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*Véhicules routiers — Caractéristiques des lampes LED pour détection  
de défaut compatible avec l'ampoule —*

*Partie 1: Lampes LED utilisées comme feux indicateurs de direction*





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— *Part 1: LED lamps used as direction indicators*



# Road vehicles — LED lamp characteristics for bulb compatible failure detection —

## Part 1: LED lamps used as direction indicators

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 13207 specifies the characteristics of LED (Light Emitting Diode) lamps used as direction indicators when optionally monitored. It applies primarily to those lamps which are installed on 24V truck/trailer combinations. It will enable lamp-failure detection of LED lamps on the drawn vehicle to be compatible with that for bulbs when analysed by the towing unit.

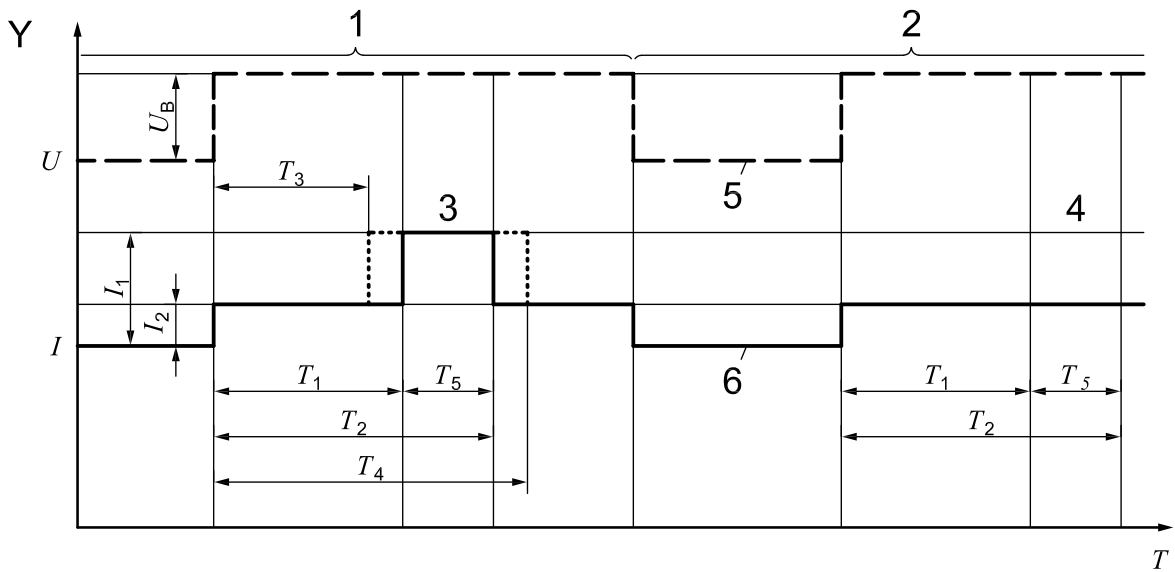
### 2 Terminals

The connection between the towing vehicle and the towed vehicle should be either as described in ISO 1185 and ISO 3731 or as described in ISO 12098. Towing vehicles should be equipped with electronic control units (ECUs), which drive the trailer direction indicator lamps as described in ISO 4082.

### 3 Functional description

#### 3.1 Principle

Lamp-failure monitoring electronics are required for mandatory mounted direction-indicator functions. For this purpose, the LED direction-indicator function generates a current impulse at a certain time; this current impulse corresponds in terms of amount with the current of a conventional bulb lamp. If the LED direction indicator fails (in relation to the legal requirement of the photometric output), this pulse is not generated. An ECU or intelligent flasher interprets whether the LED direction indicator fails on the basis of this pulse. The result should be used to inform the driver accordingly.



**Key**

- 1 first process
- 2 second process
- 3 non-failure
- 4 failure
- 5 voltage: power supply of direction indicator during two flashing processes
- 6 current of LED direction indicator during two flashing processes, the first with, and second without, current control pulse added
- I* current
- $I_2$  nominal LED lamp current
- $I_1$   $I_2$  + control pulse current
- T* time
- $T_1$  starting point of the designated pulse time frame
- $T_2$  end of the designated pulse time frame
- $T_3$  earliest start point for the control pulse
- $T_4$  latest end point for the control pulse
- $T_5$  time frame within which the designated control pulse should be detected by the monitoring circuit of the control unit
- U* voltage
- $U_B$  operational voltage
- Y* voltage, *U*, in volts; current, *I*, in amperes

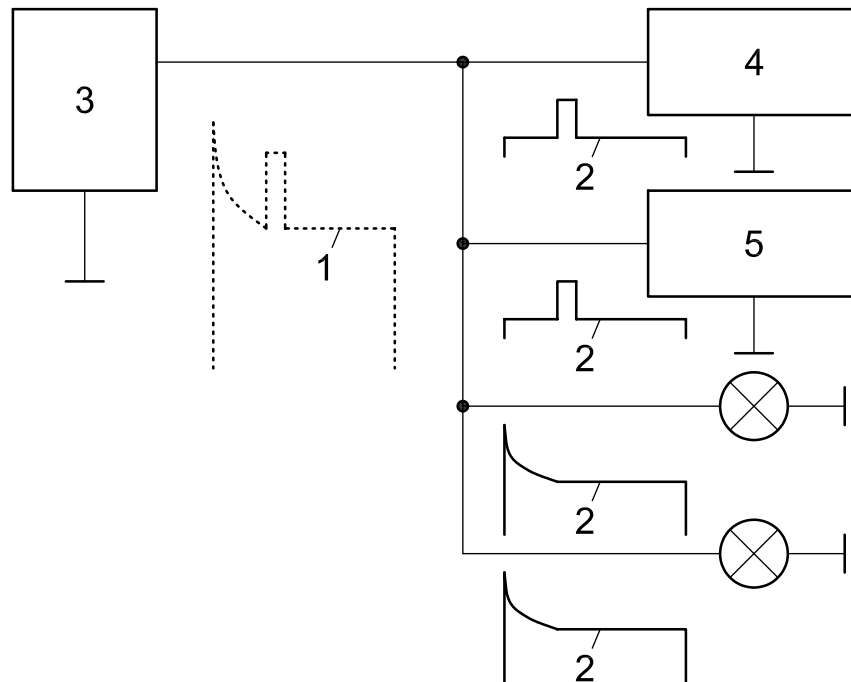
**Figure 1 — Profile diagram 1**

The functional description of the profiles is shown in Figure 1. If a current as described in Figure 3 is detected in time frame  $T_5$  in the first process, the condition of the lamp is recognized as a “non-failure”.

**3.2 Parallel operation of LED and bulb lamps**

The number of functioning direction indicators can be determined on the basis of the amplitude of the pulse when switching on several direction indicators in parallel. In the case of a lamp with mixed LED/21 W bulb light sources, the amplitude of the pulse also provides information about the number of functioning direction indicators connected.





**Key**

- 1 total current pass
- 2 current pass in the individual units
- 3 control unit
- 4, 5 direction indicator with pulse generation

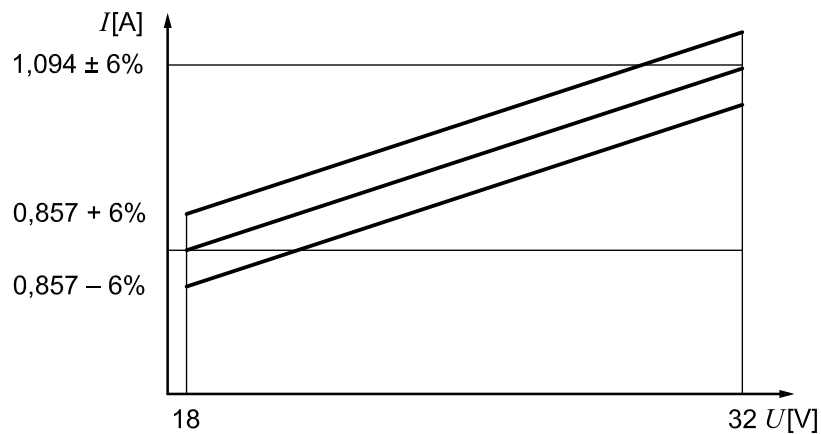
**Figure 2 — Bulb lamps**

Figure 2 shows 2 × 21 W bulb lamps and 2 × LEDs in a direction indicator, all other combinations are possible. For reasons of clarity, only one side of the vehicle direction indicators is illustrated.

**4 Dimensions**

**4.1 Pulse current**

The pulse current is directly related to the voltage supply as shown in Figure 3, here for the 24 V/21 W system.



**Figure 3 — Relation between pulse current (*I*) and voltage supply (*U*)**

The circuit-load characteristic of the pulse shall be equivalent to that of a 21 W filament lamp, including tolerances [DIN 72601 (all parts) and ECE-R37].

## 4.2 Pulse timing

The pulse timing dimensions are given in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Pulse timing**

| Description       | Condition  | Value | Unit |
|-------------------|--|-------|------|
| $T_5 = T_2 - T_1$ | Designated time frame for the pulse for the non-failure condition      | 20    | ms   |
| $T_1$             | Designated switch-on point for the non-failure pulse through the lamp  | 100   | ms   |
| $T_2$             | Designated switch-off point for the non-failure pulse through the lamp | 120   | ms   |
| $T_3$             | Earliest switch-on point for the non-failure pulse through the lamp    | 95    | ms   |
| $T_4$             | Latest switch-off point for the non-failure pulse through the lamp     | 125   | ms   |

## 5 Other dimensions

The lamp current  $I_2$  should be below 30 mA for the failure condition and above 60 mA (at 24 V) for the non-failure condition to enable usage of plain constant-measurement circuits with two levels (below 30 mA means non-functional LED-lamp). Other details, not specified, are left to the manufacturer's choice.

## 6 Further details

It is not possible to check whether the system is functioning before the first flashing process. The system should function under the environmental and test conditions specified in ISO 16750 (all parts). The total number of LED direction indicators and conventional lamps in one measuring circuit is limited to 4. The operating voltage range for the pulse control shall be between 18 V up to 32 V.

## 7 Trailer detection

### 7.1 General

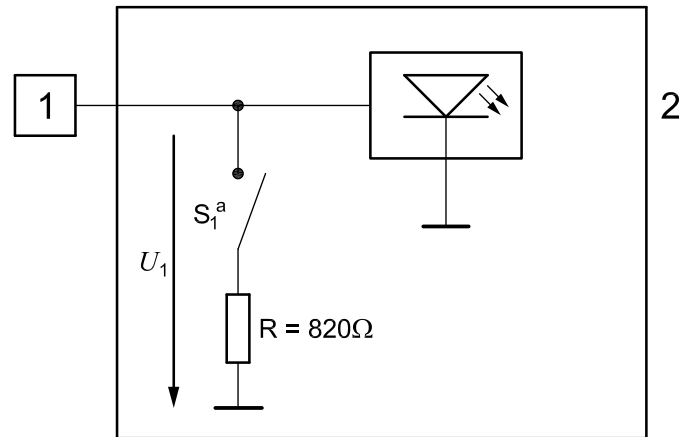
To facilitate uniform trailer detection by the towing unit, a resistance load of 820  $\Omega$  for standardization of the detection function for direction indicators is specified.

### 7.2 Method for powerless trailer detection

In the input circuit of a LED lamp, a resistor  $R = 820 \Omega$  is connected to ground via an electronic power switch ( $S_1$ ); see Figure 4. The power switch is closed when the input voltage ( $U_1$ ) is between 0 and 10 V. When the voltage increases to values  $> 10$  V, the power switch is turned to open and disconnects the resistor from the input circuit.

The advantage of this method is that the power consumption of the resistor can be determined at 250 mW.

For a powerless trailer detection, an ECU connects a voltage  $U$ , e.g. over a pull-up resistor, to the LED lamp. If a trailer is present, the voltage is low; if a trailer is not present, the voltage is high.



**Key**

- 1 ECU
- 2 LED-Lamp
- R resistor
- $S_1$  electronic power switch
- $U_1$  input voltage

- <sup>a</sup>  $S_1$  is closed when  $U_1$  is between 0 and 10 V;  $S_1$  is open when  $U_1 > 10$  V.

**Figure 4 — Connection scheme**

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