

How to Find the Right LED Equivalent Wall Pack to Replace a Metal Halide Wall Pack: Printable Worksheet

1.) Determine the Wattage of Your MH Wall Pack

Example: I have a 250w MH fixture.

2.) Find the Mean Lamp Lumens of Your Metal Halide Lamp

Use the table below to determine the *mean lamp lumens* of your MH wall pack:

Metal Halide (MH) Lumens and System Watts				
Lamp Type	Initial Lamp Lumens	Mean Lamp Lumens*	System Watts	Lamp Life
50w MH	3,400	1,935	62	15,000
70w MH	5,600	3,842	79	15,000
100w MH	8,500	5,785	114	15,000
150w MH	11,000	8,837	161	15,000
175w MH	17,500	11,925	187	15,000
250w MH	23,000	17,883	263	15,000
320w MH	32,000	21,887	331	15,000
350w MH	36,000	25,650	364	15,000
400w MH	42,000	29,800	416	15,000

*Mean lumens measured at 40% of life. AccessFixtures.com

Example: The 250w MH fixture throws 17,883 mean lamp lumens.

3.) Find Visually Effective Lumens (VELs)

Multiply the mean lamp lumens found in step two by the S/P ratio for the fixture (see following chart for S/P ratios).

$$VELs = \text{Mean lamp lumens} \times \text{S/P ratio}$$

Light Source	S/P Ratio
1700K Low Pressure Sodium (LPS)	0.25
2100K High Pressure Sodium (HPS) (35w or greater)	0.40
2100K High Pressure Sodium (HPS) (34w or less)	0.62
2700K Incandescent	1.36
3000K Fluorescent (830w)	1.29
3000K LED	1.21
3000K Quartz Halogen	1.50
3500K Fluorescent (735w)	1.24
3500K Fluorescent (835w)	1.41
3500K LED	1.41
4100 Fluorescent (741w)	1.54
4100 Fluorescent (841w)	1.65
4100K LED	2.04
4300K Metal Halide	1.49
5000K Fluorescent (850w)	1.96
5000K LED	1.80
6000K LED	2.00
6500K Fluorescent (865w)	2.20
6800K Mercury Vapor	0.80
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Example: $17,883 \times 1.49 = 26,646$ VELs

4.) Find Luminaire Efficacy of MH Wall Pack

Use the following equation:

$$\text{Luminaire Efficacy (\%)} = \text{Emitted Lumens} / \text{Lamp Lumens}$$

Or, use the following chart:

Luminaire Efficacy of MH and LED Wall Packs				
			MH	LED
		Traditional Wall Pack	65%	83%
		Semi Cutoff Wall Pack	74%	62%
		Full Cutoff Wall Pack	43%	93%

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Example: The luminaire efficacy of a traditional MH wall pack is 65%.

5.) Adjust for Mean Visible Luminaire Lumens

Multiply the VELs found in step three by the luminaire efficacy found in step four.

Mean Visible Luminaire Lumens = VELs x Luminaire Efficacy (%)

Example: 26,646 VELs x 65% = 17,320 mean visible luminaire lumens

6.) Calculate Mean Visible Luminaire Lumens for the LED Replacement Wall Pack

Divide MH wattage in half and find the closest LED match.

Example: 250w / 2 = 125w. Closest LED wattage manufactured is 126w

Find initial light source lumens.

Example: 126w LED throws 17,724 initial light source lumens.

Multiply initial light source lumens by 85%.

Example: 17,724 initial light source lumens x 85% = 15,065 mean lamp lumens

Use the S/P ratio chart to select the S/P ratio for the LED wall pack. Multiply S/P by the mean lamp lumens.

Example: 2.04 S/P x 15,065 mean lamp lumens = 30,732.6 VELs

Use the “Luminaire Efficacy of MH and LED Wall Packs” chart to find the efficacy of the LED wall pack.

Example: The efficacy of a traditional LED wall pack is 83%.

Find mean visible luminaire lumens of the LED wall pack by multiplying its VELs by its efficacy.

Example: 30,732.6 VELs x 83% = 25,508 mean visible luminaire lumens

7.) Compare the Mean Visible Luminaire Lumens of the MH and LED Wall Packs

Example: The 250w MH wall pack threw 17,320 mean visible luminaire lumens. The 126w LED wall pack threw 25,508 mean visible luminaire lumens.

8.) If Desired, Calculate the Mean Visible Luminaire Lumens of Other LED Wall Packs

Repeat steps six and seven until you find the right LED wall pack for you.

Example: An 81w LED wall pack throws 16,398 mean visible luminaire lumens, which is reasonably close to the MH wall pack. This may be the best replacement.