



Consumer Solutions

# INNOVATION IN WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS WITH UV-C LEDs AND SILICONE OPTICS

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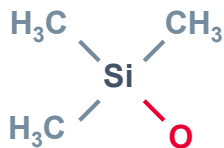
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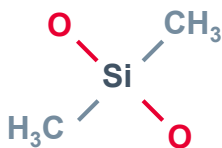
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- Silicone key properties and differences vs. organic polymers
- SILASTIC™ moldable optical silicone against UV accelerated aging
- Philips UV-C LED module for water purification systems

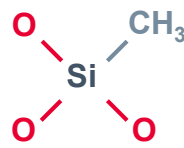
# SILOXANE BUILDING BLOCKS



$R_3SiO_{1/2}$   
M



$R_2SiO_{2/2}$   
D



$RSiO_{3/2}$   
T



$SiO_{4/2}$   
Q

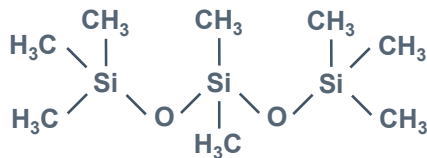
Organic

Inorganic

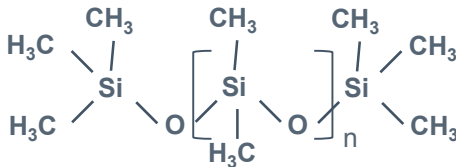
End capping

Linear polymers

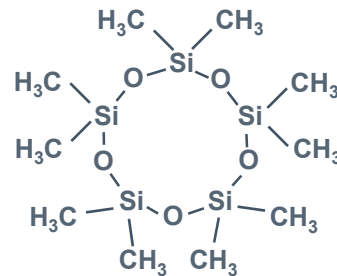
Branching and networks



MDM  
XIAMETER™ PMX 200 Fluid 1 cSt



$MD_nM$   
XIAMETER™ PMX 200 Fluid x cSt

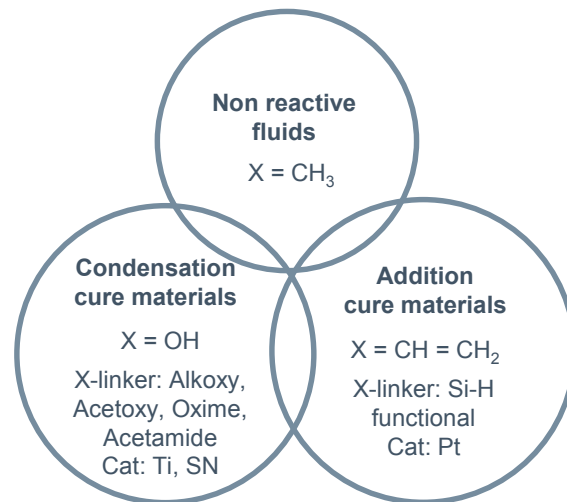
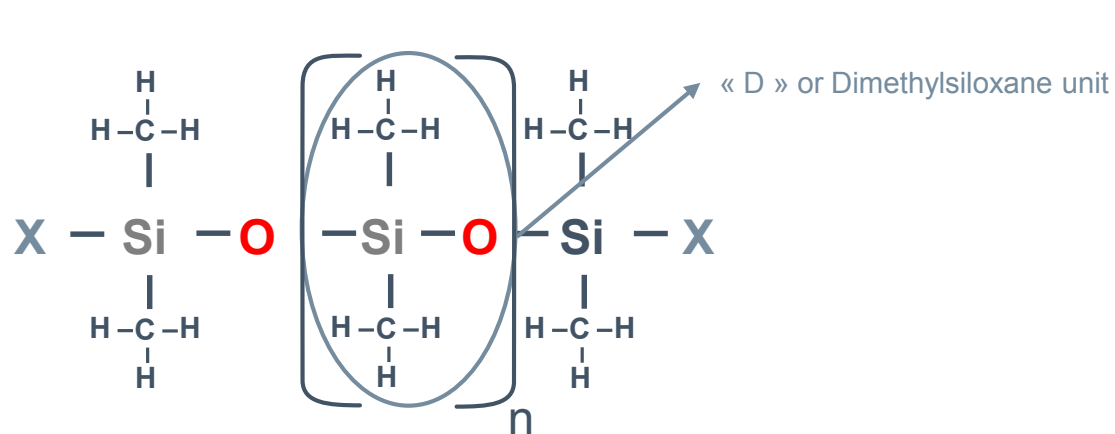


D5  
XIAMETER™ PMX 245 Fluid



MQ resin

# POLY-DI-METHYL-SILOXANE (PDMS)

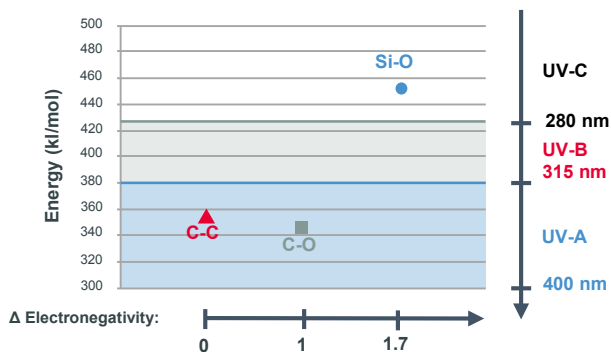
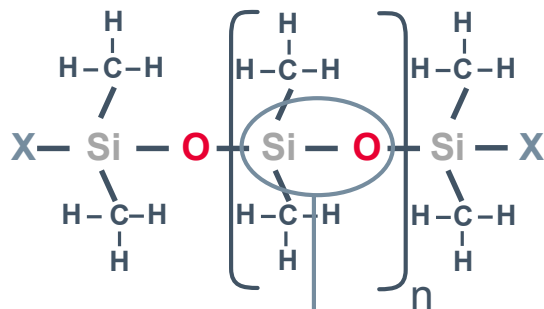


MW/Mn (g/mol)	162	236	311	705	3,200	14,800	150,000
Visc (cSt)	0.65	1.0	1.5	5	50	1,000	1,000,000

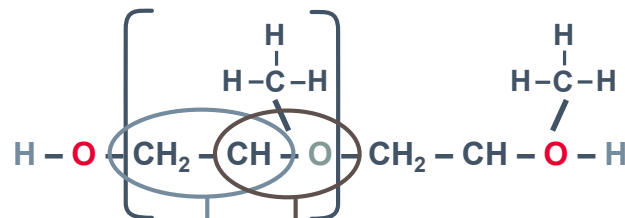
# SILICONE VS. ORGANIC POLYMERS

High photo-thermal stability

## Silicone polymers



## Organic polymers, e.g.,



Bonds	Energy (kJ/mol)	
Si-O	445	Ionic
Si-C	306	
C-C	346	Covalent
C-O	356	

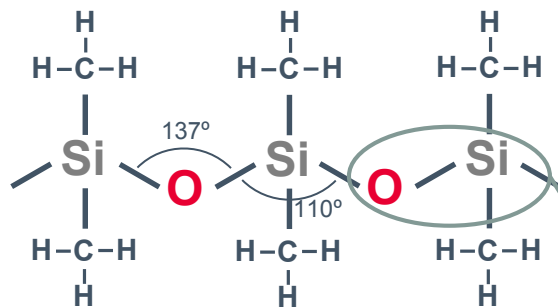
Polyurethane (PU)  
 Polysulfide  
 Polystyrene (PS)  
 Polyisobutylene (PIB)  
 Polyether (EO, PO)  
 Polyolefins (PE, PP)  
 Polyamides (PA)  
 Acrylics (PMMA)  
 Polycarbonate (PC)



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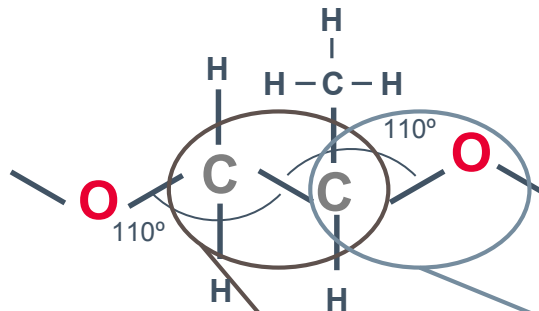


Barrier for rotation

Si-O-Si: free

CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>): ca 14 kJ/mol

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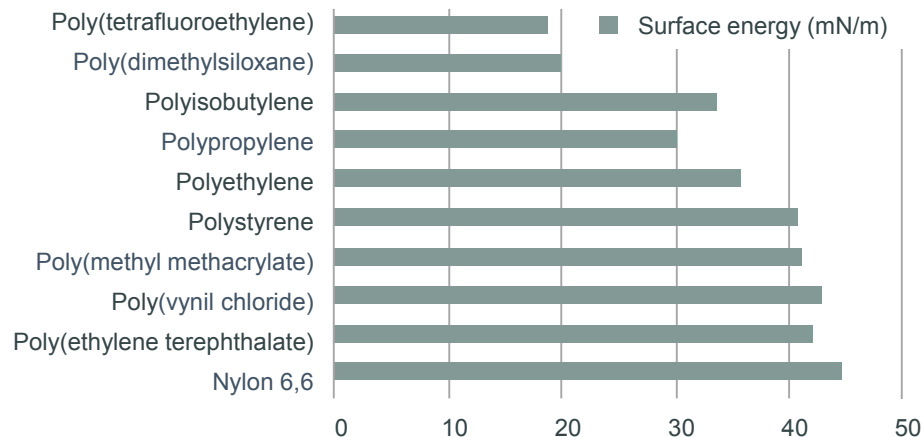
Bond length = 1.63 Å

Bond length = 1.53 Å

Bond length = 1.42 Å

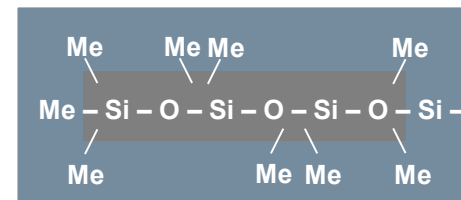
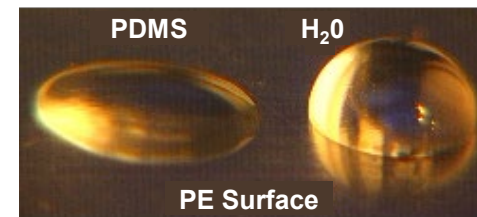
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High flexibility + weak intermolecular forces = low surface energy



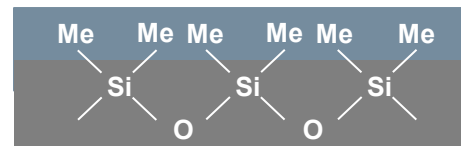
Unusual surface and interface properties, e.g.,

- Low surface energy and low critical surface tension
- High spreading and wetting on polar and dispersive surfaces
- Hydrophobic characters and high water (vapor) permeability
- Adherence or non-adherence
- Pro-foamer or de-foamer



■ Non-polar (hydrophobic)

■ Polar (hydrophilic)



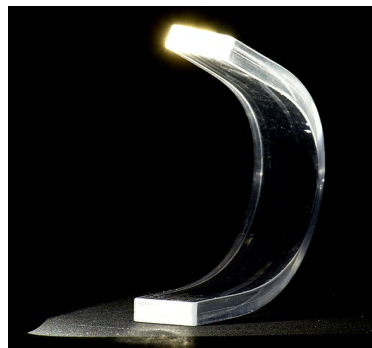
Polar substrate (glass)

# SILASTIC™ MOLDABLE OPTICAL SILICONES

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## What are they?

Injection moldable optical silicone materials are designed for unique applications such as TIR lenses, light guides, diffusers and reflectors.





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## What applications are they used for?

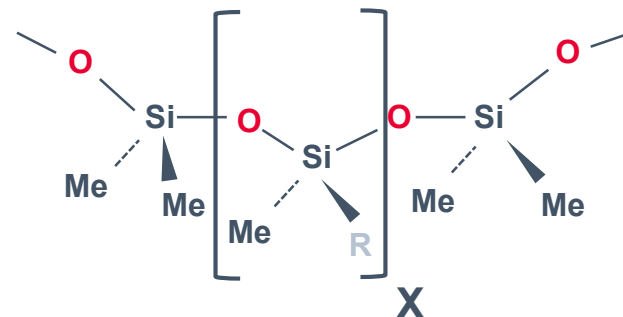
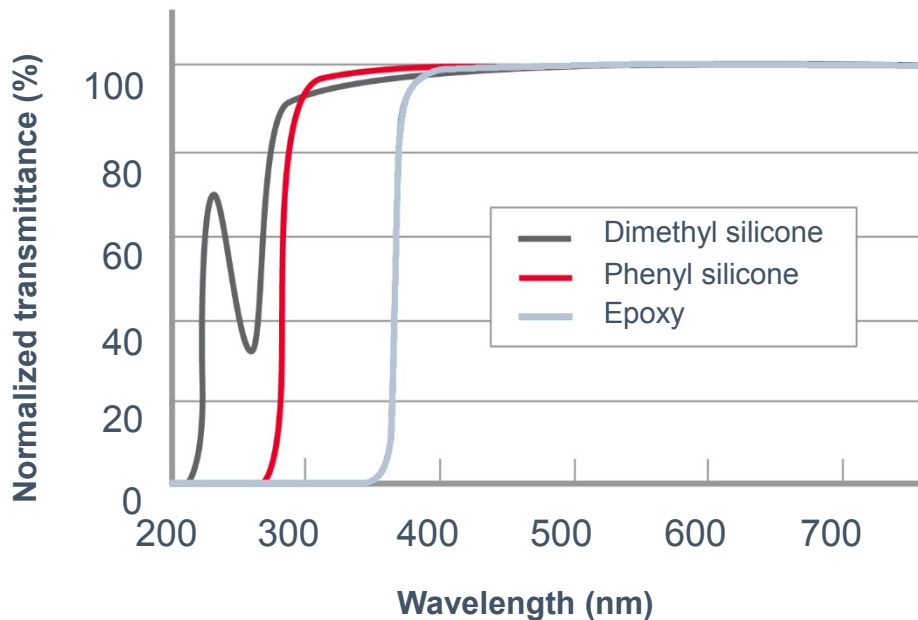
SILASTIC™ moldable optical silicones have proven performance in LED **lamps and luminaires applications** such as outdoor street lights, automotive and roadway lighting, stadium, entertainment and retail lighting, professional spot lights, flashlights and architectural lighting.



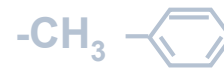
# SILASTIC™ MOLDABLE OPTICAL SILICONE

## Why silicone in this particular application?

1. High transmittance in UV wavelengths range, down to ca. 270 nm



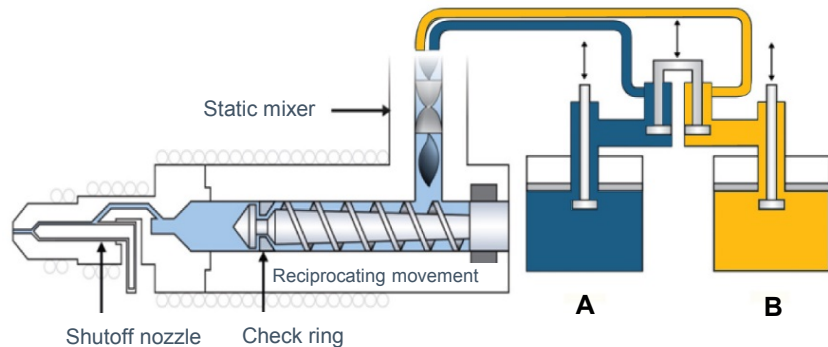
**R = Methyl or phenyl**



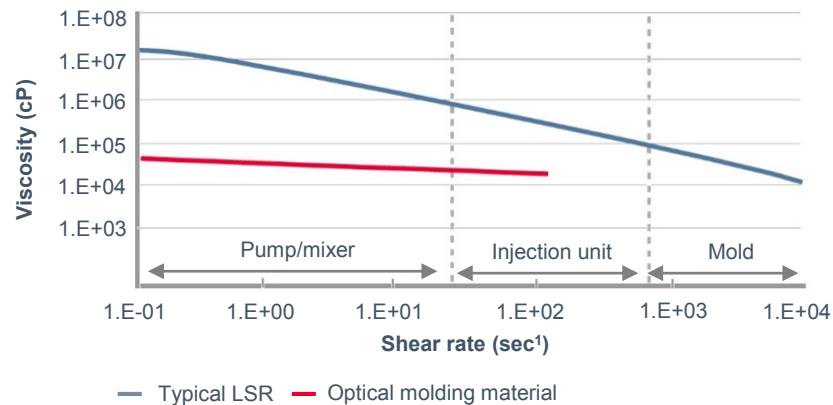
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## Why silicone in this particular application?

2. Injection molding of optical part with complex shape and severe undercut (negative draft angle)
3. Ease of fabrication by liquid injection molding; low filling pressure
4. Good flow lengths in thin wall thickness, silicone will accurately replicate mold surface polish or optical design features
5. Direct gating; no secondary polishing



Gaggione LLC66x7 silicone collimator

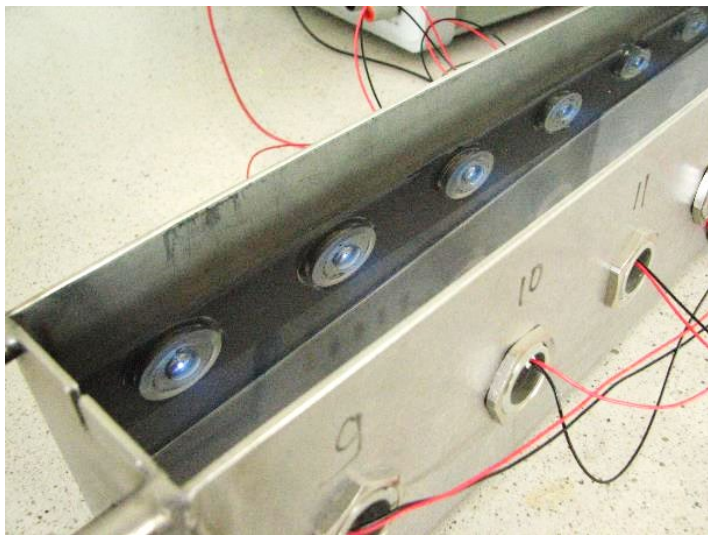


# SILASTIC™ MOLDABLE OPTICAL SILICONE

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## Why silicone in this particular application?

- 6. Enables water tight LED module, up to IP-68
- 7. Enables high impact protection of LED module, up to IK-10



## Why silicone in this particular application?

8. Stable under UV radiation exposure: non-yellowing, non-hardening
- **Certified UL-746C(f1)**, i.e., stable mechanical and flame resistance performances after 1000 hours Xenon, 1 week 82°C underwater

### Dow

- Tested up to 6000 hours against UV-A, 340 nm, ca. 1 W/m<sup>2</sup>
- Tested up to 6000 hours against sunlight UV-A+B, ca. 14 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
OSRAM Ultra Vitalux 300 W; 13.6 W UV-A (315-400 nm),  
3.0 W UV-B (280-315 nm)

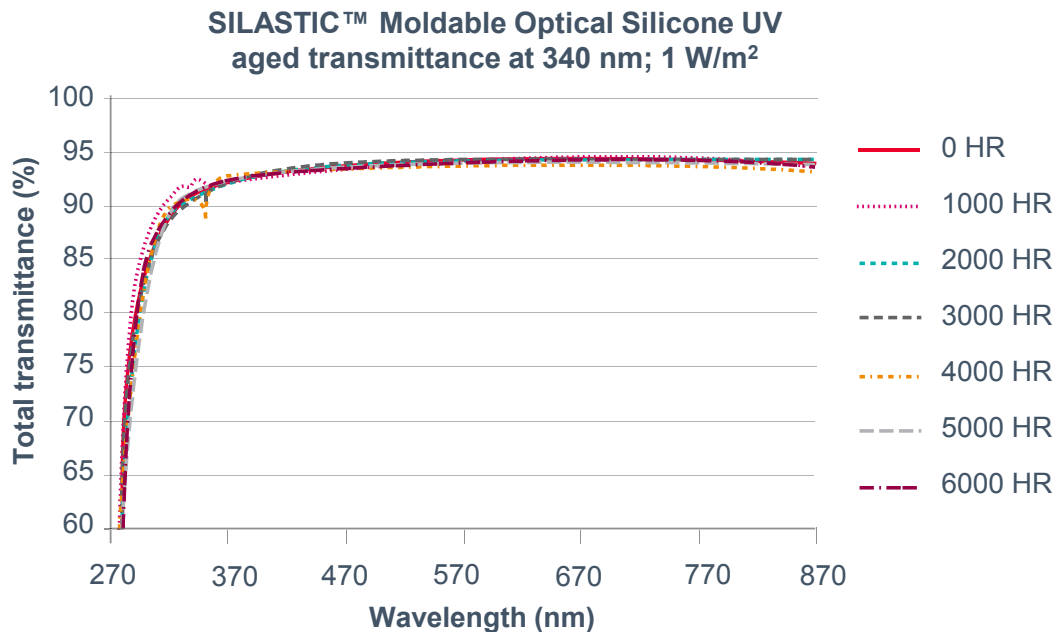
### Philips lighting

- Tested against UV-C, 275 nm, ca. 8 mW



# SILASTIC™ MOLDABLE OPTICAL SILICONE

## Stability against UV-A accelerated aging



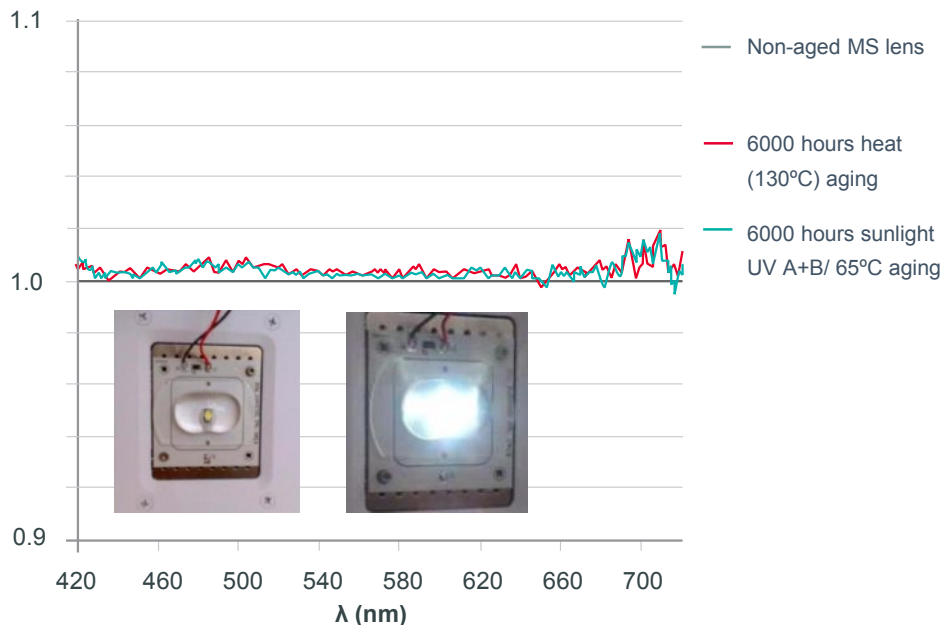
Measurements with a Varian Cary 5000 UV-VIS-NIR Spectrophotometer with a ~6" integrating sphere on SILASTIC™ MS-1002 Moldable Silicone and SILASTIC™ MS-1003 Moldable Silicone specimens of ca. 3 mm thickness.



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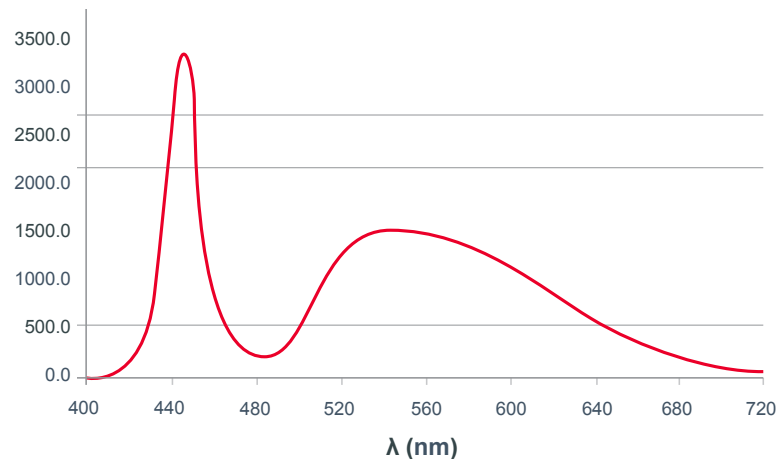
## Stability against sunlight UV-A+B accelerated aging

Relative luminous flux vs. initial:  
SILASTIC™ Moldable Optical Silicone



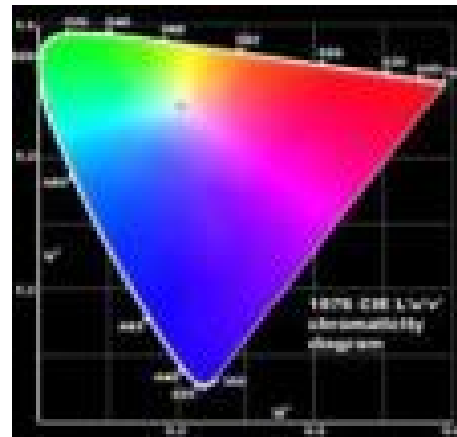
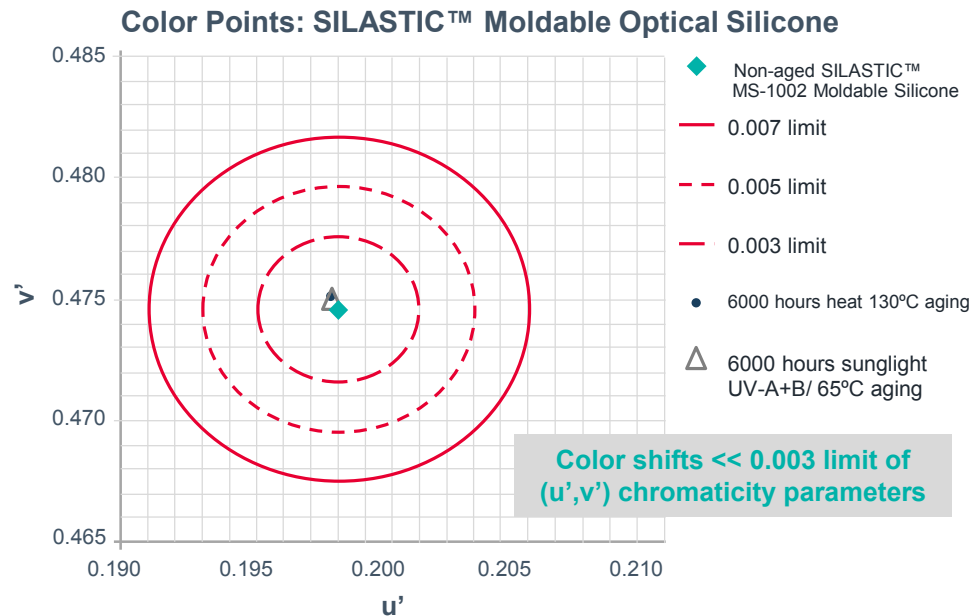
Measurements on molded optics of ca. 13 mm thickness, light flux density and chromaticity parameters determined with a 1 m diameter integrating sphere, Cree XML light engine (4V, 200 mA).

10-6 W Luminous flux



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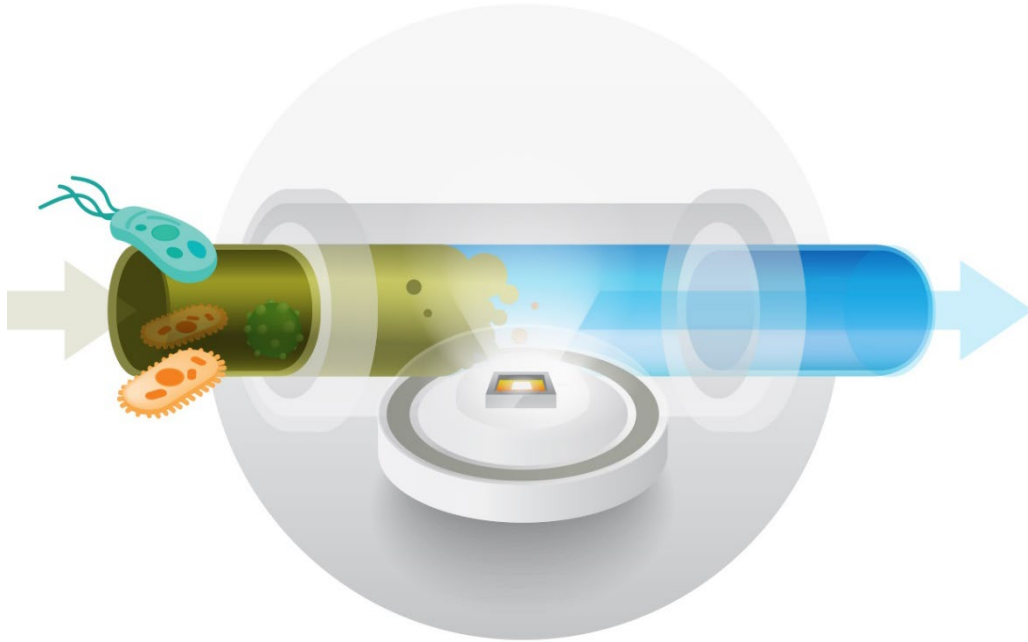
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# PHILIPS UV-C PURIFICATION MODULE

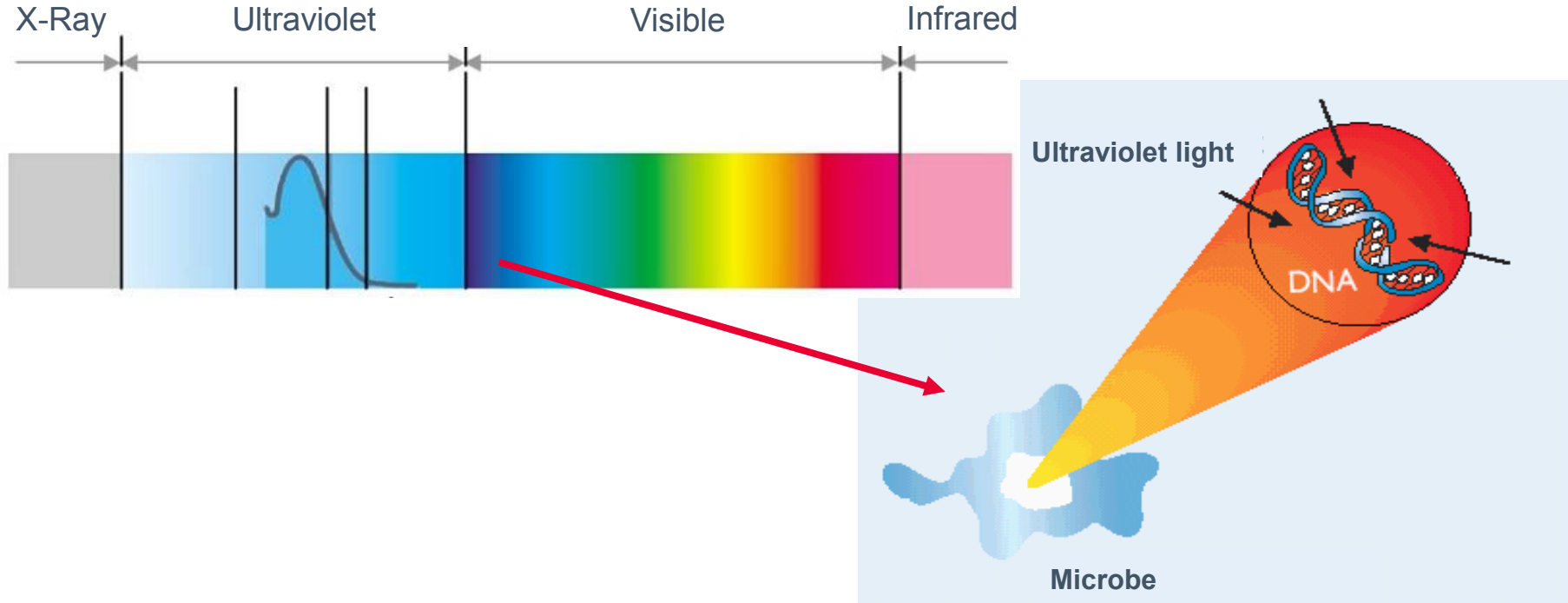
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Philips UV-C sterilizing module: microbiological performance



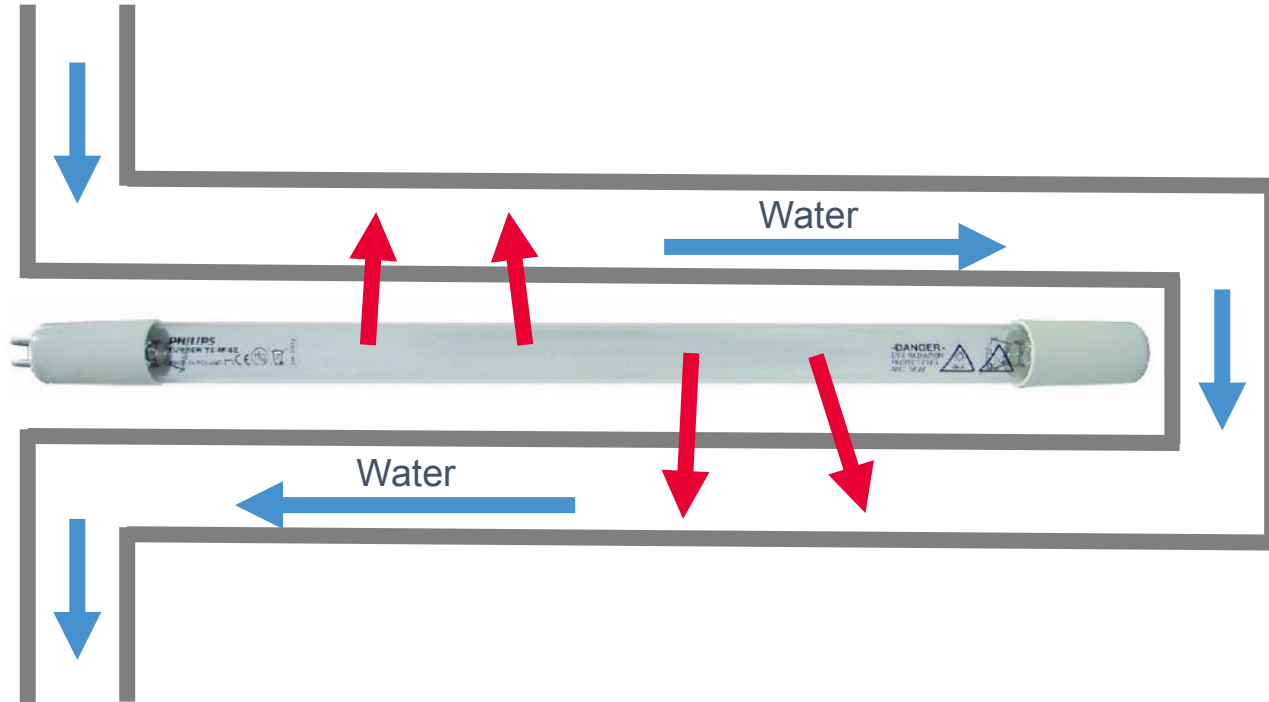
# EFFECTS OF UV-C RADIATION

UV-C radiation destroys DNA of micro-organisms



# How UV-C RADIATION IS USED

Philips Mercury UV-C lamps used to sterilize water (and air)



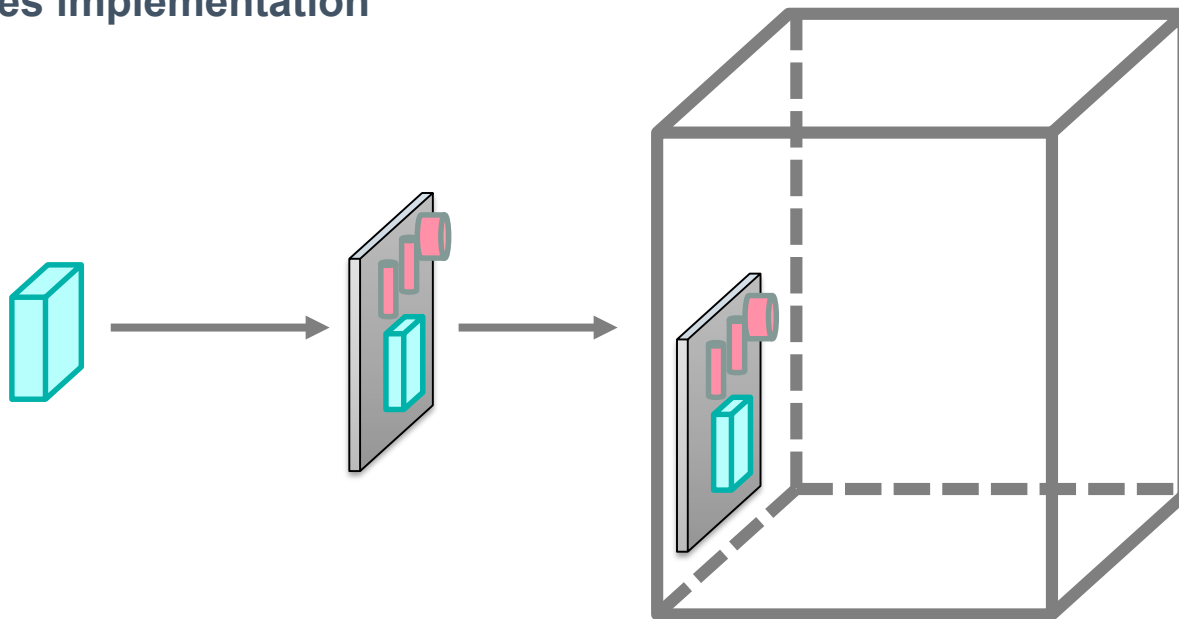
# POTENTIAL FOR UV-C LEDs

## Small size UV-C LED enables implementation in household appliances

- Coffee maker
- Water pitcher
- Refrigerator
- Ice maker

### Obstacles:

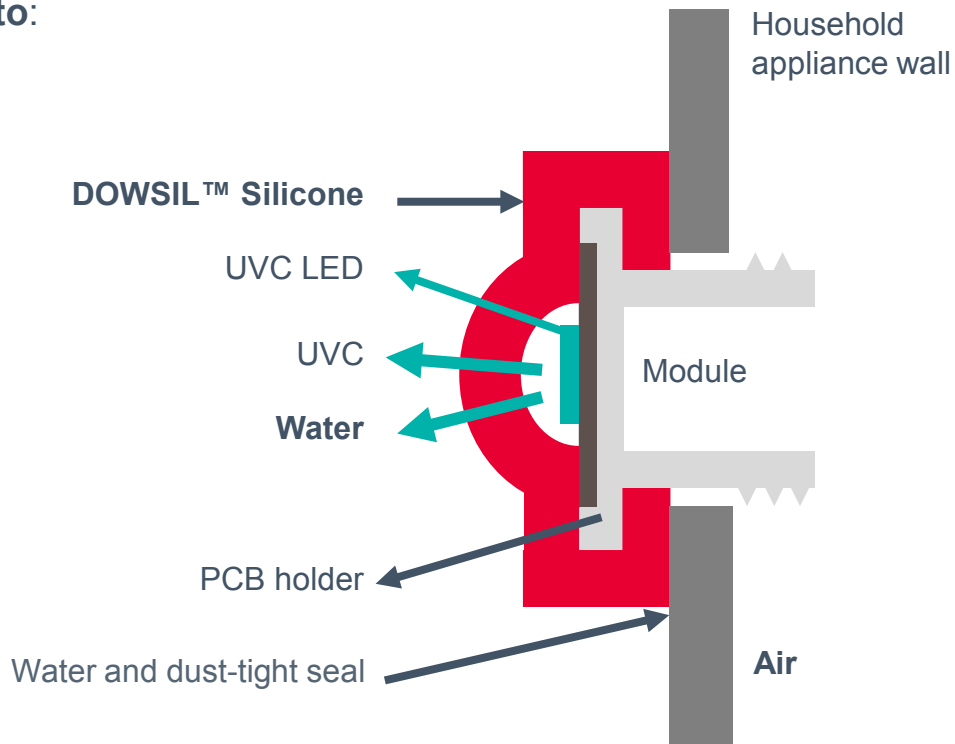
- Driving the LED
- Water-tight component
- Coupling radiation in water
- Thermal issues



# PHILIPS UV-C MODULE CONCEPT

Use **SILASTIC™** moldable optical silicones to:

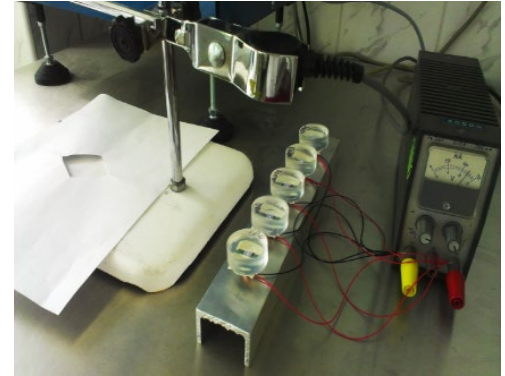
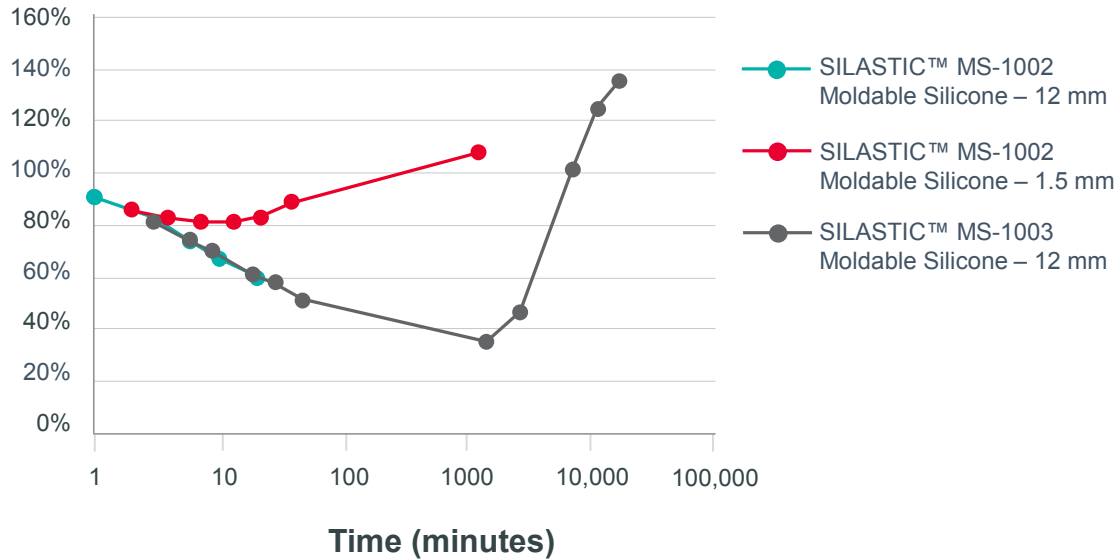
- Couple radiation into the water
- Provide water-tight and dust-tight solution



# UV-C TRANSPARENCY SILICONE

Testing to determine stability of molded silicone specimens of various thicknesses against UV-C LEDs – emitting at 275 nm, 8 mW power

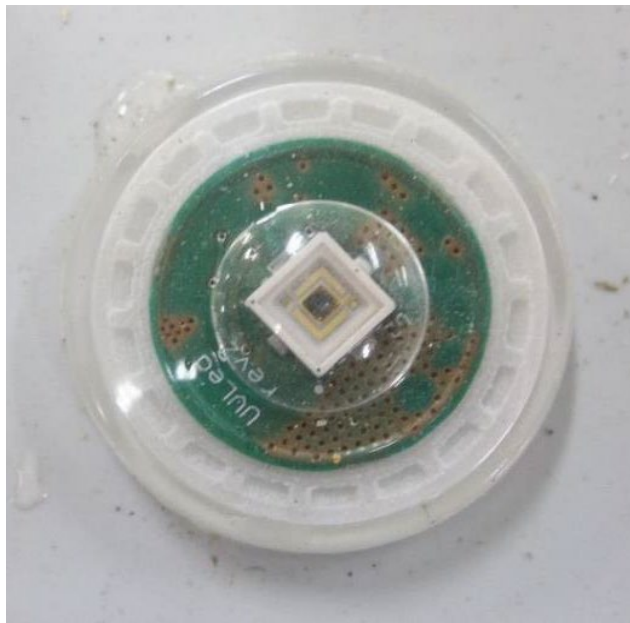
**UVC transmittance over time**



# WATER-TIGHT/DUST-TIGHT SEAL

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Prototype sent to external lab: confirmed IP68 seal rating



# PHILIPS UV-C PURIFICATION MODULE

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## Example of a Philips UV-C sterilizing module (installed).

From left to right, 1-, 2- and 5-liter containers showing efficiency of UV-C sterilizing module in keeping water clean.

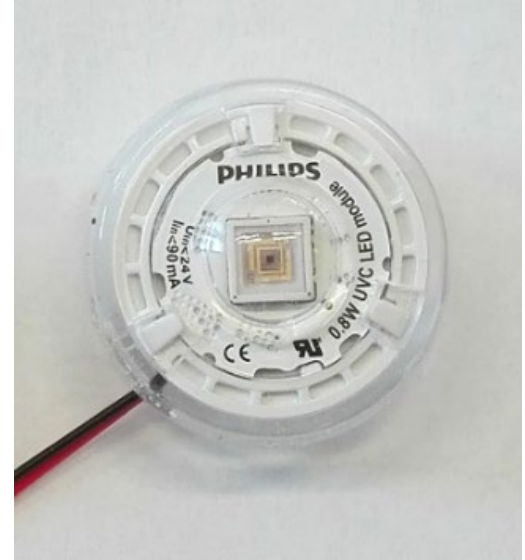
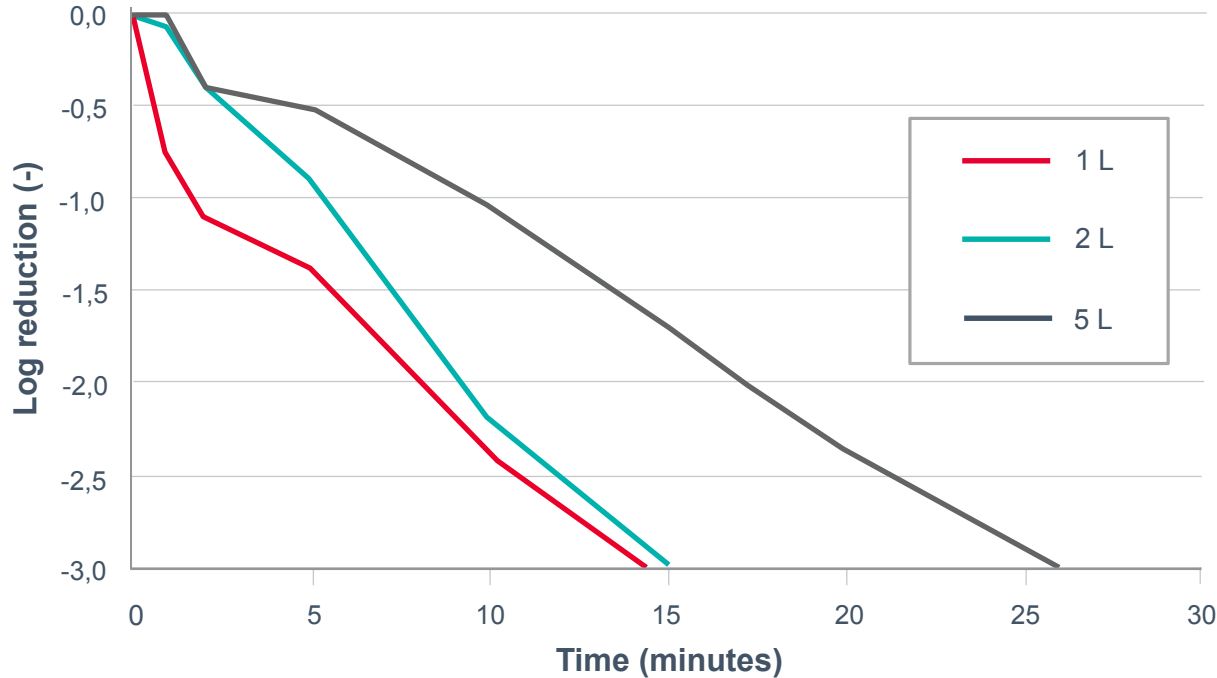




# PHILIPS UV-C PURIFICATION MODULE

## Microbiological test result

### E.Coli reduction



## LESSONS LEARNED

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Open collaboration between supplier and customer leads to:

- Innovation speed
- Knowledge sharing
- Reduced project risk

Proper selection of materials enables innovation in LED modules – beyond illumination.

Our continuous research on the use of moldable optical silicone in visible lighting applications (e.g. auto, retail, outdoor) enabled our innovation for this new technology.



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