

# GRE Task Force LED Substitutes / Retrofits (TF S/R)

# Status report for GRE89

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Meetings of TF S/R

Actions completed :

- Step 1: LED Substitutes
- Step 2: LED Replacements ("Retrofits")
  - Step 2A: Administrative items
  - Step 2B: Technical items based on "full equivalence"

- 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: 2023-March 07/08 hybrid meeting in Bonn (report: TFSR-16-04)
- 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: 2023- June 15: Aachen incl. lab demo (report: TFSR-17-04)
- 18<sup>th</sup> meeting: 2023-July 11: telephone call (report TFSR-18-03)
- 19<sup>th</sup> meeting: 2023-October 04: telephone call (report: [TFSR-19-04])

New work item:

re-evaluate equivalence criteria of high power LEDr, as assigned by GRE87 (GRE87 report, paragraph 15; see also GRE-87-02)

# Excerpt from GRE-88 report

#### *Documentation:* Informal document GRE-88-13

15. The expert of the Task Force on Substitutes and Retrofits (TF SR) informed GRE about their activities (GRE-88-13) and announced the next meeting of TF SR on 14 June 2023. He reported that TF SR was considering two approaches for including high power light-emitting diode replacement (LEDr) light sources in UN Regulation No. 37 and in the Consolidated Resolution on the Common Specification of Light Source Categories (R.E.5), namely "intelligent equivalence" on the light source level and "application-level equivalence". The experts from the Netherlands and the United Kingdom supported the first approach.

### Potential ways forward for high power LEDr (in R37 / R.E.5)

- 1 "intelligent equivalence" on light source level
  (bi-directional approach) for high-power categories
  - Detailed light source specification via emission in two directions
  - Making full use of LED technology benefits
  - Several deviations from "full photometric equivalence"
    - Keeping LEA and contrast requirements (in 2 viewing directions only)
    - Modified far-field emission requirements
  - Valid in all headlamps / vehicles
  - No need to consider mis-use
  - Not used in any country so far

- 2 "application-level equivalence" (also called "positive list approach")
  - Very limited requirements on light source level
  - Making full use of LED technology benefits
  - Confirmation of UN compliant photometry in the application by measurement
  - Valid in tested vehicles / headlamps \*
  - Already accepted by several contracting parties (via national type approval)
    - Germany, and some countries accepting:
      - Austria
      - Czech Republic
      - Croatia
    - France
    - South Korea

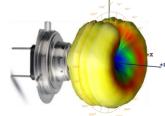
# Introducing alternative equivalence specification to allow bi-directional emission

Key elements of the light source specification and PROPOSED amendments to H11\_LEDr

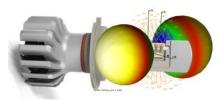
"<u>Far-field</u>" → Normalized Intensity Distribution

PROPOSAL: allow far-field emission characteristic of "bi-directional" LEDs with Lambertian radiation pattern "<u>Near-field</u>"  $\rightarrow$  box and contrast requirements

**PROPOSAL:** same LEA as "full-equivalent", but only from view "A" and "-A", i.e. exclude "B"

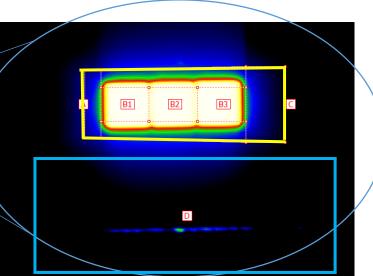


Filament / full photometric equivalence



**Bi-directional emission** 

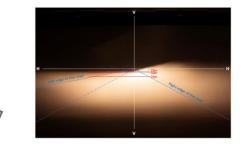




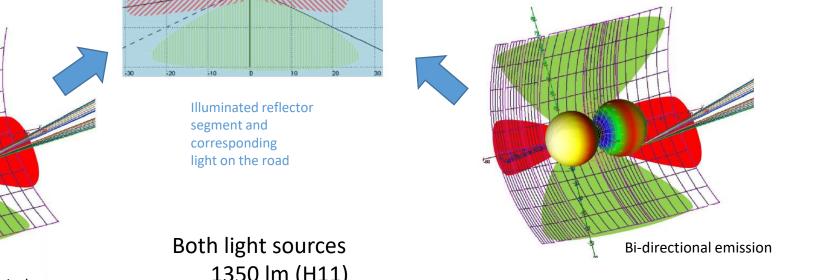
# Changes in the category sheet: In a nutshell

- Starting from enforced H11 (LEDr) category sheet (full photometric equivalence)
- Keep all mechanical/geometrical, electrical and thermal specifications
- Keep specifications for luminous flux, colour and contrast
- Introduce alternative "configuration" as modification of
  - "Screen projection requirements" (near-field characteristics), and
  - "Normalized luminous intensity distribution " (far-field characteristics)

# Halogen and bi-directional LEDr Beams on 25 m screen



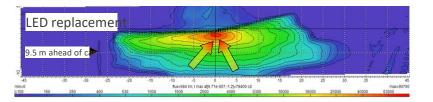
Lab demo



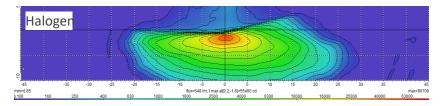
Filament / full photometric equivalence

1350 lm (H11)

~170 cd/klm in "red" direction < 80 cd /klm in "green" direction



~ 100 cd/klm in red and green direction

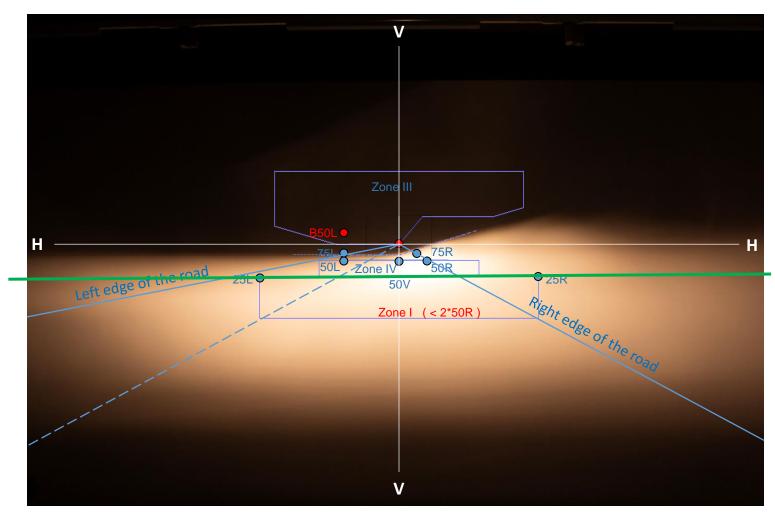


# Lab demo summary

Part 1: Basic Principles Part 2: bi-directional LEDr

Images taken from full lab demo report: TFSR-17-05

### Part 1: Basic principles (1/2) Headlamp A, H7 halogen



Note: this is a "goniometer view", ~10 m distant from the wall.

Legal test points and zone, R112 class B

- At 75m: 75R (min), 75 L (max)
- At 50m: 50R (min), 50V (min), 50L (max)
- At 25m: 25R (min), 25L (min)
- Zone I: no min., max. dep. on 50R value
- Zone III: max. to limit glare
- Zone IV: min. to enable min. homogeneity

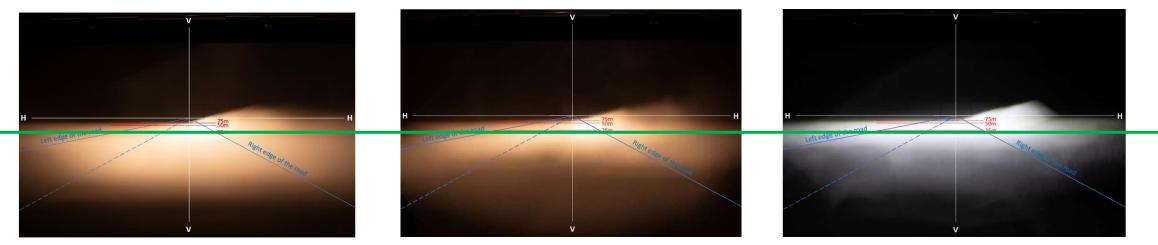
→ There is no minimum intensity required at a distance closer than 25m to the vehicle!

## Part 1: Basic principles (2/2) Headlamp A, H7 hal., Headlamp B, H7 hal.,

#### Headlamp C, LED OEM



R112 Class B type approved headlamps generating compliant beams show a variation in light distribution and colour temperature.



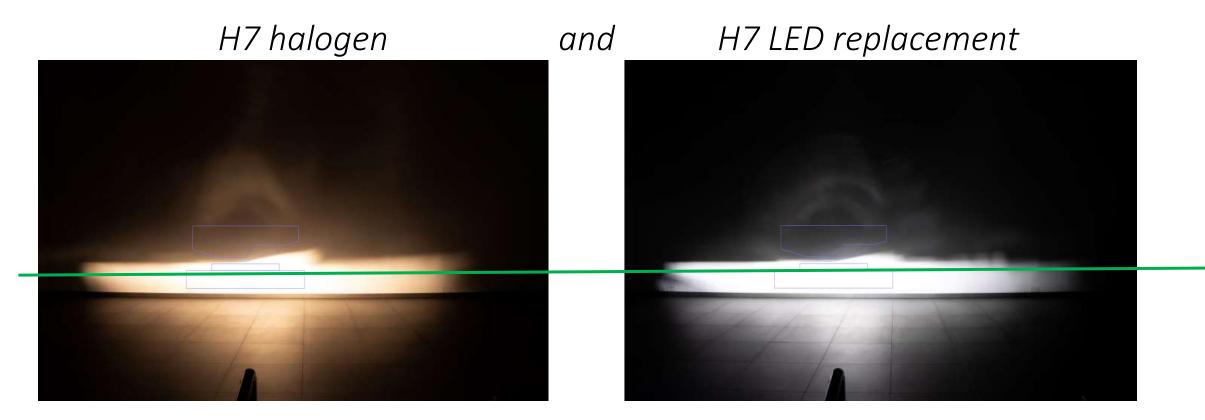
The most notable differences are in the unregulated foreground area (<25m).

# Summary of Part 1 of the lab demo

Beam patterns can be significantly different (beam appearance and/or color) ... ... between different headlamp types (R112 class B) ... between Originally-Equipped filament-based and Originally-Equipped LEDbased solutions (R112 class B)

The amount of light outside specified zones and points can vary significantly

# Part 2: bi-directional LEDr



Headlamp E (one taken from the list of more than a hundred headlamps for which LEDr-use has national approval)

All nationally approved applications meet the R112 photometric requirements

Note: this is a different setting in the lab. The headlamps are mounted at ground floor at ~7 m distant from the wall.

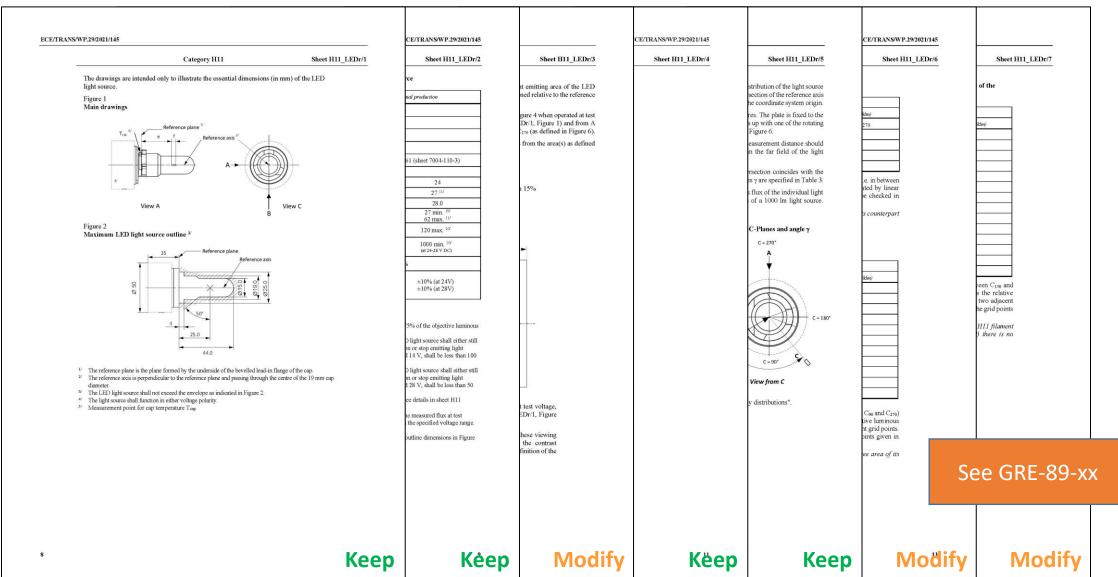
# Summary of Part 2 of the lab demo bi-directional LEDr

Both beams (with H7 halogen and H7-LEDr) meet the minimum and maximum R112 requirements

There are no interferences of a bi-directional design to the regulated part of the beam

Reminder: this is also confirmed by approval tests of hundreds of vehicle types (left and right headlamps), in Germany and France, where bi-directional LEDr generate fully compliant beams

# Limited changes in existing H11 (LEDr) category sheet (WP.29/2021/145)



# Next steps

- Next meeting of TF S/R to finalise H11 category sheet proposal → November / December
- Submit formal proposal for GRE90  $\rightarrow$  January