Selecting the Right LED for Energy Efficient Lighting Retrofits

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#### Overview

Review and examination of the different types of LED tube designs and their pros and cons, industry trends, safety issues, and critical criteria for selecting the right LED tubes for energy efficient lighting retrofit projects.

#### **Objectives**

At the end of this course, participants will learn:

- Understand the difference among the various LED tube designs
- Understand the pros and cons of different LED tubes
- Understand the safety issues related to LED tube retrofits
- Understand the critical criteria when selecting the right LED tube for energy efficient lighting retrofits

### Types of LED Tubes

- External-driver double-ended tube
- Internal-driver single-ended tube
- Internal-driver double-ended tube
  - Without safety switch
  - With safety switch
  - With safety switch & replaceable driver
- Internal-driver double-ended tube on ballast
- Internal-driver double-ended tube on ballast & AC-in



# Which LED Tube Should I Consider?

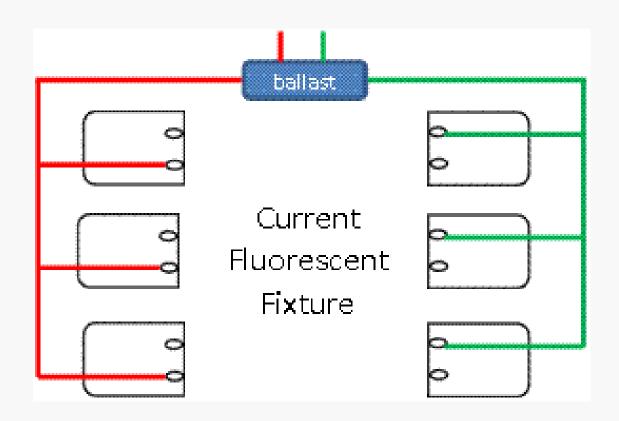
The answer is: it depends ...

## It Depends ...

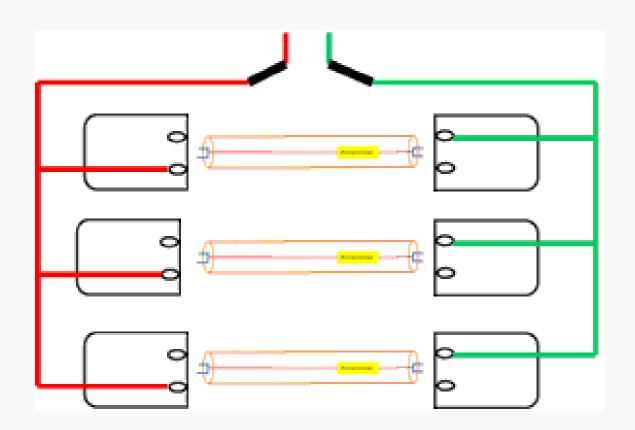
- On how long you would stay on your job
- On whether your company has a good lawyer
- On whether you have a good insurance coverage



## Fluorescent Tube Wiring

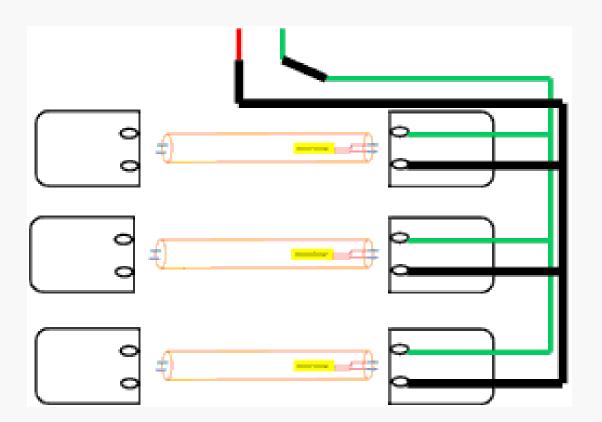


# Double-end Wiring





# Single-end Wiring Retrofit





### What's Wrong with These Tubes?

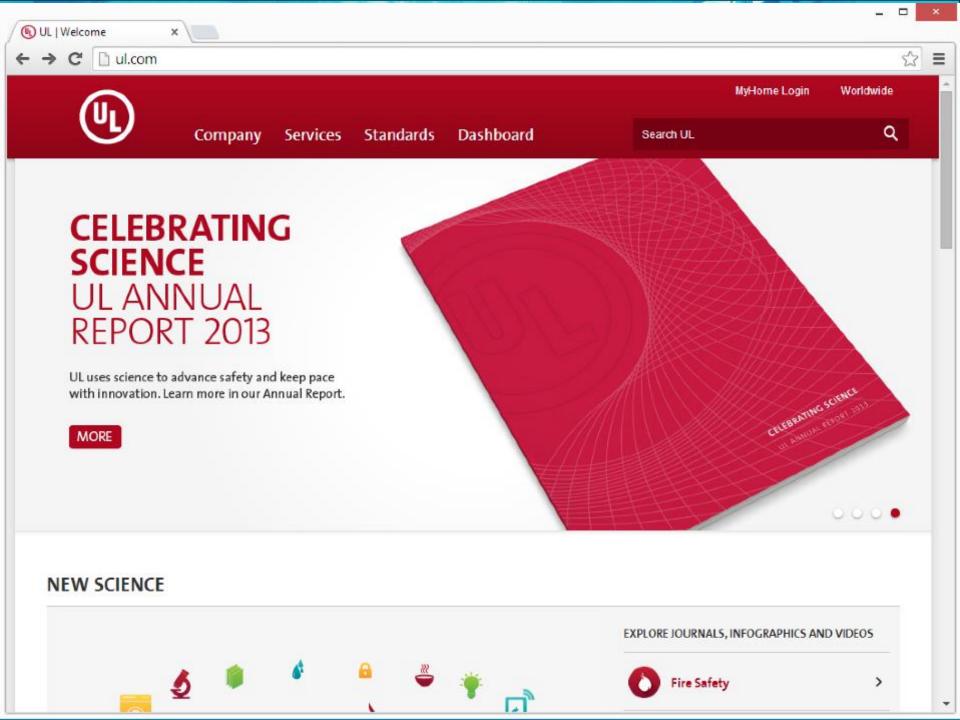


#### Standards

- Safety Standards
  - UL1598C
  - ETL not the same as UL (Don't bet your career on it)
- Energy Standards
  - Energy Star: does not have an LED tube category
  - Lighting Facts: performance data listing
  - DLC: only 4-ft and 2-ft LED tube category
  - Title 24 California: lighting control, dimming, daylight harvesting

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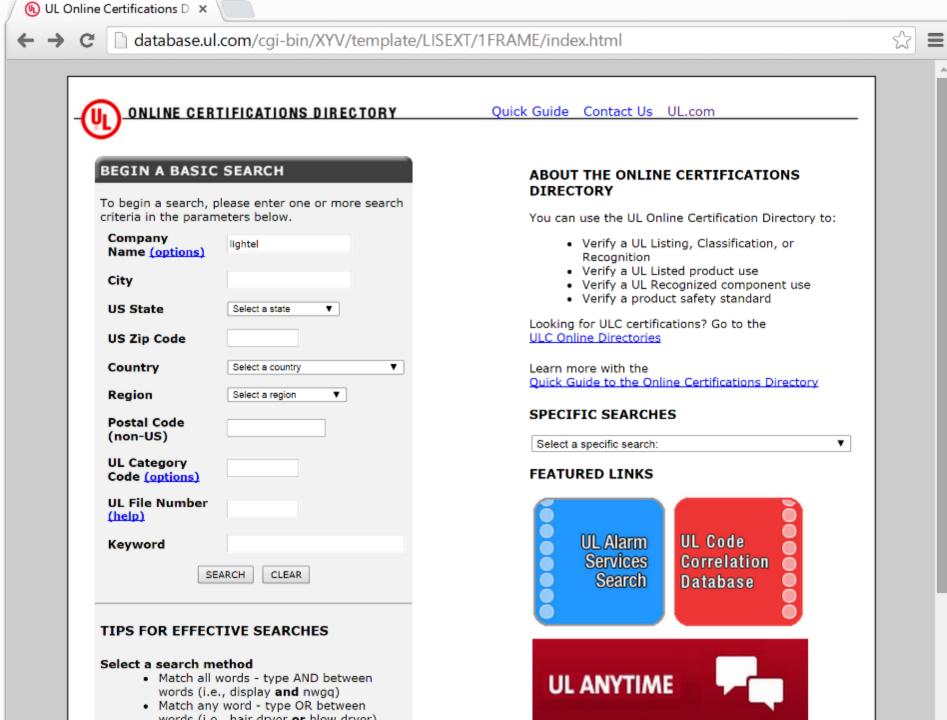




















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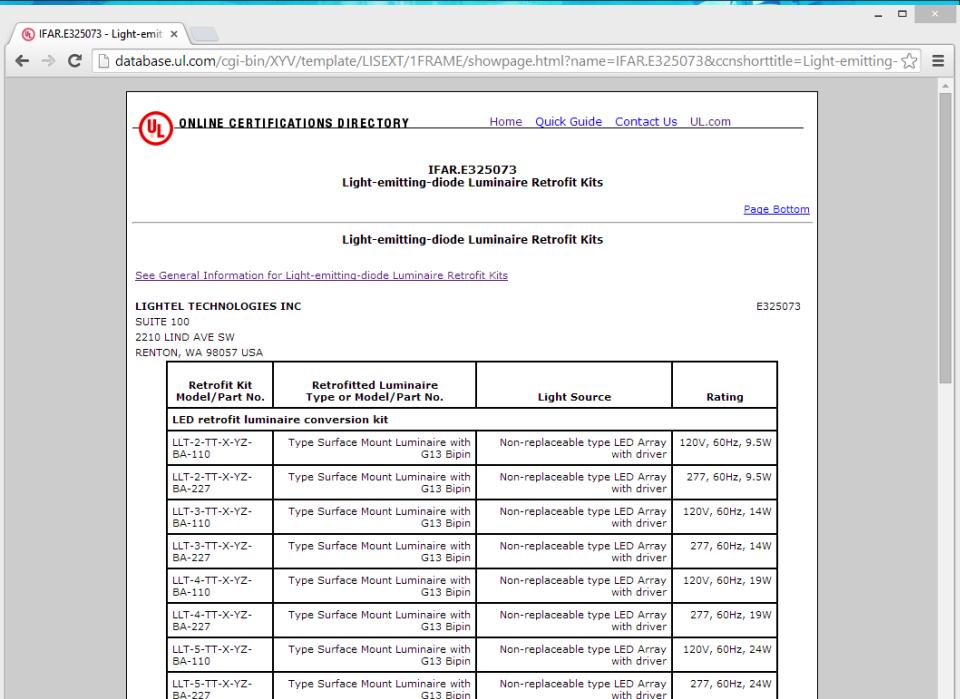
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Notes:

Nomenclature:

LLT-2-TT-X-YZ-BA-110V-D-3

| LLT | 2  | TT  | X  | YZ | ВА | 110V | D    | 3  |
|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|------|------|----|
| I   | II | III | IV | ٧  | VI | VII  | VIII | IX |

I - LLT: Series name

II - Length of tube: 2 - 2 ft, 3 - 3 ft, 4 - 4ft, 5 - 5 ft

III - TT, Tube type: T8

IV - Diffuser Type: C - Clear, D - Diffused

V - LED Color: SW - Sun White

VI - BA, Beam Angle: 75, 90 or 120

VII - Input voltage, 110V, 277V or U: 110-120V Universal Voltage

VIII - Pin Configuration Type: D - Double ended, S - Single ended

IX - Number of LEDs used in 4-ft LLTs; 3 - 312 LEDs, 2 - 264 LEDs, 27 - 273 LEDs, 10 - 104 LEDs; in 2-ft LLTs; 52- 52 LEDs

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|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| LED retrofit luminaire conversion kit  |  |   |                               |
| Model LiLEDs-T8-2FT-I  | Permanently-<br>connected<br>fluorescent                 | Replaceable-<br>type<br>T8<br>self-<br>ballasted<br>LED<br>lamp | 100-<br>277 V<br>ac,<br>0.1.A |
| Model LiLEDs-T8-4FT-I  | Permanently-<br>connected<br>fluorescent                 | Replaceable-<br>type<br>T8<br>self-<br>ballasted<br>LED<br>lamp | 100-<br>277 V<br>ac,<br>0.2.A |
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with external driver

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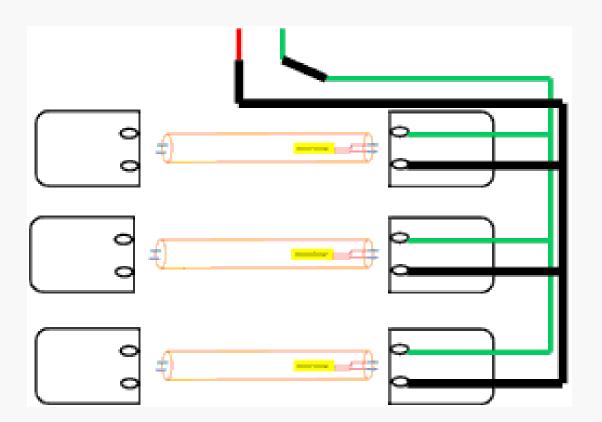
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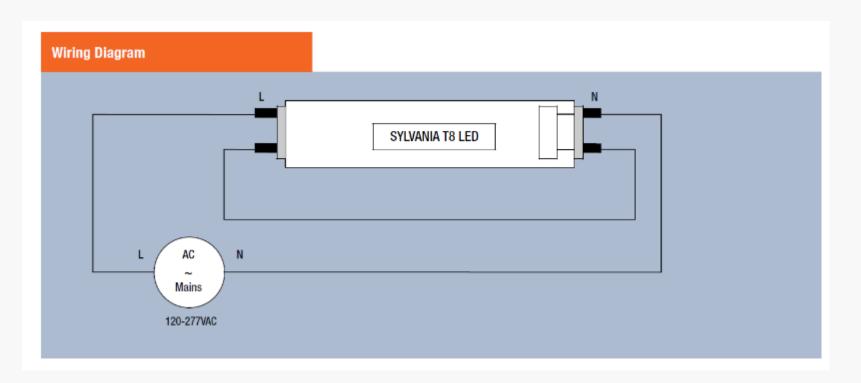


# Single-end Wiring Retrofit



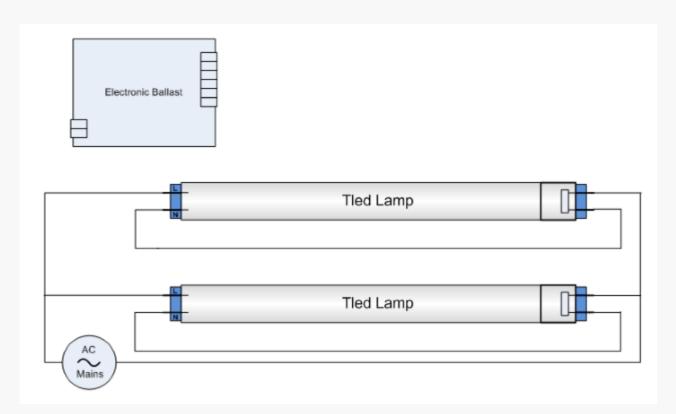


# Single-end Tube with Double-end Wiring





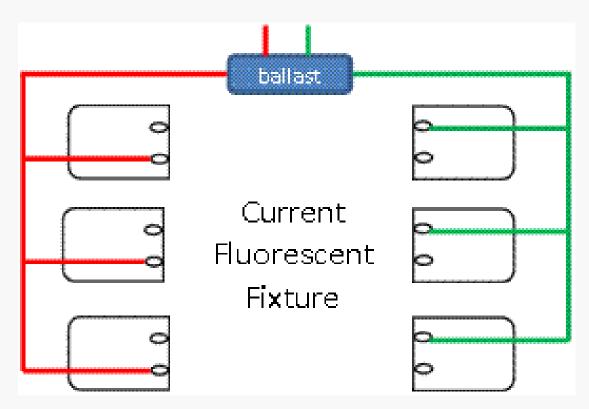
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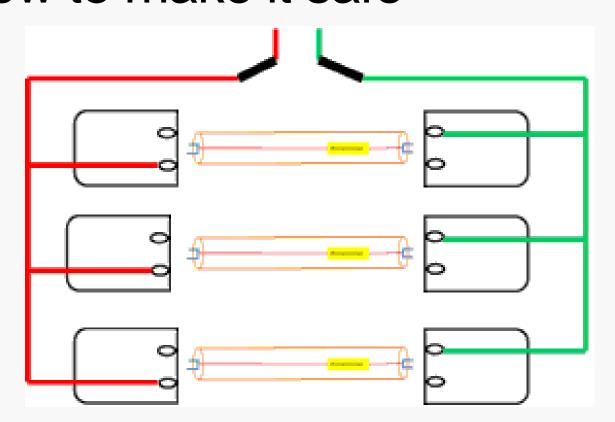
#### Ballast-compatible Tube:

- Is it safe?



### **Double-end Wiring**

- How to make it safe



### Costs – Upfront and Down the Road

- Installation costs:
  - Materials: lamp, non-shunted socket, ballast
  - Labor: how much re-wiring involved
  - Rebates
- Operation and Maintenance costs over 10 years:
  - Materials: lamp, ballast for ballast-compatible tube
  - Labor: any new wiring required? Yes for ballast replacement
  - Energy consumption: lamp, ballast (by how much?)
  - Disposal: 5-year or 10-year

# Timeframe Matters on ROI - 10-year ROI Comparison

| Cost                     | Safety Switch tube w/<br>Replaceable Driver                                | <b>Ballast Compatible Tube</b>   |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Material                 | 1x lamp purchase<br>1x driver purchase (1/3<br>tube cost)                  | 2x lamp purchase<br>2x ballast purchase  |
| Labor                    | 1x ballast removal & tube install. by electrician 1x tube spot replacement | 1x tube installation 1x tube spot replacement 2x ballast spot replacement by electrician |
| Extra energy consumption | None   | 10-year energy consumption on ballast  |

#### And the Winner Is ...

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- External Driver Double End: Use only when external driver is a must
- Internal Driver Single End: Use when safety is not an issue
- Internal Driver Double End w/o Safety Switch: Use if your company has a very good lawyer or you have a superb insurance policy
- Internal Driver Double End w/ Safety Switch: Use if you will be retired in 5 years
- Internal Driver Double End w/ Safety Switch & Replaceable Driver:
   Use if you want to stay in your job for more than 5 years
- Internal Driver Double End w/ Ballast Compatibility: Use if you will be retired in 3 years

#### Ultimate Winner – Miracle Tube

- Internal-driver tube with safety switch
- Supports single-end and double-end wired fixture
- Works with ballast and AC input
- Has a replaceable driver
- Dimmable and daylight harvesting-ready
- Rotatable end cap
- Extendable and retractable length
- Fool-proof, fail-safe, patent-hassle-free
- Politician-proof, Wall Street-blessed, Russian-banned

#### SureFit DBA Tube

- Double-end safety switch
- Ballast-compatible
- AC-in friendly

#### Other Features to Be Considered

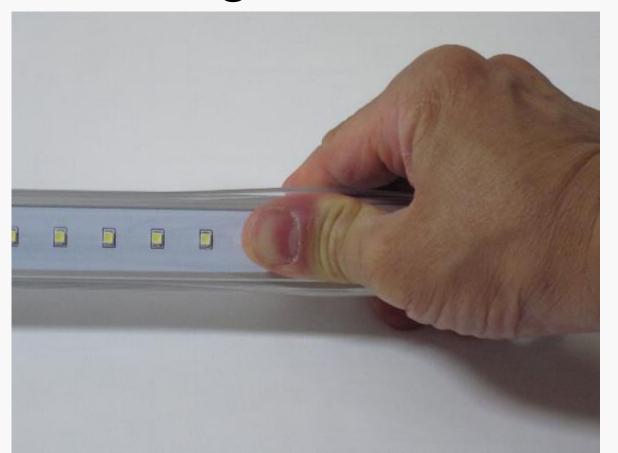
- Dimmable: TRIAC vs. 0-10V dimming
- Voltage range: 110, 277V, or both?
- Rotatable end cap
- Extendable end cap(?)
- Replaceable driver
- Beam angle: 120, 240, 360 degree
- IP65
- Suitable for vapor tight fixture or high temp. environment

# Quality Issues/Concerns

# What's Wrong with This Tube?



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### What's Wrong with These Tubes?



#### What's the Difference in These Tubes?



# **Quality Issues**

- Design issues
  - Heat dissipation area
  - Heat dissipation medium
  - Heat conductivity
- T8 vs T8-oval vs T10
- Low quality components, e.g., soft lens, cheap resistor, capacitor, transistor
- Watch out for "cheap" prices: you get what you pay for!

# Warranty Issues/Concerns

- Would you like to pay yourself for the injury/damage caused due to LED products?
  - A national chain of department store
- How to protect yourself and your colleagues and your organization?

- How sure are you that your vendor will still be in business if and when you have a warranty claim on your LED product?
  - A national snack food company in Vancouver, WA
- How to be sure?

- How do you know your vendor could continually support you on the same product?
  - A major business property management company in Pasadena,
     CA
- Do you have a backup plan if they can't?

- Are you covered on liability/injury due to LED product?
- Will your vendor still exist when you need the warranty?
- Will the LED product still available when you need it?

# Patent Issues/Concerns

#### Patent Issues

- Risk of patent infringement lawsuits?
- Do you know manufacturers, distributors, resellers, and end users can all be subject to IP/patent lawsuits?
- Can your vendor indemnify you on legal disputes related to their LED products?
  - Do you know Philips holds patents on dimmable LED lamps?

#### What Do They Have in Common?



#### Double-ended Tube with Safety Swtich

Aleddra End Cap close-up



#### Financing – Need Budget, Really?

- Energy efficient financing available from manufacturers, distributors, 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- Project costs may be paid by energy saving in full assuming \$1 energy saving per lamp per month:
  - 2-year Net Zero program: \$1 per lamp per month
  - 5-year Cash Flow Positive program: \$.50 back per lamp per month
    - Cash flow positive on the first month

#### Re-cap

- LED products are not created equal
- The right choice of LED products depends on a number of different factors.
- Issues to consider:
  - ROI Timeframe
  - Safety
  - Cost
  - Quality
  - Warranty
  - Financing

#### Resources

- Demo videos: www.YouTube.com/aleddra
- UL: www.UL.com
- DLC: www.designlights.org
- LightingFacts: www.lightingfacts.com
- EnergyStar: www.energystar.gov/certified-products/certified-products?c=products.pr\_find\_es\_products



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