Technical Information

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HBO[®] 50 W/3



Product description

- Mercury discharge lamp
- Short arc
- For DC operation at constant power
- High pressure during operation

Electrical Data and Geometry

Rated power	W	50
Rated current	А	2.3
Initial voltage range	V	20 26
Ignition voltage (cold)	V	850
Overall lamp length I1	mm	max. 53
Lamp length l ₂	mm	max. 47
Bulb diameter d	mm	max. 9
Length a ¹	mm	22 ± 2
Arc gap (cold)	mm	approx. 0.6
Base (anode side) Base (cathode side)		• SFa 8-2 • SFa 6-2

Performance Data²

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Initial luminous flux	lm	min. 11,000	
Initial light intensity ³	cd	min. 130	
Initial arc stability	%	> 85	
Declared service life ⁴	h	200	

Full luminous flux is generated after a run-up phase of approximately five minutes.

Mounting

This lamp should be mounted at the anode base; the cathode base should be left unsupported. It is allowed to mount at the cathode base leaving the anode base unsupported; however, this renders length "a" meaningless.



¹ Length "a" specifies the position of anode tip referring to reference plane at room temperature.

² At rated power if not otherwise specified; data pertains to vertical operation.

³ Light intensity in the plane through anode tip and vertical to lamp axis.

⁴ At switch cycle 2 hours on, 2 hours off

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Operation Conditions

Burning position		s 45 (vertical-to-45°, anode down)	
Base temperature	C	max. 230 allowed	
Cooling		convection may be sufficient	
Arc stabilization		not required	
Allowed power range ⁵	W	36 64 (in case of short-time line voltage deviations)	
Required inrush current	А	min. 2.8, max 4.5	
Polarity		for proper polarity observe base marking	

This lamp type can be operated both on a standard ballast and on an electronic power supply provided they comply with the requirements laid down in *Guidelines for Power Supplies and Igniters* (see table below).

Safety Instructions

- During operation the lamp has a very high internal pressure. Even so, an explosion is extremely unlikely but, the possibility cannot be entirely ruled out.
- HBO-Lamps must only be operated in purpose-built lamp housings which prevent direct viewing of the arc and in case of lamp bursting refrain lamp particles.

Additional Documentation

Ti	tle	Order reference
٠	Typical Spectral Distribution	
•	Mercury Safety Instructions for HBO Short Arc Lamps	No. FO 4574
٠	Guidelines for Power Supplies and Ignitors	No. FO GL-32

For the above mentioned publications contact an OSRAM representative in your neighbourhood.



⁵ It is recommended to operate this lamp at rated power.