a red/grey and black pattern.

Unlike the other three centres, daylight is used to good effect via two windowed walls.

'The bowling lanes are lit by fluorescent lamps hidden by a white stepped ceiling. The non-bowling area is lit by a variety of fittings including 600mm square diffusers, cylindrical downlighters containing Philips SL lamps and spotlights utilising crown-silvered lamps. In addition, there are a number of special feature luminaires which contain fluorescent lamps and have a unique anti-glare arrangement

Questionnaire

A questionnaire assessed user response to the lighting installa-



The GX Superbowl in Northampton (above and right) uses brilliant graphics against white walls. Lighting is principally indirect, using floodlights acting as uplighters.

tions. The author adopted the techniques used in two papers given at the 1990 CIBSE National Lighting Conference by Dale Tiller and David Loe/Ted Rowlands.

Two questions were asked — 'How would you consider the overall lit scene within the centre?' and 'What is your opinion on how the installation illuminates the bowling lane and pins?' These questions were followed by sets of two key words with opposite meanings (ie BRIGHT, DULL) divided by a scale of one to five, thus:

BRIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 DULL

The numbers were ringed according to individual assessment and the scores averaged.

At Crawley the results closely matched the author's assessment, expressing a negative attitude and a dislike of the functional aspects of the lighting.

There was a far more positive response at Northampton. Users had stronger opinions which might have been because lighting

calculated.

The results showed the relatively low levels of illumination to be found in bowling centres.

Arguably the most important area of the results to consider is the luminance contrast between the pins and their background. The greatest contrast appears at Northampton and the lowest at Crawley.

Discussion

In his discussion of the findings, Mark Ayer says 'unless a positive attitude is adopted in the design process, the lighting installation goes unnoticed.'

'Designers' he feels, 'should provide an interior which provides more than the functional requirements in terms of space and the lit scene...The design should include purposeful visual interest in terms of architecture, decor, colour and light — all of which should be in harmony.'

The only centre to provide an aesthetically appealing environ-



installations were far more obvious and 'in view'.

The user score at Tolworth was close to the mean on every aspect, although the furthest deviations were towards monotonous, uniform and colourless, suggesting a need for more visual interest.

At Stevenage, results were, once again, close to the mean. They did not highlight any negative aspects, neither did they indicate any stimulating features.

Light measurement

Using a luminance meter, the luminance of the bowling pins and the backboard was recorded — and a contrast figure ascertained. The luminance distribution across the playing surface was measured.

Both luminance and illuminance recordings were taken on a fifteen point grid on the players' approach, and an average

ment was Northampton, the first indoor arena of its type to use uplighters for lighting the playing surfaces.

In an age where illumination levels in offices and public spaces seem to be ever-increasing, the report concludes that the average illuminance values within the four centres does seem to be fairly low, although adequate for the sport in question.

The author says the lighting measurements are not comprehensive and he plans further work, particularly on the illuminance distribution across the playing surfaces.

The present edition of the CIBSE Sports Lighting Guide (LG4) does not contain specific guidelines for the lighting of ten-pin bowling centres. Perhaps the results and conclusions in Mark Ayer's report might be incorporated in any future revisions of this guide.

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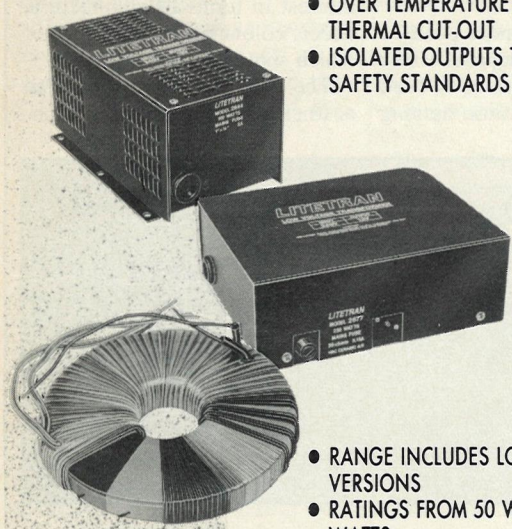
This year's fair seems to place more emphasis of luminaires than lamps. Zumtobel (Hall 9, First Floor, Stand 08) will be showing a continuous row lighting system, the ZX range for the first time at Hanover. The range is claimed to combine Zumtobel's quick-fit approach with

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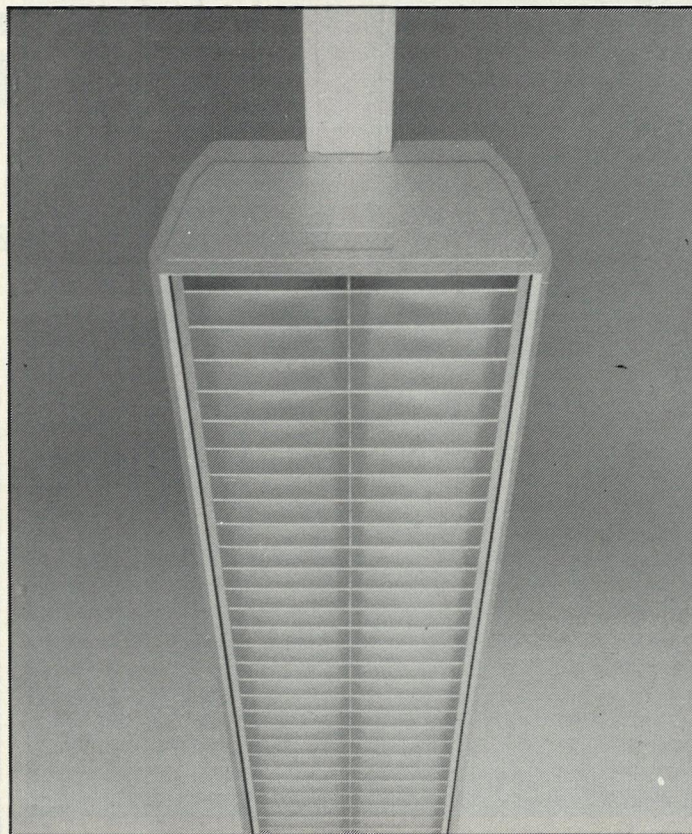
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affecting photometric performance.

Also launched is Artos, a geometrical range of new spots and wall-washes for accent lighting, based on the hemisphere. The range offers a choice of light sources from tungsten halogen lamps to HID lamps and is designed for use in sales display areas, shop window and museums.

For hazardous areas there is an improved and extended range of explosion-proof luminaires. These give greater ease of instal-

lation and are more versatile than their predecessors.

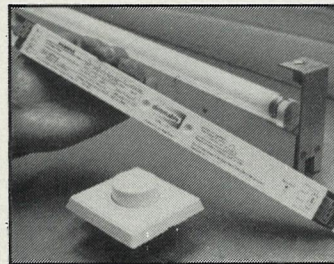
Finally, the advanced COPHOS software for computer-aided lighting design is now available in pocket version to enable approximate lighting design calculations to be made on the site. This version uses an Atari Portfolio pocket-sized PC and a memory card containing the mini-COPHOS program.

The SK Futura range from SK Lichttechnik (Hall 9, Ground Floor, Stand D07-08) is basically a triangular low voltage luminaire using 20W-50W dichroic lamps and its built-in derivatives. The basic luminaire is available in a twin pendant version offering both uplight and downlight, and as an individual spot fitting. The range also includes a semi-recessed spotlight which can be rotated horizontally by 350° and vertically by 50°, and locks itself into the chosen position.

Ventilated spotlight

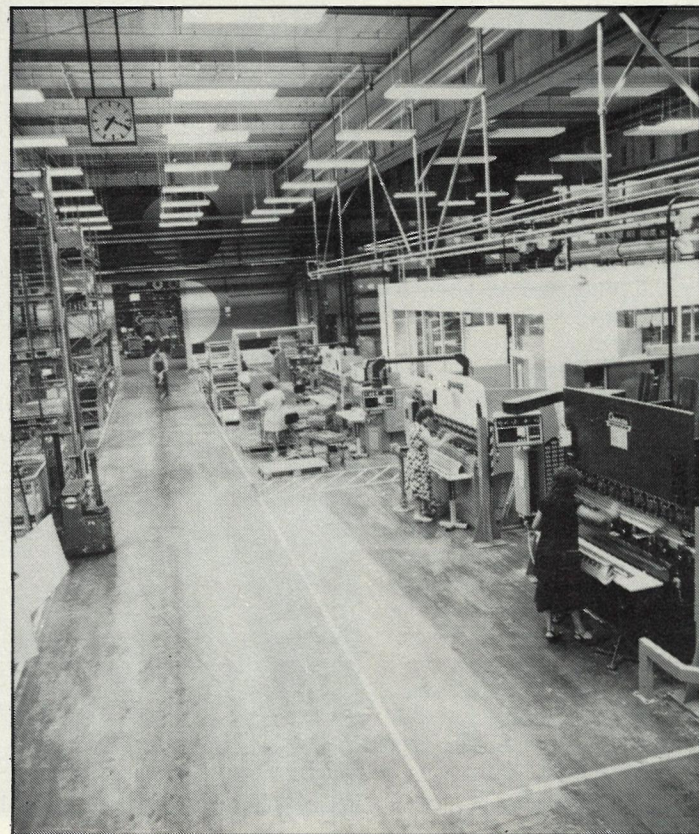
The downlight version is a recessed spotlight with its own air circulation system to prevent heat build-up. With this fitting comes an extensive range of decorative accessories which extends its application considerably. Finally, the triangular recessed luminaire is designed for the creation of geometrical configurations based on the triangle. It can be used to provide light paths to guide visitors around a building, and coloured glasses as an accessory extend its potential for use as a signing system.

German giant Siemens is located in a corporate stand in Hall 11. Their light source subsidiary Osram can be found in Hall 9, First Floor, Stand C05. Siemens is offering a new elec-



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tronic ballast which permits fluorescent lamps to be dimmed down to as low as 1% of their total luminous flux, thus giving both economy of operation and high comfort levels. A two-pole power supply sends information about required dimming levels from an external control and this



High bay fluorescent luminaires from Siemens.

is relayed to the fitting by means of a signal voltage varying from 1V to 10V. Resulting lighting levels are then proportional to the received voltage. For energy saving purposes, the ballasts may be linked to a light sensor which takes account of ambient lighting levels and decrease in light output due to depreciation of lamps and luminaires.

From the same company comes a high bay rectangular luminaire for fluorescent lamps. intended for industrial and commercial applications. The high light output of these fittings makes them an economic alternative to older systems, using symmetrical reflectors and high pressure metal vapour lamps, for installations of up to 14 m in height.

These fittings are primarily indicated where the lighting solution includes a high vertical light element. Housings are constructed for both two and four fluorescent lamps, each of 58W. Fittings are available in versions with deep louvres, aluminium profile deep louvres and parabolic reflectors. The IP rating varies between IP20 and IP50 depending on the model chosen.

Siemens' SE500 range of display lamps has been widened to include fittings for low voltage tungsten halogen lamps up to 100W. A common housing for the SE500 range gives it visual identity.

The high quality of design of this range has been recognised by a special award for good industrial design from the IF: the product was chosen as one of the year's three best luminaires.

Finally, for damp or wet environments comes a new range of fittings to IP 65. These are high technology, economical fittings, specially developed to limit glare and produce high quality lighting in such cases. The luminaires are designed for easy installation and can be supplied with electronic control gear.

Ceiling void

In some applications such as installing recessed fittings into shallow ceiling voids the disadvantages of dichroic lamps is that 60% of the heat they emit is reflected backwards. New from BLV (Hall 9, First Floor, Stand A44/B83), is the 12V Reflektol lamp available in 20W or 50W versions. Reflektol is a precision halogen lamp whose glass reflector is not dichroic but aluminium coated, thus reflecting more of the heat forward rather than backwards, so the temperature at

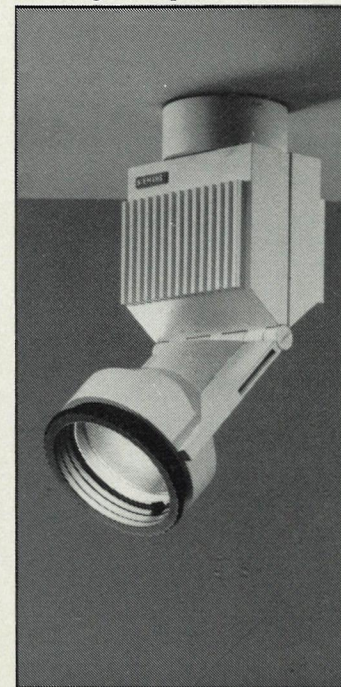
the lamp holder is lower.

The 50mm diameter lamps come in 13° spot and 39° flood beams. External finishes include clear, silver matt, matt black and white. Computer aided adjustment of the filament and rapid cut-off of the beam means that a 50W Reflektol lamp gives a tighter beam and higher light output than a 120W PAR lamp.

From the same company comes the economy range of dichroic MR16 Eurostar. Aimed at the larger user, these lamps come in 20W, 35W, 50W and 75W versions. Although the lamp is low price, its production is computer controlled and, in lamps of 35W and upwards, the filament is axially positioned in the burner for precision performance. Their reliability is shown in their low early failure rates and a high average lamp life of 3000 hours.

Edison screw

BLV has also launched Topspot 27, an HIT lamp with an Edison screw socket. It is available in two different forms: a smaller lamp with a clear finish for use in closed fitting and a version with a double envelope for use in open fittings. The latter comes with a choice of clear, matt or UV absorbing outer envelope. The 75W lamp with approximately the same dimensions as a 250W mains voltage tungsten halogen lamp, offers an energy saving of more than 70% over the halogen lamp.



1991 IF winner, the SE500 range of display lamps.

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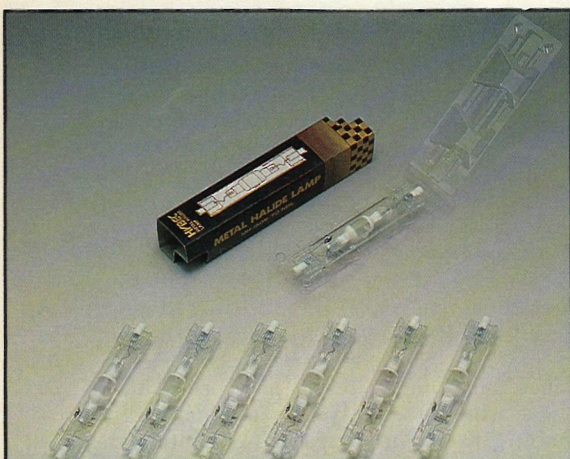
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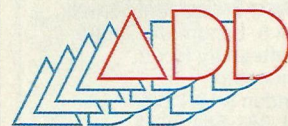


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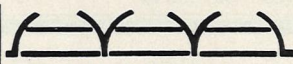


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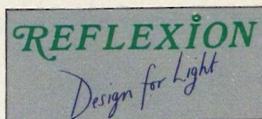


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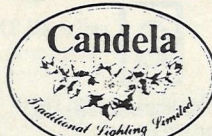


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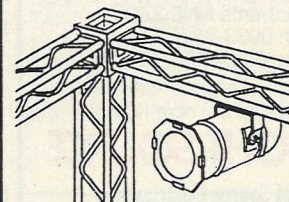
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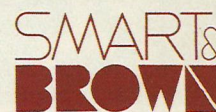


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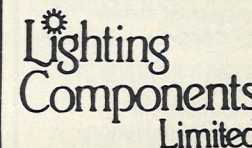


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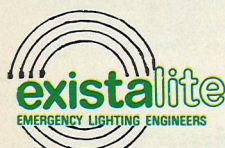
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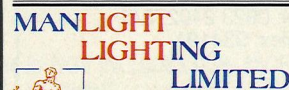
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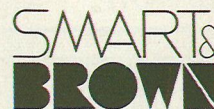


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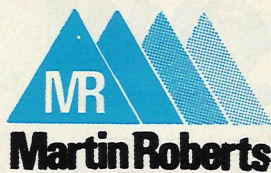
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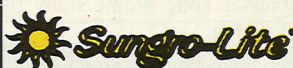
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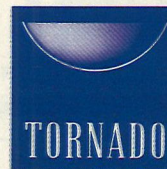


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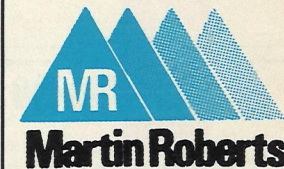
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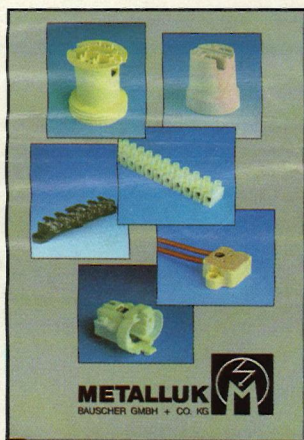
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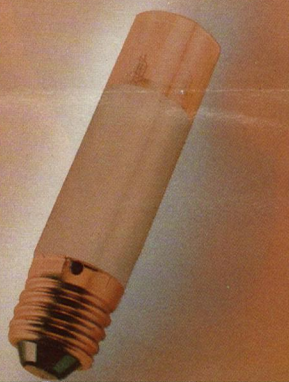
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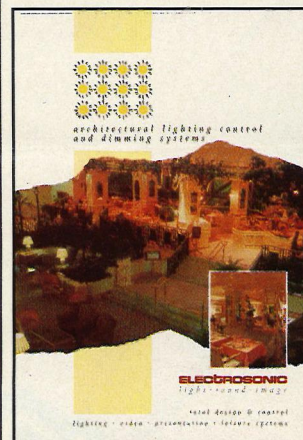
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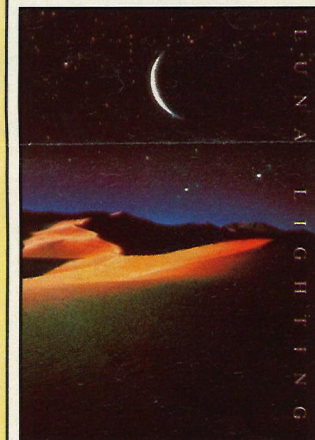
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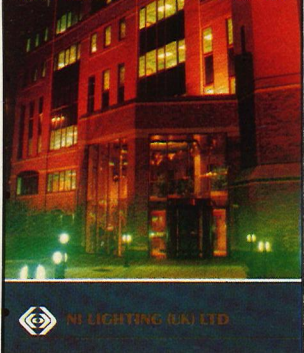


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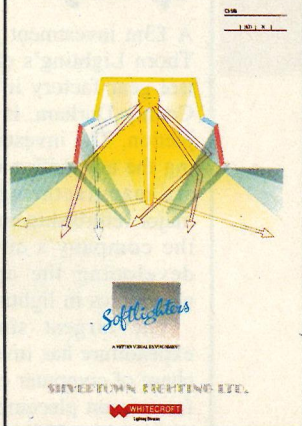


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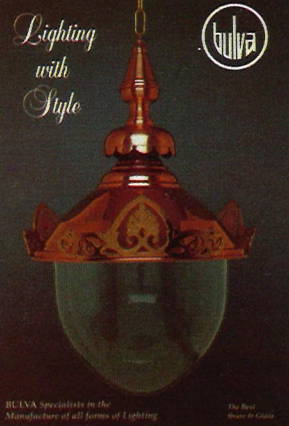
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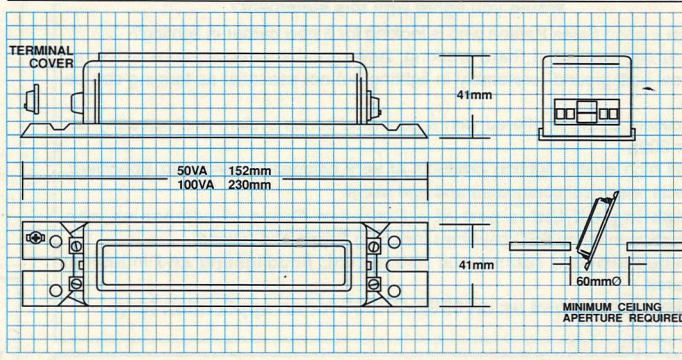
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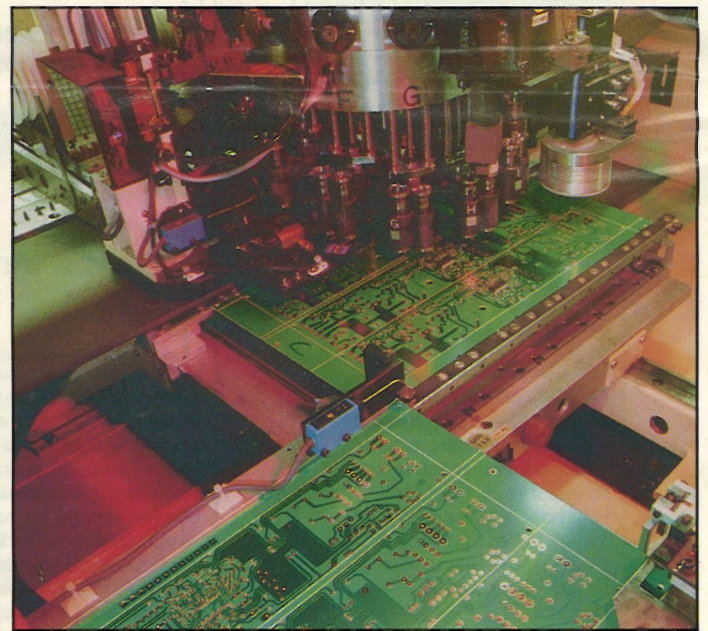
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The church of Our Lady Immaculate in London's Docklands was lit from pendant filament lamps and floodlights. This did not do full justice to the interior, the lamps gave a poor level of illumination and their short service life presented a problem of replacement in inaccessible positions.

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Thorn invests at Spennymoor

A £3m investment programme at Thorn Lighting's electronic control gear factory in Spennymoor, County Durham, is nearing completion. The investment, combining the acquisition of state of the art manufacturing plant, with major refurbishment work reflects the company's commitment to developing the application of electronics in lighting.

The largest single item of expenditure has involved the purchase of computer controlled, surface mount placement equipment, designed by Fuji, which is capable of placing up to 13 000 components each hour onto printed

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