



# Standard Specification for Flashlights on Vessels<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers three types of flashlights (see Section 4).

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASQ Standard*:<sup>2</sup>

[ASQ/ANSI Z1.4 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)

2.2 *UL Standard*:<sup>3</sup>

[UL Standard No. 783 Standard for Electric Flashlights and Lanterns for Use in Hazardous \(Classified\) Locations](#)

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

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<sup>2</sup> Available from American Society for Quality (ASQ), 600 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203, <http://www.asq.org>.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062-2096, <http://www.ul.com>.

3.1.1 *lot, n*—a manufacturer's production run for a specific type of flashlight.

3.1.2 *order batch, n*—the size of a specific contract or purchase order taken from the lot.

3.1.3 *production testing, n*—the testing performed during a lot run of specific flashlights.

## 4. Classification

4.1 The three types of flashlights covered in this specification are classified as follows:

4.1.1 *Type I*—Flashlights for use in lifeboats and liferafts.

4.1.2 *Type II*—Flashlights for use in hazardous locations where fire or explosion hazards may exist due to the presence of flammable gases or vapors, flammable liquids, combustible dust, or ignitable fibers or flyings.

4.1.3 *Type III*—Flashlights for use in lifeboats and liferafts and suitable for hazardous locations.

4.2 Type I flashlights shall be manufactured in accordance with Sections 2 – 11. Type II flashlights shall meet the requirements in Sections 11 and 12. Type III flashlights shall meet the requirements in Sections 2 – 12.

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Materials*—All materials used in the construction of these flashlights shall be of a quality suitable for the purpose intended and shall conform to the requirements of this specification.

5.2 *Manufacture*—Plastic, when used, shall be a suitable thermoplastic or thermosetting material so molded as to produce a dense solid structure, uniform in texture, finish, and mechanical properties.

## 6. General Requirements

6.1 Each flashlight shall provide a concentrated beam of light. When used in this specification, a concentrated beam of light is light projected in a nearly parallel beam and is used to illuminate objects at considerable distances.

6.2 The flashlight shall show no leakage of water and shall be in perfect working order following the test prescribed in 9.2.

6.3 The proportions and design of each flashlight shall be such that the assembled unit complete with lamp and cells shall

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

be capable of withstanding, without breakage or material distortion of any part and without upsetting the lamp focus, the test specified in 9.6. Damage of lamp filament or shifting of filament within the lamp as a result of this test shall not be cause for rejection of the flashlight if the flashlight operates when the spare lamp is used.

6.4 Each flashlight must be furnished with two lamps. One of these lamps is a spare and must be contained within the body of the flashlight, either in the end cap or reflector head area.

6.5 All metal parts of each flashlight shall be made of corrosion-resistant material. All copper or copper-alloy parts coming in contact with rubber shall not corrode or disintegrate the rubber.

6.6 The construction of each flashlight shall be such that a metallic contact outside the case cannot close the battery circuit and cause the light to come on.

6.7 Each flashlight shall be provided with means to prevent it from rolling.

## 7. Physical Requirements

7.1 *Dimensions*—Each flashlight shall not exceed 11½ in. (292 mm) in length and shall have a lens ring diameter of no more than 2½ in. (63.5 mm).

### 7.2 Case, Lens Head Ring, and End Cap:

7.2.1 The exterior of the flashlight shall have molded flutes or ribs to provide a satisfactory gripping surface when wet. Cells must be held in the case under sufficient pressure to ensure good contact and to prevent breaking of the circuit when the flashlight is tested in accordance with 9.1.2. The flashlight must be constructed so that the cells are readily replaceable.

7.2.2 The case, ring, and cap, need not be made of the same material but cooperating threaded surfaces should be of the same type material.

7.3 *Lens*—The lens shall be of good quality, laminated, shatter-proof glass or clear plastic, free from bubbles, striae, wrinkles, or other defects and blemishes that would affect the light distribution. The lens shall be secured to the lens head ring by a suitable retaining ring or other device so as to prevent it from being dropped when the lens head ring is unscrewed.

7.4 *Reflector*—The reflector may be of metal or plastic and must have sufficient rigidity so as not to become distorted when the flashlight is completely assembled with cells and lamp. It must have an essentially parabolic reflecting surface, highly polished and resistant to corrosion and discoloration. The reflector shall be  $1\frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{1}{4}$  in. ( $44 \pm 6$  mm) in diameter if the flashlight utilizes D-cells. If other battery cells are used, the reflector should be sized proportionally.

7.5 *Lamps*—The lamps shall be appropriate for use with the type battery utilized. Each lamp must have a lamp life of at least 15 h at the rated battery voltage.

7.6 *Lamp Holder*—The lamp shall be firmly positioned in the reflector. It shall be so positioned that the lamp, when assembled in the holder, shall have its filament located at the focus of the reflector, with the accuracy necessary to produce a concentrated beam of light as specified in 9.7. It shall have

sufficient rigidity so as not to become distorted when the flashlight is completely assembled with cells and lamp. Means shall be provided to protect the lamp from damage by battery impact and for conveniently removing and replacing the lamp. The mounting adjustment shall have sufficient stability to retain the focal adjustment of the lamp under a condition of vibration, and when the flashlight is tested in accordance with 9.1.2.

7.7 *Switch*—The switch shall be conveniently located and securely attached to the flashlight. It shall be provided with a permanent “ON” position, a manually operable signaling or “FLASHING” position, and a locked “OFF” position. It shall be provided with means to prevent accidental closing of the lamp circuit. The switch parts and switch contact strip shall be adequately insulated so that it will be impossible for metal-clad cells to close a circuit when the switch is on the “OFF” position. The flashlight shall be designed with a switch guard. Contact springs shall be of phosphor bronze, spring brass, or other corrosion-resistant equivalent material.

7.8 *Suspension Member*—Each flashlight shall be equipped with a suitable suspension ring or clip. The ring or clip shall be tested as specified in 9.8.

## 8. Workmanship

8.1 Flashlights shall be of sturdy construction and free of mechanical, electrical, or other imperfections or defects that materially affect appearance or that may affect quality, reliability, or serviceability. The finished flashlight shall not contain rough edges, burrs, blemishes, or other disfigurements and shall be clean, free from rust, toolmarks, pits, and other injurious defects.

8.1.1 Threaded parts shall be smooth and close fitting and shall be capable of being easily moved by hand relative to each other. Threaded parts shall not jump or change adjustment when being put together or when subjected to the tests in Section 9.

## 9. Test Methods

### 9.1 Switches:

9.1.1 *Switch Leakage*—With the lamp and reflector removed, insert fresh batteries into the flashlight. Connect a voltmeter across the switch and battery or the switch and battery contacts, as appropriate, in such a way as to read the battery voltage across the switch. With the switch in the “OFF” position, read the voltage. Any distinguishable deflection of the meter hand when the meter is set in the voltage range, nearest the battery voltage, shall constitute failure of this test.

9.1.2 *Operation*—Insert batteries into the flashlight and operate the switch five times in each of the three switch positions. Shake the flashlight vigorously in each “ON” and “FLASHING” switch position. The flashlight must not go off when shaken vigorously while the switch is in the “ON” or “FLASHING” position.

9.1.3 *Switch Endurance*—Test the contact switch mechanism of the flashlight by operating the switch for 25 000 continuous cycles. A cycle shall consist of movements from “OFF” position through the full “ON” and “FLASHING” positions and back to “OFF” position. Operate the switch under