The OL UV-40 consists of a stable, 30-watt deuterium lamp with an ultraviolet transmitting suprasil window. The lamp is calibrated for spectral irradiance over the wavelength range of 200 nm to 400 nm. The OL UV-40 serves as a convenient, accurate standard for calibrating UV radiometers and spectroradiometers, or it can be used as a known source of spectral irradiance in various UV exposure tests. The deuterium lamp is especially suited for use as an ultraviolet standard since it emits a line-free continuum in the 200 to 400 nm region. Emission is strongest at 200 nm, where most instrument sensitivities are low, and weakest in the visible and infrared (which reduces stray-light problems). At 250 nm, the calibrated irradiance value for the OL UV-40 is approximately 5 times greater than the 1000-watt tungsten lamp standards of spectral irradiance. Spectral irradiance values are reported in tabular form every 10 nm from 200 to 400 nm. Typical spectral irradiance curves for the OL UV-40 and 1000 W tungsten lamp standards are shown for comparison.

Calibration of the OL UV-40 over the range of 250 to 400 nm is based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) high-accuracy standards of spectral irradiance. Calibrations over the range of 200 to 250 nm are based on NIST deuterium lamp standard of spectral radiance. The instrumentation used by Gooch & Housego to transfer calibrations from a standard lamp to a test lamp is patterned after that at NIST. The measurement technique employs the highly accurate wavelength-by-wavelength method of comparison with both lamps operating at a set DC current of 300 mA.

The uncertainty in the spectral irradiance values for the OL UV-40 varies from 3 to 5% from 400 to 250 nm and is 10% below 250 nm. Prior to calibration, each lamp is seasoned for 24 hours. Stability tests indicate that after the initial burn-in, the irradiance generally remains constant to within ±2% for a period of 50 hours use. The aging of the standard is not a function of the shelf life.

Although the basic OL UV-40 is calibrated for spectral irradiance, the standard can also be obtained with a calibration for spectral radiance. A typical standard has a radiance of 12 W/(m² nm sr) at 250 nm. The calibration area is approximately 0.3 mm in diameter.

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