## MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY BULB

How ENERGY STAR® Means Quality

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## **ENERGY STAR Certified Lamps**



=Quality =Acceptance

## Transitioning from Incandescent





http://www.shopviribright.com/viribright-announces-line-energy-star-certified-a19-led-light-bulbs/

# Acceptance, yes, but delight is even better



=Quality =Acceptance

=Delight

How does an ENERGY STAR certified lamp ensure delight?

With the <u>design</u> and <u>construction</u> of lamps that meet and exceed <u>thoroughly vetted</u>, <u>consensus based</u>, <u>technical requirements</u> that confirm parametric **PERFORMANCE** 

## **Designing for Performance**

- Electronics
- LED Chips
- Thermal Management
- Optics
- Physical Construction



## **Color Appearance**

- CCT limited to nominal values, including 2700K, 3000K, 3500K, 4000/4100K, 5000K, and 6500K
- 7-step limitation to ensure color consistency within a CCT bin
- o.oo7 Du'v' distance limitation to ensure minimal color shift over time





## **Color Rendition**

- Minimum Ra value of 80 out of 100
- Many LED Lamps with 90+ CRI
- Positive R9 required for LED lamp





#### Fit

- Maximum and minimum lengths per industry standards
- Maximum diameter per industry standards





## Light Output



- Lumen range aligned with light output of traditional incandescent wattages
- Range specified not too little and not too much
- Designed with just the right chips, driven at the right level



## Light Distribution and Intensity

- Is the light where you expected?
  - Omnidirectional
  - Directional
- Do directional sources properly highlight objects?





## **Product Lifetime**



- ENERGY STAR Ambient and Elevated Temperature Life test is an evaluation of the lamp design and construction
- 6,000 hours with limited lumen depreciation



## **Testing for Anticipated Conditions**

- Performance in downlights
- Performance in enclosed luminaires









Controllability

- Dimming
- Color Tuning





## **Risks without ENERGY STAR**

• Unexpected performance to unacceptable performance





**Questions**?

