

“Topflash/Flipflash” photographic flash lamp array

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National foreword

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“Topflash/Flipflash” photographic flash lamp array

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pour photographie
(CEI 640:1980)

Blitzlampensystem “Topflash/Flipflash”
(IEC 604:1980)

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This standard establishes limits for dimensions and other physical characteristics necessary to ensure interchangeability of “Topflash/Flipflash” arrays.

2 Layout and dimensions

2.1 Layout

The array is a multi-lamp assembly with the lamps arranged in two groups.

The lamps at one end of the array operate independently of those at the other end.

The layout of the array is such as to provide a flash extender.

2.2 Dimensions

Dimensions of the array shall be as shown in Appendix A.

Dimensions of the plug part shall be as shown in Appendix B.

Dimensions of the contacts shall be as shown in Appendix C.

NOTE The dimensions shown apply to arrays in a new, unused condition. Lamp flashing may cause some distortion of some parts.

3 Operation

After insertion of the array in a camera, the top group of lamps, i.e. those remote from the camera, will flash in sequence at each successive shutter operation. When the top group of lamps has been used, the array has to be removed, inverted and replaced, in order that the remaining group of lamps may be used.

The flashing of the lamps in the upper group only provides the flash extender feature.

4 Requirements

4.1 Flashing energy

The array shall flash when provided with an energy pulse having the following characteristics:

- A minimum of 2 000 V peak with a duration of between 1 and 10 μs , measured across a capacitive load of 17.5 pF. The duration is measured from 0 V to 0 V of the pulse.
- A minimum of 140 nC in the first half current wave, delivered to a 5 000 Ω resistance load with a 17.5 pF capacitive load in parallel, in not less than 2 μs and not more than 5 μs from the start of the wave.
- If the decay time of the first half wave of the voltage pulse is longer than 5 μs , the 140 nC charge shall be delivered at or before 5 μs .

4.2 Flashing rate

The array shall be designed for use at intervals as short as 2 s between flashes.

4.3 Contacts

The contacts of the array shall be designed to withstand at least 16 insertions into a socket having three bur-free contacts each of which exerts a force of 1.1 N (4 ozf).

4.4 Sequencing

The array shall incorporate a built-in sequencing circuit. When the first lamp flashes, the second lamp shall be automatically connected into the firing circuit ready for flashing. When the second lamp flashes, the third lamp shall be connected into the firing circuit and so on until the last lamp is fired when the sequencing then stops.

NOTE Failure of any lamp to flash prevents automatic firing of any lamps remaining in that part of the array. However, some designs incorporate means to activate the circuit manually so as to enable such lamps to be flashed normally or to flash more lamps simultaneously.