

Exclusive Gymnasium Lighting

Finally there is high efficiency environmentally friendly lighting specifically designed for gymnasiums and indoor sports failities. Ultra-TechTM Lighting has created full spectrum low glare Gym-BrightTM fixtures to replace conventional metal halide lamps and as an alternative to high-glare and potentially harmful LEDs. For the first time, indoor sports facilities can have lighting that is precisely engineered for such environments. Proprietary LUMENTEC® spectral tuning matches the reflective properties of indoor surfaces like high-gloss gymnasium floors or Astroturf® to provide the very best illumination without typical hot spots or shine off the athletic surface. Gym-BrightTM technology saves up to 85% in direct electricity use over metal halide and as much as 20% more on temperature and humidity control. A 300-watt Gym-BrightTM fixture can easily replace a 1,000-watt metal halide. The super high efficiency ballast has a .98 power factor (PF) and draws less than 15 watts compared with conventional metal halide ballasts that can use more than 150 watts in a 1,000-watt fixture.

Gym-BrightTM fixtures are "cool;" operating temperatures are warm to the touch. This substantially reduces heat load. There is no radiated heat or infrared that can adversely affect athletes. With a 100,000 hour rated lifecycle, Gym-BrightTM lamps last 500% longer than metal halide. More importantly, metal halide loses 30% to 50% in lumen output in the first 50% of their lifespan. Gym-BrightTM fixtures retain 90% of their lumen output over 90% of their lifecycle. Gym-BrightTM lights can be turned on and off without waiting for a lengthy warm-up or cool down. The lifecycle is unaffected by on/off cycles.

Gym-BrightTM fixtures are dead silent. There is no buzz, hum, or high-pitch harmonics. No matter how long the fixtures operate, they will not flicker or pop like metal halide. Performance is smooth and consistent over the entire 100,000-plus hours. There is no better lighting for gymnasiums and other indoor sports facilities.

Gym-BrightTM versus LED –

Light emitting diode (LED) fixtures are *not appropriate* for sports venues. LEDs using alternating current (AC) drivers flicker at the alternating current 60Hz cycle, causing "strobe effect." The result is a form of stop action that can reduce visual acuity by up to half a foot for a basketball traveling at average speeds. Strobe effect also affects the ability to track and focus upon moving players regardless of the game. Even the slightest flicker can be disorienting for following fast



Strobe effect stops action as illustrated by the famous golf swing in motion. The flicker rate of AC driven LEDs creates the same effect that can impair visual aculty, distort depth perception, and even impact wellbeing.

movements. Although metal halide lights can also flicker, the intensity tends to be less than a

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LED Current vs. Time

standard alternating current LED fixture. As the graph illustrates, an LED fixture can literally dip to near zero. LED flicker has been linked to strobe epilepsy, migraine headaches, nausea, impaired visual acuity, poor concentration, sleep disorders, mood swings, eye strain, and a lack of eye/hand coordination. The problem is serious enough for the IEEE Standards Working Group, IEEE PAR1789, to take up "Recommending practices for modulating current in High Brightness LEDs for mitigating health risks to viewers."

The Science of Illuminating Indoor Sports Facilities –

Gymnasiums present unique lighting challenges that include:

- ♦ Reflection off the floor surface
- Penetration through to undercoating (paint)
- ♦ Glare
- ♦ Potential temperature interference
- ♦ Potential humidity interference
- ♦ Viewing gallery lighting contrast

Since gym floors have a high reflectivity index, metal halide and LED lighting produces sharp glare spots or "hot spots" on the surface. This can obscure contrast and cause pupils to repeatedly dilate and contract, producing eye strain. Hot spots can interfere with depth perception and distort spatial perspective. This is critical for basketball, volley ball, and other high-speed ball sports. Gym-BrightTM technology employs proprietary nano-reflector coatings that diffuse light over the intended illumination field. In



addition, the spectrum is tuned to penetrate through the high-gloss floor treatment to the undercoating and refract back through to the surface to provide uniformity. The result is a more visible surface with no glare and no distortion. Bulbs are not hot like metal halide so none of the lamp's energy is wasted by generating heat and invisible infrared light. This provides maximum

efficiency using the least amount of electricity. Since there is no excess heat, Gym-BrightTM fixtures will not add to air conditioning loads. Consider that metal halide bulbs may be as hot as 900°F and can project radiant heat down to the playing surface. This can stress athletes.

Spectrum Balance -

Gym-BrightTM uses a fully balanced spectrum with emphasis upon "visually effective lumens" (VEL). Although the color temperature is rated above 6,500K, the light is UV truncated with wavelength concentrations within the most appropriate range for the reflective and refractive properties of indoor athletic surfaces. It is important to understand that high-gloss coatings and even new matte finishes represent complex lighting challenges. This is why the *right spectral balance* is so important. For the best illumination, the spectrum must have a range and intensity that covers all likely conditions.

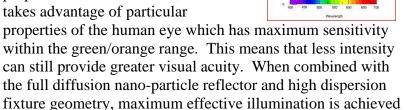
The Gym-BrightTM spectrum is balanced even though some venues require color temperatures as high as 10,000K. Conventional indoor sports lighting is usually less than 5,000K with color rendition indices below .80. For gymnasiums where team colors represent high contrast, a more uniform color distribution is critical. Excessive peaks or dips in spectral balance can cause visual voids. Unfortunately, very little attention has been given to perfecting lighting specifically for the conditions of gymnasiums, tennis courts, and other sports venues…both indoor and outdoor. Virtually every gym or tennis court has installed *generic* high-bay or lowbay conventional lighting that is used for wide varieties of applications… none specific to sports venue illumination.

Gym-BrightTM is part of the Ultra-TechTM Lighting family of sports luminaries that include Snow-BrightTM and Field-BrightTM. Already, Snow-BrightTM lamps have become the absolute

standard for night skiing and riding with a spectrum matched to the reflective and refractive properties of snow. This same technology is now available for gyms and indoor tennis courts. Not only does the



Gym-BrightTM spectrum match the properties of floor surfaces, it also takes advantage of particular



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with more than 85% energy savings. The rapid diffusion provides a uniformly illuminated surface without glare or hot-spots. With Gym-BrightTM it is often possible to reduce the fixture count while increasing the illumination field.

Superior Economics –

Savings associated with Gym-BrightTM go well beyond reductions in net electrical consumption of the lamps. Since Gym-BrightTM fixtures do not add to the environmental heat load and do not radiate infrared heat down to the playing area, there are up to 20% more savings in air conditioning. A typical regulation gym can have as many as fifty 1,000-watt metal halide high-bay fixtures, each generating 900°F at the bulb surface. Effectively, it is like having fifty 1,000-watt radiators that must be compensated for with additional air conditioning load. When retrofitting metal halide with Gym-BrightTM, environmental maintenance savings alone can quickly pay back the investment.

Additional savings come from reductions in "in-rush" current which is the amount of electricity required when turning lights on. For metal halide and even LEDs, in-rush current can be up to twenty times (20X) the operating current. This is a very significant factor that is almost always overlooked in payback analysis. Lighting fifty 1,000-watt metal halide fixtures can draw 50,000 watts which will spin the electric meter and can raise demand charges for the entire electric bill. Gym-BrightTM lamps have negligible in-rush current and do not require extensive warm-up to come to full brightness. In many cases, the in-rush reduction using Gym-BrightTM instead of metal halide or LED can further reduce *overall* electricity costs.

Typically, metal halide bulbs can last 2,000 to 5,000 hours. However, metal halide and even LEDs can lose 30% to more than 50% of their original rated light output within the first third of their operating life. That means *less light* for the same amount of electricity over more than two thirds of the lamp life. Gym-BrightTM fixtures have a 100,000 hour rated lifecycle which translates into 11 years running 24 hours a day by 365 days per year with only 10% lumen degradation over 90% of the lifespan. This represents a 500% reduction in bulb maintenance over metal halide without considering ballast replacements. Simply put, Gym-BrightTM is the most maintenance-free lighting in the industry. For most facilities Gym-BrightTM will last more than half a century.

Gym-Bright™ bulbs do not use dispersed mercury, making them more environmentally friendly and easily disposable. The bulb has an encapsulated amalgam similar to the type of composite used by dentists to fill teeth. Because the mercury is in solid form, it can be removed within the encapsulated glass and simply recycled. All remaining pieces of the bulb are disposable as glass and inert metal. Today, more and more municipalities are charging fees for disposing



metal halide, LED, and fluorescent bulbs. Gym-Bright $^{\!\mathsf{TM}}$ bulbs are not subject to the same fees.

Superior light, energy savings, environmentally friendly... That is what Gym-BrightTM delivers. See how Gym-BrightTM can improve your bottom line.

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