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(54) **Metal vapour discharge lamp.**

(57) Disclosed is a metal vapor discharge lamp having mercury and iron filled therein, in which the iron is prevented from depositing on the internal surface of the bulb of said lamp and forming a thin iron film. Namely, in the metal vapor discharge lamp according to this invention, the amount of thallium to be incorporated relative to iron is 1/200 to 1/2 in terms of gram atom number ratio, whereby formation of thin iron film can be prevented without affecting the spectrum outputs of mercury and iron.

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