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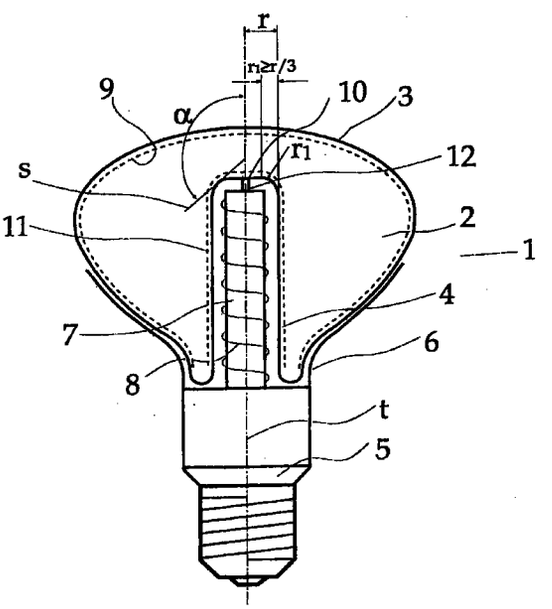
(54) Electrodeless low-pressure discharge lamp

(57) The invention relates to an electrodeless low-pressure discharge lamp (1) comprising a discharge vessel (2) made from a light-transmitting material and having a bulb portion (3) and a tubular cavity portion (4) sealed in a gas-tight manner, the discharge lamp (1) comprising furthermore an induction coil (8) placed in the cavity portion (4), and a base member (5) providing for electrical connection with the terminals of the coil and for fixing the lamp (1) and for outer electrical contact where the discharge vessel (2) contains a noble gas fill and additive material and its wall is provided with phosphor-containing coating.

The essential feature of the solution according to the invention is that the top surface (10) of the tubular cavity portion (4) is formed - over a distance of at least one-third tube radius (r), beginning at the mantle surface (11) of the tubular cavity portion (4) and continuing inwardly towards the lamp axis (t) - so that the theoretical tangential planes (s) of the top surface (10) make an angle (α) exceeding 90 degrees with the lamp axis (t) and the top surface (10) of the tubular cavity portion (4) has a rounded juncture with the mantle portion (11) of the cavity portion (4).



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