

#### The LED Lighting Facts Lumen Maintenance Metric

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- Why it was developed
- Description of the metric
- What it means in the bigger reliability/lifetime picture
- How to list the new metric





### Why develop a lumen maintenance metric?

- Continual need in the industry to verify products' long-term performance
- Very high lifetime claims in the market (50k hours— 100k hours); no standard method to verify them
- LED Lighting Facts is a trusted program for delivering accurate, verified performance data
  - Follows standard methods as they become available
- TM-21 was released in August 2011 as a standard method to project LED lumen maintenance data
  - Allows some long-term performance information to be verified

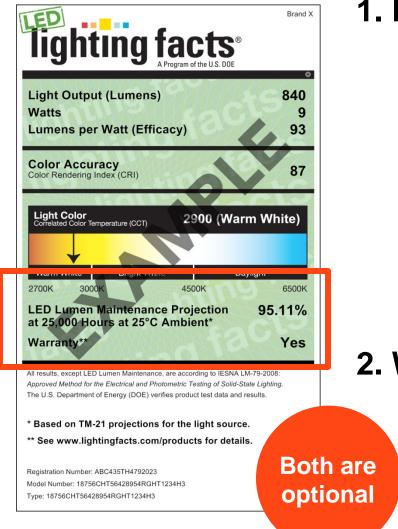


### L<sub>70</sub>: not an ideal solution

- Industry has typically used L<sub>70</sub> to report lumen maintenance
- Can be a useful metric...
- ...but it is sometimes incorrectly extended to represent the lamp or luminaire's lifetime
- DOE's Reliability and Lifetime Working Group have published recommendations for alternative solutions
- At last year's Workshop, the reliability/lifetime panel suggested a shift from L<sub>70</sub> toward reporting lumen maintenance at a fixed time to avoid misconstruing long L<sub>70</sub> times as lifetime



#### The LED Lighting Facts Solution



#### 1. LED Lumen Maintenance

- Listed as percentage of initial light output at 25,000 hours.
- Not a measure of *lifetime* (no standardized test procedure yet).
- Based on TM-21, the standard method for projecting lumen maintenance beyond the test period.
- Requires LM-80 testing of the light source and In-Situ Temperature Measurement Testing (ISTMT) of the light source inside the lamp or luminaire

#### 2. Warranty

- Partners have the option of listing "yes" if a warranty is available.
- The specifics of the warranty are not stated
  - www.lightingfacts.com/products is referenced and users are encouraged to visit the manufacturer's site for the full warranty statement.



## Scope of the metric

What this metric is, precisely:

The LED light source lumen maintenance while operating in the thermal environment of the lamp or luminaire.

- What this metric isn't:
  - A measure of lamp or luminaire lifetime or reliability.
    - Does not take into account failure or degradation mechanisms beyond the LED light source (optics, driver, other electronics, mechanical, thermal management)
    - No standard method yet



### Projecting lumen maintenance with TM-21

TM-21 uses the longest-reaching LM-80 test data available and extrapolates to longer times for each case temperature

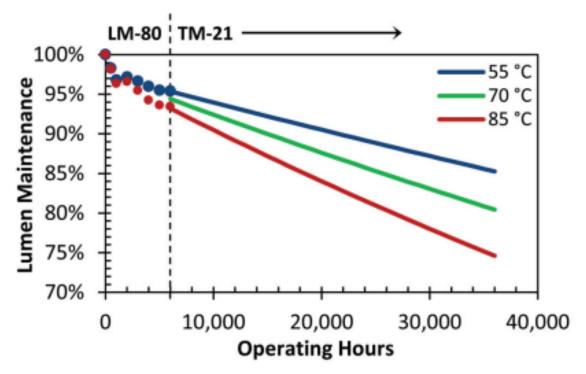


Figure 1. IES TM-21 extrapolation from IES LM-80 data



### Projecting lumen maintenance with TM-21

L<sub>70</sub>:
Fixed lumen maintenance level of 70%;
Solve for time

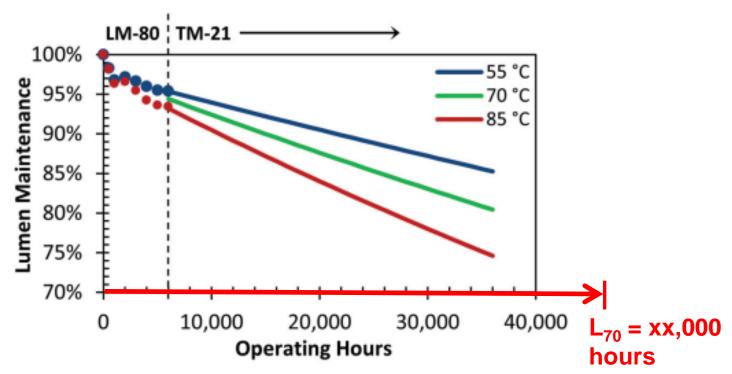


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#### Projecting lumen maintenance with TM-21

LED Lighting Facts metric: Fixed time (25,000 hours, 15,000 hours, or 10,000 hours); Solve for lumen maintenance

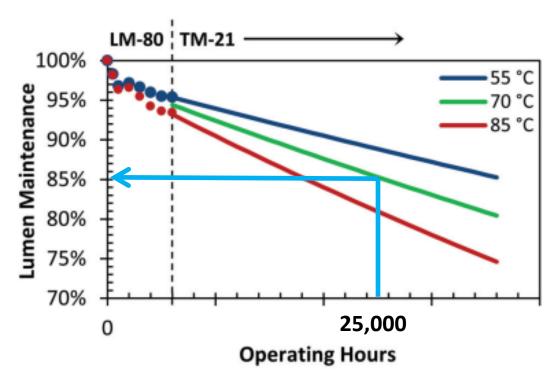
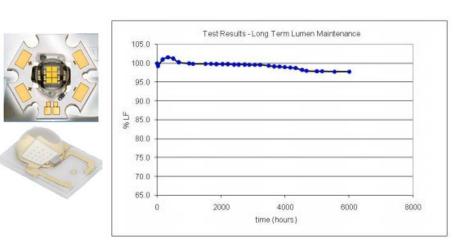


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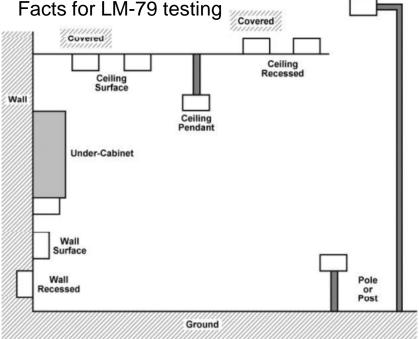


## Five Steps to listing the new metric

- **Step 1**: request LM-80 testing for the LED light source
  - Three case temperatures (55C, 85C, and a third temperature)
  - Drive current clearly indicated
  - Output: ≥6,000 hours of test data
  - Conducted at a lab accredited by an ILAC MRA signatory



- Step 2: request an ISTMT for the lamp or luminaire
  - Using test environments described in UL1598, UL 153, UL 1993, etc.
  - Ambient temperature clearly indicated
  - Output: LED case temperature
  - Conducted at a lab approved by LED Lighting



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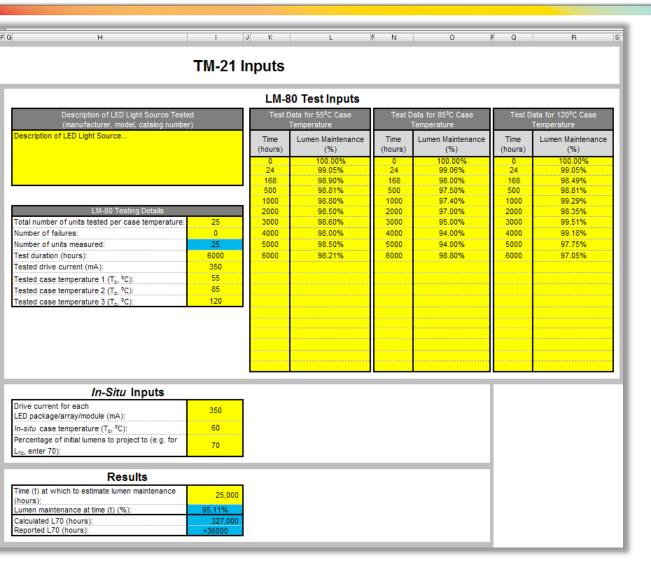
Test results image:

April 2010 ENERGY STAR Manufacturer's Guide for Qualifying Solid-State Lighting Luminaires:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/publications/pdfs/ssl/richman\_tests\_sslmiw2011.pdf http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/manuf\_res/downloads/ENERGYSTAR\_Manufacturers\_Guide\_v2.1.pdf



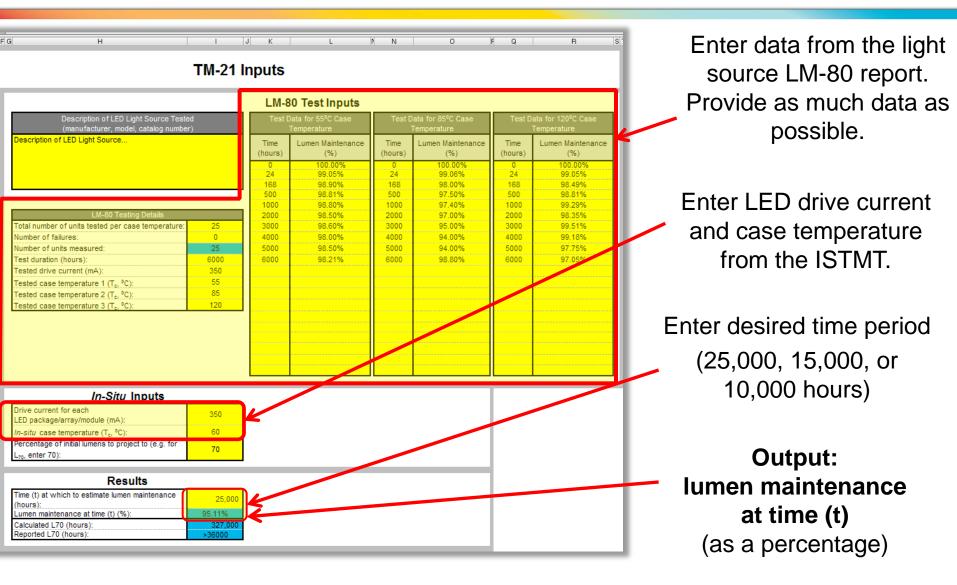
# Step 3: Download the ENERGY STAR® TM-21 Calculator Tool and Enter the Test Data



- Developed in cooperation with NIST; LED Lighting Facts uses it to streamline the process
- The tool performs the calculation – you just enter the test data.

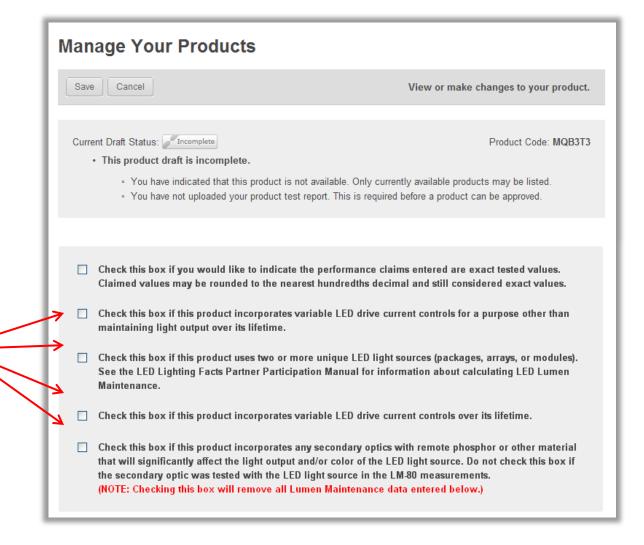


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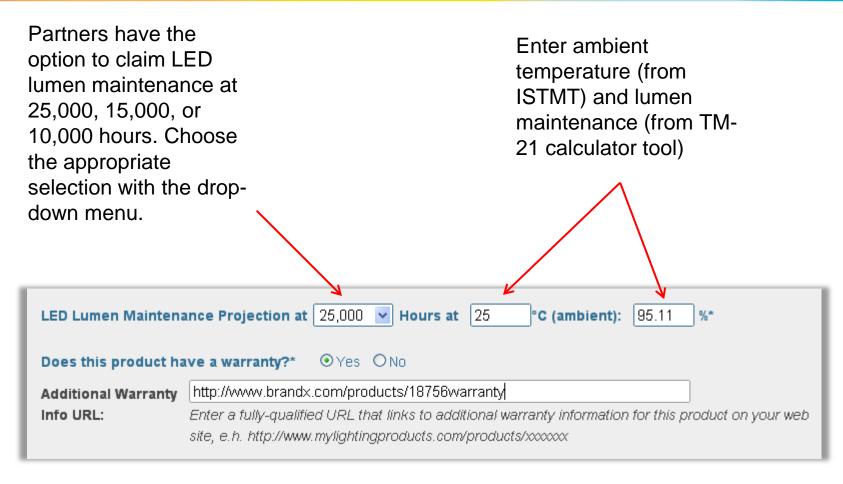
## Step 4: Create an LED Lighting Facts submission and fill out the submission form



Select the checkboxes that describe any special design features of the product.



## Step 4, continued: lumen maintenance and warranty metrics

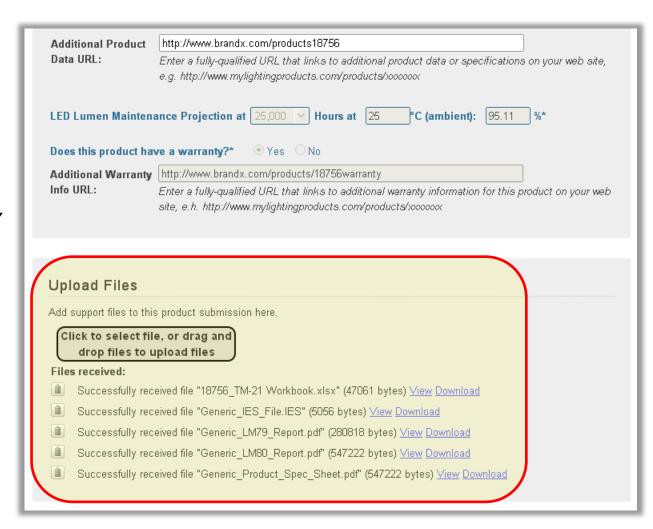


If a warranty is available, a valid URL is required for the web page where the warranty conditions are described.



### Step 5: upload supporting files, save, and submit!

- LM-80 test report
- ISTMT
- Saved copy of ENERGY STAR TM-21 Calculator (Excel file format)
- Product specification sheet





## Final Thoughts

- LED lumen maintenance and warranty are OPTIONAL for LED Lighting Facts
  - Manufacturers that have access to lumen maintenance data may or may not choose to include it in product submissions
- Retailers, distributors, utilities, EE sponsors, and lighting pros: if you want to see this metric when reviewing LED Lighting Facts products, request that manufacturers list it!!
- LED Lighting Facts is constantly evolving with the industry; new methods and standards will be considered as they are released



## **Questions?**

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