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1.0 Introduction and Scope

1.1 Introduction

A well-designed lighting system can make an important contribution to the success of an industrial facility. The success of the well-lighted industrial environment can affect productivity, employee performance, safety, energy efficiency, health, maintenance costs, and the number of errors and lost-time accidents. Many features of a lighting system other than the quantity of light provided can make a significant contribution to the efficiency and safety of the industrial worker.

In the design of lighting for industrial environments, horizontal illuminance has commonly been the only consideration. However, many industrial tasks take place in planes with various orientations and in areas with overhead obstructions. Placement of the luminaires is critical to providing light of the proper quality, as well as quantity and direction, to allow fast, easy recognition of operations. These operations may be taking place at high speeds in areas of the production machinery or industrial products where ambient light cannot easily penetrate.

Selection of the luminaire and its photometric distribution can be important to rendering the visual task properly when that task is multidimensional rather than flat, and when the task occurs in a plane other than horizontal. The operation of the lighting system should be understood to ensure that the proper light sources are selected. Improper light source choice can result in difficult and potentially dangerous conditions caused by long warm-up periods, shadows, or stroboscopic effects created where rotating parts are involved. The ability of the light to render colors accurately can have an effect