

Title (en)

Mercury vapour discharge lamp including an amalgam

Title (de)

Quecksilberdampf-Entladungslampe mit einem Amalgam

Title (fr)

Lampe à décharge à vapeur de mercure contenant un amalgame

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Abstract (en)

A mercury discharge lamp includes an amalgam for controlling the mercury vapour pressure within the lamp, the amalgam being selected and positioned within the lamp to provide a substantially optimum vapour pressure of mercury at the temperature of the amalgam corresponding to the maximum rated operating power of the lamp. The optimum vapour pressure is close to a minimum (B) at the temperature corresponding to maximum operating power, and adjacent a region (D) of steeply rising mercury vapour pressure with falling temperature. By operating the lamp in this region, a reduction in the operating power of the lamp causes a fall in temperature and hence an increase in the vapour pressure of the mercury to effect dimming of the lamp. <IMAGE>

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