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## Test Report

### Determination of Attenuation Properties of Materials using Diagnostic X-Radiation

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<b>FOR:</b>	Protech Leaded Eyewear Inc.DBA Protech Medical 1360 N Killian Dr.Unit#2 Lake Park, FL 33403 United States
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Determination of Attenuation properties of various material according to BS EN 61331-1:2014 in the Narrow Beam Geometry using the Report and short guidelines for testing laboratories (L. Büermann, 2016 <sup>1</sup> )
<b>DATE OF MEASUREMENTS:</b>	17 – 18 August 2023

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**CONDITIONS:**

Distance from x-ray tube to target sample: 1.8m  
 Ionisation chamber used: PTW TW34069-2.5 s/n 000231

All equipment associated with the measurements performed in this report has direct traceability to UK national standards or UKAS accredited calibration facilities.

**Table I**  
61331-1:2014 X-ray beam qualities

<u>X-ray Tube Voltage</u> kV	<u>Added filtration</u> mmAl*
50 - 150	2.2

\*The inherent filtration of the x-ray tube was determined to be 0.3mmAl equivalent (according to ISO 4037-1:1996), giving a total filtration of 2.5mmAl

$F_{NBG}$  is the attenuation ratio in the Narrow beam geometry, given by:

$$F_{NBG} = \frac{K_0 - K_B}{K_1 - K_B}$$

where  $K_0$  = Air Kerma Rate without the test object in the beam  
 $K_1$  = Air Kerma Rate with the test object in the beam  
 $K_B$  = Background Air Kerma Rate with the test object replaced by a sheet of material with an attenuation ratio greater than  $10^5$ .

The Lead equivalent value  $\delta_{NBG}$  in mm using the Narrow Beam Geometry is obtained by fits to the attenuation curves  $F_{NBG}$  of Lead foils of known thicknesses and of at least 99.995% purity.

**UNCERTAINTIES**

The uncertainty in the Lead equivalence value  $\delta_{NBG}$  is  $\pm 5\%$ . The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor  $k = 2$ , providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%.

**REFERENCES**

1. Technical report: Determination of lead equivalent values according to IEC 61331:2014 – Report and short guidelines for testing Laboratories, *L. Büermann*, Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 11, September 2016

**RESULTS:**

**Table II**

Corning Lens 4B 65d 0.75mm LE,  
sample #341, 0.75mm nominal Lead equivalent

kV	F <sub>NBG</sub>	δ <sub>NBG</sub> mm	PASS/FAIL†
150	48.6	0.7650	PASS

**Table III**

Protech Lens 4B 65d 0.50mm LE,  
sample #342, 0.50mm nominal Lead equivalent

kV	F <sub>NBG</sub>	δ <sub>NBG</sub> mm	PASS/FAIL†
150	36.0	0.6781	PASS

**Table IV**

Protech Faceshield 0.12 LE,  
sample #343, 0.12mm nominal Lead equivalent

kV	F <sub>NBG</sub>	δ <sub>NBG</sub> mm	PASS/FAIL†
120	4.88	0.1650	PASS

†Determination of the lead equivalent class for a specified range of radiation qualities according to IEC 61331-1 clause 5.5.

Clause 5.5.3 of IEC 61331-1:2014 states that a relative standard uncertainty of 7% be taken into account in the decision of conformity in assigning the class of the Lead equivalent thickness to the material under test. If  $t_{Pb}$  is the standard Lead equivalent thickness class (0.25mm, 0.35mm, 0.5mm or 1mm) and  $\delta_{NBG}$  is the Lead equivalence of the material under test, the condition can be written as:

$$\delta_{NBG} \geq 0.93t_{Pb}$$

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