

Industrial Lighting



Saving energy for Maine

Cash incentives from the Efficiency Maine Business Program are just one reason to upgrade the efficiency of the lighting in your industrial facility. Technological advancements and lighting design techniques provide a range of options for lighting in industrial settings. Long-standing lighting methods, such as daylighting, combined with modern technology, can improve productivity, security and safety, quality control and energy efficiency.

Essential Considerations for Lighting Performance

Proper illumination levels for the task – Lighting levels that are too high or too low make production tasks difficult, cause worker fatigue, and present dangerous environments.

Object contrast – Even with proper illumination levels, if the contrast is weak, it becomes difficult to perform typical production tasks. Object contrast is particularly critical for quality control functions.

Accurate color rendering – Lighting sources vary in their ability to render colors accurately. When lamps with low color rendering abilities are used, object contrast goes down. In addition, the human vision system works to correct for poor color rendering, which can cause fatigue. The ability to render colors accurately is measured by the Color Rendering Index (CRI) scaled from 1-100, with natural daylight receiving a score of 100.

Lighting uniformity – Moving from very bright to very dim areas is tiring and dangerous. Lighting should be kept reasonably uniform within work areas.

Glare control – Direct glare from lamps and windows, and indirect glare from work objects can undermine productivity and create dangerous situations.

Designing for Visual Comfort and Performance

When designing for visual comfort and performance, designers should strive to supply the correct amount of light on the task area, combined with an appropriate level of background illumination. Recommended guidelines for lighting levels have been established by the Illuminating Engineering Society and are made available by most lighting fixture manufacturers.

Visual comfort considerations also include the color temperature and the color rendering. Differing from the CRI (described above), the Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) relates to the actual appearance of the light with higher numbers (4,000 – 5,500) referring to cooler light, and lower numbers (2,700 – 3,500) referring to warmer light.

Lighting glare is controlled by keeping high brightness lamps and sunlight out of the sightline of the workers. Using larger numbers of low brightness fixtures, indirect lighting, glare controlling baffles and shades are all strategies that help to control workplace glare.

Modern Lighting Technology

Advanced Fluorescent – During the 1970's and 80's, High Intensity Discharge (HID) technologies (mercury vapor, sodium, metal halide) replaced fluorescent lighting as the lighting of choice for industrial facilities. At that time, the advantages of HID technologies were: an increase in light production per fixture (allowing for fewer fixtures and lamps), better working fixtures at cold temperatures, longer lasting lamps, and more light generated per watt.

Fluorescent lighting has recently made a strong comeback. With recent advances in T8 (1" diameter) and T5 (5/8" diameter) lamps and high performance industrial fluorescent fixtures, fluorescent lighting is once again the logical choice for most industrial applications. The light produced is of higher quality than HID lighting, providing better color rendering and glare control. Additionally, lighting can be turned on and off as needed, unlike HID lighting which requires warm-up time.

Modern Lighting Technology (continued)

Daylighting – Daylighting is both our most modern and ancient lighting technique. A growing body of evidence tells us what we intuitively know – that daylighting is the best light source for productivity and satisfaction. Modern glazing systems allow for daylighting to be efficiently delivered to industrial spaces. The abilities of daylighting to render colors accurately and to provide object contrast cannot be matched by any artificial light source.

With daylighting, glare and excess heat must be controlled, but proper design and modern glazing materials can successfully deal with both issues. Designers increasingly utilize indirect daylighting, bouncing light off of architectural features, shielding workers' eyes from direct sunlight. Modern glazing materials maximize the light gain while minimizing both heat gain and heat loss.

Putting it All Together

Designing modern lighting systems for industrial facilities involves integrating daylighting and electrical lighting in a manner that improves productivity while providing excellent energy efficiency. Both daylighting and advanced fluorescent technologies can reduce lighting electrical loads significantly while boosting production and worker satisfaction.

Efficiency Maine Incentives for Industrial Lighting

Efficiency Maine offers incentives for premium efficiency industrial lighting through the Efficiency Maine Business Program. The following measures offer excellent efficiency opportunities for industrial environments:



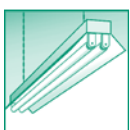
Measure Code L10 – High Performance T8 Relamp and Reballast

This measure encourages the retrofit of older T12 lamps and ballasts with qualifying high performance T8 lamps and electronic ballasts. This measure results in a 25 to 30 percent energy savings, with no reduction in light output. [Click here for complete description.](#)



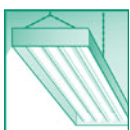
Measure Codes L15 & L16 – New Fluorescent Fixtures

For new construction, when redesigning spaces, or when older fixtures have degraded, the installation of new HPT8 or T5 fixtures is advisable. [Click here for complete description.](#)



Measure Code L20 – Fluorescent Fixtures with Reflectors

This measure is for the installation of new fluorescent fixtures with reflectors, or for the retrofit of existing fixtures with reflector kits. The overall efficiency of these systems makes them ideal for upgrading industrial spaces. Additionally, the shiny reflective surfaces tend to collect less dust than most other fixture styles. [Click here for complete description.](#)



Measure Codes L40 & L41 – New High Intensity Fluorescent Fixtures

Measures L40 & L41 are for the installation of new high intensity fluorescent (HIF) lighting fixtures. These fixtures are an excellent replacement for HID fixtures in industrial areas with ceiling heights of 16' or more. [Click here for complete description.](#)



Measure Code X10 – New LED Exit Signs

Burned-out lamps in exit signs are a real safety hazard. LED exit signs last for approximately 20 years and use very little energy. Measure X10 is for the installation of new LED exit signs to replace existing incandescent or fluorescent exit signs. Because LED exit signs are now standard practice for new construction, no incentives are offered for new construction projects. [Click here for complete description.](#)

Custom Lighting Incentives

In addition to the above prescriptive incentives, Efficiency Maine offers Custom Incentives for premium efficiency lighting projects. Please contact Efficiency Maine at 866-376-2463 for industrial lighting projects that do not fall within the above categories.