
Dentistry — Powered polymerization activators

Médecine bucco-dentaire — Activateurs électriques de polymérisation

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 106, *Dentistry*, Subcommittee SC 6, *Dental equipment*.

This first edition of ISO 10650 cancels and replaces ISO 10650-1:2004 and ISO 10650-2:2007, which have been technically revised with the following changes:

- limitation of blue wavelength region to: 200 nm to 385 nm;
- test procedure [7.2](#) radiant exitance was adopted to LED-diode lamps;
- information to be supplied by the manufacturer and marking requirements were updated.

Introduction

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods in the 200 nm to 385 nm wavelength region and the wavelength region above 515 nm for powered polymerization activators. No minimum requirement value is given for the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region. The value in the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region is no less than the manufacturer's stated value.

This International Standard uses wavelength regions based on cut-off filters. Thus, the 200 nm to 385 nm region includes not only the ultraviolet region but also the near blue wavelength region of around 380 nm. The 385 nm to 515 nm region is taken as the region for powered polymerization activation. The region above 515 nm reaches approximately 1100 nm, which is the detection limit of the detector specified in this International Standard. The test methods described do not give absolute values nor do they reflect energy emitted as black body radiation. The measured values are not true radiant exitance but are values obtained using the methods described in this International Standard. Nevertheless, the values obtained using these test methods are used in conjunction with this International Standard.

This International Standard refers to IEC 60601-1, the basic International Standard on safety of medical electrical equipment, wherever relevant, by stating the respective clause numbers of IEC 60601-1.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods for powered polymerization activators in the 385 nm – 515 nm wavelength region intended for chairside use in polymerization of dental polymer-based materials. This International Standard applies to quartz-tungsten-halogen lamps and light-emitting diode (LED) lamps. Powered polymerization activators could have internal power supply (rechargeable battery powered) or be connected to external (mains) power supply. Lasers or plasma arc devices are not covered by this International Standard.

This International Standard does not cover powered polymerization activators used in laboratory fabrication of indirect restorations, veneers, dentures, or other oral dental appliances. This International Standard takes priority over IEC 60601-1 where specified in the individual clauses of this International Standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 9687, *Dentistry — Graphical symbols for dental equipment*

ISO 15223-1, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance + Amendment 1:2012*

IEC 60601-1-2, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for safety — 2. Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic compatibility — Requirements and test*

IEC 80601-2-60, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 2-60: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of dental equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and IEC 60601-1 apply.

NOTE The issue corresponds to IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012, Clause 3.

3.1

powered polymerization activator

device producing light primarily in the 385 nm to 515 nm region, intended for chairside use in polymerizing polymer-based filling, restorative, and luting materials

3.2

light-emitting diode lamps

semiconductor-based light emitting lamps

3.3

fully charged battery

battery which at the beginning is 100 % of the first full charge

4 Classification

Powered polymerization activators are classified, according to their lamps and power supply, as follows:

Class 1:	Quartz-tungsten-halogen lamps
Type 1:	Polymerization activators powered with mains supply.
Type 2:	Polymerization activators powered with rechargeable battery supply.
Class 2:	Light-emitting diode (LED) lamps
Type 1:	Polymerization activators powered with mains supply.
Type 2:	Polymerization activators powered with rechargeable battery/capacitor.

5 Requirements

5.1 General

5.1.1 Design

The construction of powered polymerization activators shall provide for safe and reliable operation. If field-repairable, the powered polymerization activator shall be capable of being easily disassembled and reassembled for maintenance and repair, using readily available tools or those supplied by the manufacturer. IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012 applies.

5.1.2 Connection

Powered polymerization activators shall be capable of being disconnected and reconnected from the supply for cleaning and disinfection.

Compliance shall be checked by manual inspection.

5.1.3 Operating controls

Operating controls shall be designed and located to minimize accidental activation.

Testing shall be carried out by visual and manual inspection.

5.1.4 Cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization

IEC 60601-1 applies.

The issue corresponds to IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012, 7.9.2.12.

5.1.5 Excessive temperatures

IEC 80601-2-60 applies.

NOTE The issue corresponds to IEC 80601-2-60:2012, 201.11.1.

5.2 Radiant exitance

The requirements for radiant exitance shall be met when tested at each continuous irradiation mode or pulse mode time period as specified by the manufacturer. If no time period is specified, the time period shall be 10 s.

5.2.1 Radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm (blue) wavelength region

This International Standard does not specify a requirement value for the radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region. The manufacture shall provide information on the radiant exitance in this region as determined by the test method in 7.2. The radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm region shall not be less than the manufacturer's stated value at 90 %, 100 %, and 110 % of the operating voltage for Class 1 Type 1 and Class 2 Type 1. For Type 2 polymerization activators, the requirement applies only to a fully charged powered polymerization activator.

5.2.2 Radiant exitance in the 200 nm to 385 nm wavelength region

The radiant exitance in the 200 nm to 385 nm regions shall be no more than 2 000 W/m² (200 mW/cm²) for Class 1 Type 1 and Class 2 Type 1 at 90 %, 100 % and 110 % of the operating voltage when tested in accordance with 7.2. For Class 1 Type 2 and Class 2 Type 2 polymerization activators, the requirement applies only to a fully charged powered polymerization activator.

5.2.3 Radiant exitance in the wavelength region above 515 nm

The radiant exitance in the wavelength region above 515 nm shall be no more than 1 000 W/m² (100 mW/cm²) at the operating voltage for Class 1 Type 1 and Class 2 Type 1 at 90 %, 100 % and 110 % of the operating voltage when tested in accordance with 7.2. For Class 1 Type 2 and Class 2 Type 2 polymerization activators, the requirement applies only to a fully charged powered polymerization activator.

5.3 Electrical safety requirements

The requirements for safety are in accordance with IEC 80601-2-60, IEC 60601-1, and IEC 60601-1-2.

If the powered polymerization activator is claimed usable in connection or in corporation with other equipment, e.g. dental unit, the powered polymerization activator shall comply with IEC 60601-1, IEC 60601-1-2, and IEC 80601-2-60 in the connected or incorporated condition.

If the powered polymerization activator is claimed usable in connection with other equipment, e.g. dental unit, test shall be performed in the connected condition.

6 Sampling

One powered polymerization activator, using all the available light guides delivered on a regular sale, shall be evaluated for compliance with this International Standard.

7 Test methods

7.1 General

7.1.1 General provisions for tests

All tests described in this International Standard are type tests. Type tests shall be made on one representative sample of the item being tested.

Tests are to be conducted at each continuous irradiation mode or pulse mode time period as specified by the manufacturer. If no time period is specified the time period shall be 10 s.

Also, test at each irradiation mode with different radiant exitances, specified by the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Tests are to be conducted for each light guide supplied with the powered polymerization activator.

IEC 60601-1 and IEC 80601-2-60 apply.

Unless otherwise specified, do not repeat any of these tests.

7.1.2 Atmospheric conditions

After the powered polymerization activator being tested has been set up for normal use, tests shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- a) ambient temperature of (23 ± 5) °C;
- b) relative humidity of (50 ± 20) %.

7.2 Radiant exitance

7.2.1 Apparatus

7.2.1.1 Apparatus for measuring the optical cross-sectional area of the light guide

7.2.1.1.1 Micrometer, caliper or any other measuring device with an equivalent accuracy, reading in millimetres, with an accuracy to 0,1 mm, or any other measuring device with an equivalent accuracy.

7.2.1.2 Apparatus for measuring the irradiance

7.2.1.2.1 Radiometer, calibrated, used to measure the radiated power (in watts).

The radiometer shall have a flat response (uniform spectral sensitivity) within the wavelength region from 200 nm to 1 100 nm, independent of the angle of radiation incidence¹⁾.

The entrance aperture of the radiometer shall be larger than the cross-section of the light guide of the powered polymerization activator, so that all radiant emission is measured by the radiometer. The diameter of the entrance aperture shall be at least 2 mm or larger than the light guide to capture all light emission from the light guide.

7.2.1.2.2 Filters of the following types²⁾

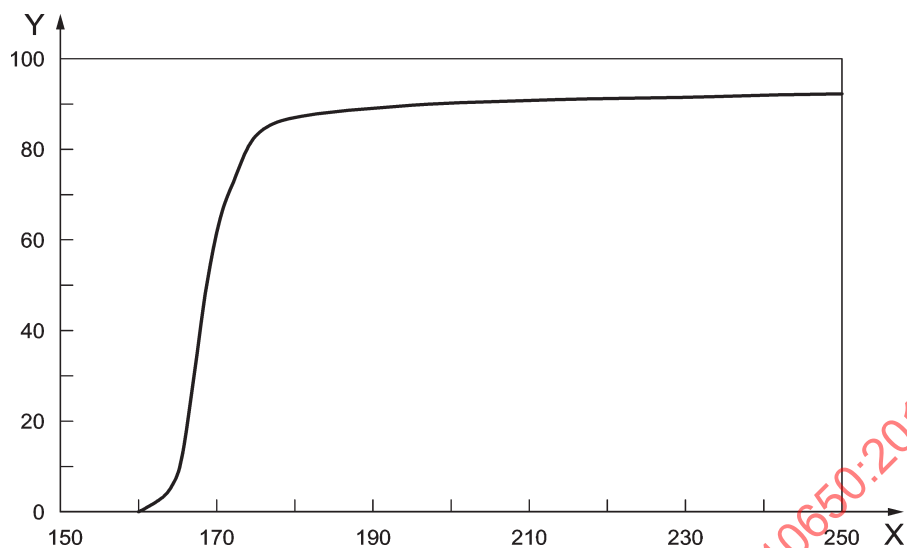
7.2.1.2.2.1 Quartz filter, allowing transmission above 200 nm, with transmission characteristics described by a curve as shown in [Figure 1](#).

7.2.1.2.2.2 385 nm filter, allowing transmission above 385 nm, with transmission characteristics described by a curve as shown in [Figure 2](#).

7.2.1.2.2.3 515 nm filter, allowing transmission above 515 nm, with transmission characteristics described by a curve as shown in [Figure 3](#).

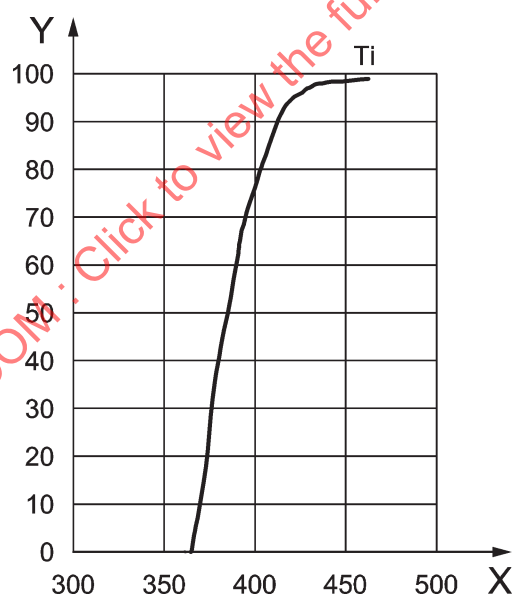
1) LabMaxTO Power Meter, Sensor PM-3 and PowerMax-Pro 150F HD. are the trade names of suitable products supplied by Coherent, Santa Clara, California 95054, USA. This information is given only for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the products named.

2) Optical quartz filter, and longpass UV filter may meet the transmission characteristics as shown in Figures 1 and 2 respectively. Schott OG515 is the trade name of a suitable product meeting the transmission characteristics shown in Figure 3. This information is given only for the convenience of users of this International standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the products named.

**Key**

X wavelength in nm

Y transmittance in %

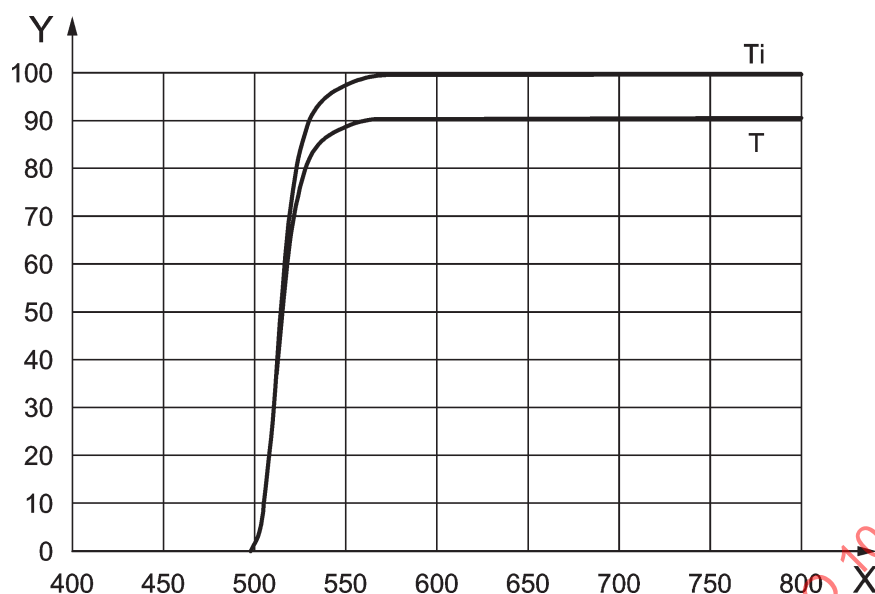
Figure 1 — Transmittance characteristics of quartz filter**Key**

X wavelength in nm

Y transmittance in %

Ti transmittance curve minus reflection loss on light entrance and light output surfaces

Figure 2 — Transmittance characteristics of 385 nm filter

**Key**

X wavelength in nm

Y transmittance in %

T transmittance curve

Ti transmittance curve minus reflection loss on light entrance and light output surfaces

Figure 3 — Transmittance characteristics of 515 nm filter

7.2.1.2.3 Variable power source, capable of delivering the stated operation voltage for the powered polymerization activator.

It shall also enable the delivery of 90 % and 110 % of the stated operating voltage.

7.2.1.2.4 Voltmeter, capable of measuring voltages to ± 1 V within the range of ± 10 % of the stated operating voltage.

The voltmeter calibration shall be traceable to a primary standard.

7.2.1.2.5 Timer, with an accuracy of ± 1 s.

7.2.2 Procedures**7.2.2.1 Procedure for measuring the optical cross-sectional area of the light guide**

Measure, with an accuracy of ± 5 %, the diameter of the light guide if it is circular in optical cross-section. Measure the major and minor axes of the light guide if it is elliptical in optical cross-section.

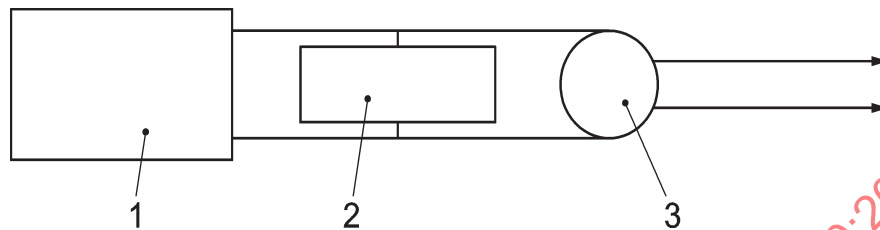
Calculate the optical cross-sectional area (Z).

7.2.2.2 Procedure for measuring the irradiance**7.2.2.2.1 General**

- Type 1 (powered with mains supply): Measure the radiant exitance at 90 %, 100 % and 110 % of the stated operating voltage.
- Type 2 (powered with rechargeable battery/capacitor): Measure the radiant exitance at full charge.

Connect the powered polymerization activator to the variable voltage source. Connect the voltmeter across the outlets of the variable voltage source to allow measurement of the input voltage to the powered polymerization activator, as shown in [Figure 4](#).

Turn on the activator for the warm up time specified by the manufacturer. Operate the activator twice for a time period as specified by the manufacturer or 10 s each if the time is not specified before commencing the test.



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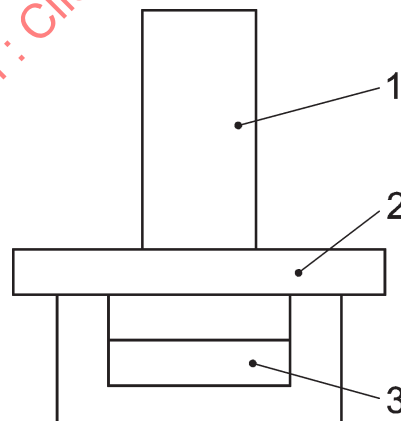
- 1 powered polymerization activators
- 2 voltmeter
- 3 variable power source

Figure 4 — Schematic diagram of electrical connections to variable power source, voltmeter and powered polymerization activators

7.2.2.2.2 Measurements using filters

7.2.2.2.2.1 General

In this test method ([7.2.2.2.2.2](#)) the operating voltage remains the same and the filter changes for each step [[Table 1](#) to [3](#) and [7.2.2.2.2.2 a](#)) to [7.2.2.2.2.2.c](#)].



Key

- 1 light guide
- 2 filter
- 3 detector of radiometer

Figure 5 — Schematic arrangement of apparatus for radiant exitance measurement

7.2.2.2.2.2 Method

Place the filter on the detector. Place the light guide of the powered polymerization activator on the filter so that all the radiant emission is captured by the detector, as shown in [Figure 5](#).

a) Method for Type 1 and Type 2 activators — Measurement at 100 % voltage for Type 1 activators or for fully charged Type 2 activators.

For Type 1 activators, set the supplying voltage at 100 % of stated voltage. For Type 2 activators, use a fully charged activator. Conduct the measurement in accordance with the sequence in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Method Measurement for Type 1 at 100 % voltage or fully charged Type 2 activators

Step	Voltage, %	Filter	Time, s	Operation	Reading
1	100	Quartz	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	A
			Light off.	Change filter to 385 filter.	
				Begin step 2	
2	100	385 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	B
			Light off.	Change filter to 515 filter.	
				Begin step 3	
3	100	515 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	C
			Light off.		

NOTE The time in the table shows the elapsed time after the commencement of the irradiation when the measurement for each step shall be done. For example, "10" shows that the voltage shall be confirmed and recorded on 10 s after the commencement of the irradiation.

b) Method for Type 1 activators — Measurement at 90 % voltage

Set the supplying voltage at 90 % of stated voltage. Conduct the measurement in accordance with the sequence in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Method for Type 1 activators — Measurement at 90 % voltage

Step	Voltage, %	Filter	Time, s	Operation	Reading
1	90	Quartz	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	D
			Light off.	Change filter to 385 filter.	
				Begin step 2	
2	90	385 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	E
			Light off.	Change filter to 515 filter.	
				Begin step 3	

Table 2 (continued)

Step	Voltage, %	Filter	Time, s	Operation	Reading
3	90	515 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	F
			Light off.		

NOTE The time in the table shows the elapsed time after the commencement of the irradiation when the measurement for each step shall be done. For example, “10” shows that the voltage shall be confirmed and recorded on 10 s after the commencement of the irradiation.

c) Method for Type 1 activators — Measurement at 110 % voltage

Set the supplying voltage at 110 % of stated voltage. Conduct the measurement in accordance with the sequence in Table 3.

Table 3 — Method for Type 1 activators — Measurement at 110 % voltage

Step	Voltage, %	Filter	Time, s	Operation	Reading
1	110	Quartz	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	G
			Light off.	Change filter to 385 filter.	
				Begin step 2	
2	110	385 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	H
			Light off.	Change filter to 515 filter.	
				Begin step 3	
3	110	515 nm	0	Check voltage. Turn on light.	
			10 s or time given by manufacturer	Record reading. Check voltage.	I
			Light off.		

NOTE The time in the table shows the elapsed time after the commencement of the irradiation when the measurement for each step shall be done. For example, “10” shows that the voltage shall be confirmed and recorded on 10 s after the commencement of the irradiation.

7.2.3 Treatment of results

7.2.3.1 General

Calculate the mean radiant exitance value M for each step using the five readings and designate these average values as M_A through M_I corresponding to the respective step. Calculate the values in 7.2.3.2 through 7.2.3.4 using these values together with the optical cross-sectional area, Z .

7.2.3.2 Calculation of radiant exitance at the stated (100 %) operating voltage

- Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 200 nm to 385 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_A - M_B)/Z$.
- Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_B - M_C)/Z$.

- c) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance above 515 nm per unit cross-sectional area as M_C/Z .

7.2.3.3 Calculation of radiant exitance at 90 % of the stated operating voltage

- a) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 200 nm to 385 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_D - M_E)/Z$.
- b) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_E - M_F)/Z$.
- c) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance above 515 nm per unit cross-sectional area as M_F/Z .

7.2.3.4 Calculation of radiant exitance at 110 % of the stated operating voltage

- a) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 200 nm to 385 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_G - M_H)/Z$.
- b) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance in the 385 nm to 515 nm wavelength region per unit cross-sectional area as $(M_H - M_I)/Z$.
- c) Using the average values, calculate the radiant exitance above 515 nm per unit cross-sectional area as M_I/Z .

7.2.3.5 Report of results

Report the calculated values as follows:

Table 4 — Expression of results for Type 1 Powered Polymerization Activators

Powered Polymerization Activator:

Class:

Type:

Light guide description: (diameter/elliptical)

Light guide cross-section area:

Irradiation time used:

Mode used (e.g. standard, high power, continuous, pulse):

Wavelength range nm	Radiant exitance at operating voltage of		
	100 %	90 %	110 %
200 to 385			
385 to 515			
> 515			

Add more tables as needed if several modes and/or light guides are tested.

Report whether the powered polymerization activators complies with the requirements of [5.2](#).

Table 5 — Expression of results for Type 2 Powered Polymerization Activators

Powered Polymerization Activator:

Class:

Type:

Light guide description: (diameter/elliptical)

Light guide cross-section area:

Irradiation time used:

Mode used (e.g. standard, high power, continuous, pulse):

Wavelength Range nm	Radiant Exitance
200–385	
385–515	
> 515	

Add more tables as needed if several modes are tested.

Report whether the powered polymerization activators complies with the requirements of [5.2](#)

8 Information to be supplied by the manufacturer

8.1 Instructions for use

IEC 60601-1 applies. In addition, each powered polymerization activator shall be supplied with instructions for use detailing operation, operator maintenance, safety, and servicing.

NOTE The issue corresponds to IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012, 7.9.2.

8.1.1 Class 1 (Quartz-Tungsten-Halogen lamp) and Class 2 (Light Emitting Diode [LED] lamp) powered polymerization activators shall be accompanied by documents containing the following information:

- name and/or trademark and address of manufacturer, distributor or authorized representative;
- trade name and model number or model identification;
- rated electrical characteristics (voltage, frequency, fuse values, if applicable);
- mode of intermittent operation;
- recommended mode of operation, classification, environmental conditions;
- method to check the performance of the powered polymerization activators;
- precautions on blue wavelength, ultraviolet, and thermal radiation;
- recommendation on the effective use of protective filter glasses by dentist, dental assistant and patient to decrease exposure;
- methods of cleaning and disinfecting of parts coming in contact with the patient or dental material;
- methods of sterilization, if the manufacturer claims it is applicable;
- statement as to whether the powered polymerization activator is field-repairable;
- order information (e.g. order code, part number) of replacement parts (e.g. light guides) stated “replaceable” by the manufacturer;
- method of replacement or exchange of the light guide, if applicable;
- minimum radiant exitance between 385 nm and 515 nm for each continuous irradiation mode or pulse mode (as measured according to [7.2](#));
- range of radiant exitance for different light guide and the respective diameter/cross section area;