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SPECIFICATIONS FOR UV LED

NVCUQ096A
- Built-in ESD Protection Device
- RoHS Compliant
SPECIFICATIONS

(1) Absolute Maximum Ratings

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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
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<td>Junction Temperature</td>
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* Absolute Maximum Ratings at $T_{th}=25°C$.
* The operating Temperature range is the range of Thermistor temperatures ($T_{th}$).
* Do not operate the LEDs in environments where temperature and humidity fluctuate greatly (i.e. causing condensation to form).

(2) Initial Electrical/Optical Characteristics

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* Characteristics at $T_{th}=25°C$.
* Radiant Flux value as per CIE 127:2007 standard.
* $R_{th}$ is the thermal resistance from the junction to the $T_c$ measurement point. (Heat sink used: Copper, t=1.5mm, Thermal grease used: 4.3W/m·K, t=0.1mm)
**RANKS**

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* Ranking at $T_{th}=25^\circ C$.
* Forward Voltage Tolerance: ±0.35V
* Radiant Flux Tolerance: ±6%
* Peak Wavelength Tolerance: ±3nm
* LEDs from the above ranks will be shipped. The rank combination ratio per shipment will be decided by Nichia.
OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

*本製品はRoHS指令に適合しております。
This product complies with RoHS Directive.

*括弧で囲まれた寸法は参考値です。
The dimension(s) in parentheses are for reference purposes.

This product is non-soldering-compliant.

Do not solder this product.

*製品と筐体間の接続には放熱グリスなど低熱抵抗の放熱材料を用いることを推奨します。

When attaching the LEDs to the heat sink, etc., Nichia recommends using a thermal interface material that has a low thermal resistance (i.e. thermal grease).
TRAY DIMENSIONS

* 数量は1トレイにつき6個入ります。
  Tray Size: 6pcs
* 寸法は参考です。
  All dimensions shown are for reference only and are not guaranteed.

120
118
51

68

(25)

6.8

45.4

120
118

(13)

25.3

Nxxxx096x
管理番号 No. STS-DA7-14431
(単位 Unit: mm)
PACKAGING - TRAY PACK

Trays are shipped with desiccants in heat-sealed moisture-proof bags.

**WARNING AND EXPLANATORY LABELS**

- UV LEDs emit light in the ultraviolet region (UV light).
- UV light is invisible and may be harmful to the human eye.
- Do not expose the eyes directly to the UV light.
- Wear appropriate protective gear when handling.
- Use appropriate warning signs/labels on devices using the UV LEDs.

- **RoHS**

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LOT: YMxxxx-RRR
QTY.: PCS

* If not provided, it will not be indicated on the label.

For details, see "LOT NUMBERING CODE" in this document.

*客先型名を******で示します。
* 客先型名が設定されていない場合は空白です。******はカスタムパーソナル情報です。

* 本製品はトレイに入れたのち、輸送の衝撃から保護するためダンボールで梱包します。

* 取り扱いに際して、落下させたり、強い衝撃を与えたりすると、製品を損傷させる原因になりますので注意して下さい。

* ダンボールには防水加工がされておりませんので、梱包箱が水に濡れないよう注意して下さい。

* 輸送、運搬に際して弊社よりの梱包状態あるいは同等の梱包を行って下さい。

Using the original package material or equivalent in transit is recommended.
LOT NUMBERING CODE

Lot Number is presented by using the following alphanumeric code.

YMxxxx - RRR

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xxxx-Nichia’s Product Number

RRR-Ranking by Wavelength, Ranking by Radiant Flux, Ranking by Forward Voltage
DERATING CHARACTERISTICS

* $R_{\theta TH}$の算出は注意事項熱の発生を参照して下さい。
  For calculation of $R_{\theta TH}$, see the "Thermal Management" of this specification.

サーミスタ温度-許容順電流特性
Thermistor Temperature vs Allowable Forward Current

![Graph showing thermistor temperature vs allowable forward current](image)

- $R_{\theta TH} = 0.059^\circ C/W$
- $R_{\theta TH} = 0.1^\circ C/W$
- $R_{\theta TH} = 0.2^\circ C/W$

For calculation of $R_{\theta TH}$, see the "Thermal Management" of this specification.
OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

* 本特性は参考です。
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The graphs above show the characteristics for U365x LEDs of this product.
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# RELIABILITY

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<td>-40°C to 100°C, 15min dwell</td>
<td>1000cycles</td>
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**NOTES:**
1) $R_{θJTH}≈0.052°C/W$
2) $T_W$: Cooling Water Temperature: °C
3) Measurements are performed after allowing the LEDs to return to room temperature.

## (2) Failure Criteria

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CAUTIONS

(1) Storage

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<td>≤30°C</td>
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<td>≤70%RH</td>
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- After opening the moisture-proof aluminum bag, the LEDs should be installed into an end product immediately. If a PCB is used to mount the LEDs before installing into an end product, these processes must be completed within the range of the conditions stated above. Unused remaining LEDs should be stored with silica gel desiccants in a hermetically sealed container, preferably the original moisture-proof bags for storage and resealing this bag.
- This LED has gold-plated parts; if the LEDs are exposed to a corrosive environment, it may cause the plated surface to tarnish causing issues. Ensure that when storing LEDs, a hermetically sealed container is used. Nichia recommends placing them back to the original moisture-proof bag and resealing it.
- To prevent substances/gases from affecting the plated surface, ensure that the parts/materials used with the LEDs in the same assembly/system do not contain sulfur (e.g. gasket/seal, adhesive, etc.). If the plating is contaminated, it may cause issues (e.g. electric connection failures). If a gasket/seal is used, silicone rubber gaskets/seals are recommended; ensure that this use of silicone does not result in issues (e.g. electrical connection failures) caused by low molecular weight volatile siloxane.
- To avoid condensation, the LEDs must not be stored in areas where temperature and humidity fluctuate greatly.
- Do not store the LEDs in a dusty environment.
- Do not expose the LEDs to direct sunlight and/or an environment over a long period of time where the temperature is higher than normal room temperature.

(2) Directions for Use

- Nichia recommends designing the circuit to ensure that each LED is driven by a separate power supply.
- If two or more LEDs are connected in parallel, the current will be split between them (i.e. current division); this may cause the currents flowing through the LEDs to vary due to the variation in the forward voltage characteristics of the LEDs on the circuit, and in some cases, excessive current (i.e. exceeding the Absolute Maximum Rating). The circuit must be designed to ensure that the Absolute Maximum Ratings are not exceeded for each LED. The LEDs should be operated at a constant current per LED. In the case of operating at a constant voltage, Circuit B is recommended. If Circuit A is used, it may cause issues (i.e. a variation in the current flowing through the LEDs).

![Circuit A](image1)

![Circuit B](image2)

- This LED is designed to be operated at a forward current. Ensure that no voltage is applied to the LED in the forward/reverse direction while the LED is off. If the LEDs are used in an environment where reverse voltages are applied to the LED continuously, it may cause electrochemical migration to occur causing the LED to be damaged. When not in use for a long period of time, the system’s power should be turned off to ensure that there are no issues/damage.
- To stabilize the LED characteristics while in use, Nichia recommends that the LEDs are operated at currents ≥ 10% of the sorting current.
- Ensure that transient excessive voltages (e.g. lighting surge) are not applied to the LEDs.
- If the LEDs are used for outdoor applications, ensure that necessary measures are taken (e.g. protecting the LEDs from water/salt damage and high humidity).
- Although this LED is specifically designed to emit invisible light, a small amount of light in the visible region exists in the emission spectrum. Ensure that when using the LEDs for sensors, verification is performed to ensure that the emission spectrum is fit for the intended use.
- If this product is stored and/or used constantly under high humidity conditions, it may accelerate the deterioration of the die; this may cause the radiant flux to decrease. If the LEDs are stored and/or used under these conditions, sufficient verification must be done prior to use to ensure there are no issues for the chosen application.
- Do not design this LED into applications where condensation may occur. If the LEDs are stored/operated in these environments, it may cause issues (e.g. current leaks that cause the radiant flux to decrease).
(3) Handling Precautions

- Do not handle the LEDs with bare hands as it will contaminate the LED surface and may affect the optical characteristics: it might cause the LED to be deformed and/or the wire to break, which will cause the LED not to illuminate. The lead could also cause an injury.
- Ensure that when handling the LEDs with tweezers, excessive force is not applied to the LED. Otherwise, it may cause damage to the lens and/or the substrate (e.g. cut, scratch, chip, crack, delamination, and deformation) and the wire to break causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the LED not to illuminate).
- Dropping may cause damage to the LED (e.g. deformation).
- Do not stack the LEDs on top of one another, regardless of whether the LEDs are attached to heat sinks or not. Otherwise, it may cause damage to the lens and the substrate (e.g. cut, scratch, chip, crack, delamination, and deformation) and the wire to break causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the LED not to illuminate).

(4) Design Consideration

- Volatile organic compounds that have been released from materials present around the LEDs (e.g. housing, gasket/seal, adhesive, secondary lens, lens cover, thermal grease, etc.) may adhere to the LED glass cover and other areas (e.g. package). If the LEDs are being used in a hermetically sealed environment, these volatile compounds can discolor after being exposed to heat and/or photon energy and it may greatly reduce the LED light output. In this case, ventilating the environment may improve the reduction in light output. Perform a light-up test of the chosen application for optical evaluation to ensure that there are no issues.
- When attaching the LEDs to the heat sink, etc., Nichia recommends using a thermal interface material that has a low thermal resistance (i.e. thermal grease).

(5) Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

- This LED is sensitive to transient excessive voltages (e.g. ESD, lightning surge). If this excessive voltage occurs in the circuit, it may cause the LED to be damaged causing issues (e.g. the LED to have a reduction in the radiant flux or not to illuminate [i.e. catastrophic failure]).
- Ensure that when handling the LEDs, necessary measures are taken to protect them from an ESD discharge. The following examples are recommended measures to eliminate the charge:
  - Grounded wrist strap, ESD footwear, clothes, and floors
  - Grounded workstation equipment and tools
  - ESD table/shelf mat made of conductive materials
- Ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent the LEDs from being exposed to transient excessive voltages (e.g. ESD, lightning surge):
  - tools, jigs, and machines that are used are properly grounded
  - appropriate ESD materials/equipment are used in the work area
  - the system/assembly is designed to provide ESD protection for the LEDs
- If the tool/equipment used is an insulator (e.g. glass cover, plastic, etc.), ensure that necessary measures have been taken to protect the LED from transient excessive voltages (e.g. ESD). The following examples are recommended measures to eliminate the charge:
  - Dissipating static charge with conductive materials
  - Preventing charge generation with moisture
  - Neutralizing the charge with ionizers
- To detect if an LED was damaged by transient excess voltages (i.e. an ESD event during the system’s assembly process), perform a characteristics inspection (e.g. forward voltage measurement) at low current (≤8mA).
- Failure Criteria: $V_F < 24.0V$ at $I_F = 4.0mA$
  - If the LED is damaged by transient excess voltages (e.g. ESD), it will cause the Forward Voltage ($V_F$) to decrease.
(6) Thermal Management

- When designing, the derating characteristics (i.e. Thermistor Temperature vs. Allowable Forward Current) must be considered. The increase in the temperature of an LED while in operation may vary depending on the heat sink’s thermal resistance and the density of LEDs in the system/assembly. Ensure that when using the LEDs for the chosen application, heat is not concentrated in an area and properly managed in the system/assembly to ensure the derating characteristics during actual use.

- Use the thermistor temperature ($T_{TH}$) to determine the operating current for the chosen application and optimize the thermal design (e.g. selecting a proper heat sink, thermal interface material, etc.) accordingly.

- The following two equations can be used to calculate the LED junction temperature:

$$ 1) \ T_J = T_{TH} + R_{\theta JTH} \cdot W $$

$$ 2) \ T_J = T_C + R_{\theta JC} \cdot W $$

* $T_J$ = LED Junction Temperature: °C
* $T_{TH}$ = Thermistor Temperature: °C
* $T_C$ = Case Temperature (back surface of LED): °C
* $R_{\theta JTH}$ = Thermal Resistance from Junction to $T_{TH}$ Measurement Point: °C/W
* $R_{\theta JC}$ = Thermal Resistance from Junction to $T_C$ Measurement Point: °C/W
* $W$ = Input Power ($I_F \times V_F$): W

- Once the LEDs have been attached to a heat sink, it is difficult to measure $T_C$ due to the location of the $T_C$ measurement point. Refer to the relevant application notes for a method of determining the $T_J$ by measuring $T_{TH}$. To access the application notes, go to the Technical Suggestions And Recommendations section of Nichia’s website.

- Refer to the relevant application notes for detailed information (e.g. how to handle the COB LEDs, the effect of adhesion strength between the COB and the heat sink, thermal design considerations, etc.). To access the application notes, go to the Technical Suggestions And Recommendations section of Nichia’s website. Note that the application notes may be updated, revised, modified and supplemented without notice.

- To determine the thermal resistance ($R_{\theta TH}$), use the following data/equation.

$$ y = 0.03 e^{5.24 x} $$
(7) Cleaning

- Do not wipe/clean the LEDs with any type of material (e.g. dry/wet cloth) or solvent (e.g. benzene, thinner, etc.). Cleaning can cause pressure leading to damage to the top surface (e.g. lens, electrode, connecting device, etc.) that may cause issues (e.g. the LED not to illuminate [i.e. catastrophic failure]).
- If an LED is contaminated (e.g. dust/dirt), use a cloth soaked with isopropyl alcohol (IPA). Ensure that the cloth is firmly squeezed before wiping the LED.

(8) Eye Safety

- There may be two important international specifications that should be noted for safe use of the LEDs: IEC 62471:2006 Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems and IEC 60825-1:2001 (i.e. Edition 1.2) Safety of Laser Products - Part 1: Equipment Classification and Requirements. Ensure that when using the LEDs, there are no issues with the following points:
  - LEDs have been removed from the scope of IEC 60825-1 since IEC 60825-1:2007 (i.e. Edition 2.0) was published. However, depending on the country/region, there are cases where the requirements of the IEC 60825-1:2001 specifications or equivalent must be adhered to.
  - LEDs have been included in the scope of IEC 62471:2006 since the release of the specification in 2006.
  - Most Nichia LEDs will be classified as the Exempt Group or Risk Group 1 according to IEC 62471:2006. However, in the case of high-power LEDs containing blue wavelengths in the emission spectrum, there are LEDs that will be classified as Risk Group 2 depending on the characteristics (e.g. radiation flux, emission spectrum, directivity, etc.)
  - If the LED is used in a manner that produces an increased output or with an optic to collimate the light from the LED, it may cause damage to the human eye.
- If an LED is operated in a manner that emits a flashing light, it may cause health issues (e.g. visual stimuli causing eye discomfort).
- This LED emits light in the ultraviolet (UV) region. The UV light from an LED while in operation is intense and harmful; if human eyes are exposed to this light, it may cause damage to them. Do not look directly or indirectly (e.g. through an optic) at the UV light. Ensure that if there is a possibility that the UV light reflects off objects and enters the eyes, appropriate protection gear (e.g. goggles) is used to prevent the eyes from being exposed to the light.
- Ensure that appropriate warning signs/labels are provided both on each of the systems/applications using the UV LEDs, in all necessary documents (e.g. specification, manual, catalogs, etc.), and on the packaging materials.
(9) Miscellaneous

- Nichia warrants that the discrete LEDs will meet the requirements/criteria as detailed in the Reliability section within this specification. If the LEDs are used under conditions/environments deviating from or inconsistent with those described in this specification, the resulting damage and/or injuries will not be covered by this warranty.

- Nichia warrants that the discrete LEDs manufactured and/or supplied by Nichia will meet the requirements/criteria as detailed in the Reliability section within this specification; it is the customer’s responsibility to perform sufficient verification prior to use to ensure that the lifetime and other quality characteristics required for the intended use are met.

- The applicable warranty period is one year from the date that the LED is delivered. In the case of any incident that appears to be in breach of this warranty, the local Nichia sales representative should be notified to discuss instructions on how to proceed while ensuring that the LED in question is not disassembled or removed from the PCB if it has been attached to the PCB. If a breach of this warranty is proved, Nichia will provide the replacement for the non-conforming LED or an equivalent item at Nichia’s discretion. FOREGOING ARE THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE CUSTOMER IN RESPECT OF THE BREACH OF THE WARRANTY CONTAINED HEREIN, AND IN NO EVENT SHALL NICHIA BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES AND/OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFIT) THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY THE CUSTOMER ARISING OUT OF A BREACH OF THE WARRANTY.

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- The customer will not reverse engineer, disassemble or otherwise attempt to extract knowledge/design information from the LED.

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Assembly and Handling Precautions for UV LEDs

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Overview
These LEDs use a newer LED package technology that integrates multiple bare LED die in a single package. For most conventional LEDs, it is necessary to solder LEDs to PCBs before attaching LED assemblies to heat sinks. However, since these LEDs are designed to be directly attached to heat sinks, neither soldering nor PCBs is required. Additionally, light sources using these LEDs require fewer LEDs to produce the same amount of output as those using conventional LEDs due to the mechanical feature of these LEDs (i.e. being multi-chip packaged). This enables the light source size to be reduced.

This application note provides general technical information on how to use/handle Nichia’s UV LEDs.

Basic structure of typical Nichia UV LEDs
Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 for the basic structure of Nichia’s typical UV LEDs.

Figure 1. Basic structure of an NVCUQ096A UV LED
Figure 2. Basic structure of an NVCUQ096A-D4 UV LED
Thermal Management

- When designing, the derating characteristics (i.e. Thermistor Temperature \(T_{\text{TH}}\) vs. Allowable Forward Current \(I_{\text{f}}\)) must be considered. For the derating characteristics of the NVCUQ096/-D4 and NVCUQ072/-D4 UV LEDs, refer to Page 9.

- Use the thermistor temperature \(T_{\text{TH}}\)\(^1\) to determine the operating current for the chosen application and optimize the thermal design (e.g. selecting a proper heat sink, thermal interface material, etc.) accordingly. For information on how to determine the \(T_{\text{TH}}\), refer to Page 6.

- Since the absolute maximum junction temperature must not be exceeded under any circumstances, consider the operating conditions/environment that both the system/assembly and the UV LEDs are exposed to when calculating the junction temperature for the chosen application. For information on how to calculate the \(T_{\text{j}}\), refer to Page 7 and Page 8.

![Diagram](image)

Figure 3. Temperature positions for \(T_{\text{j}}\) and \(T_{\text{TH}}\)

Note:

\(^1\) The derating characteristics shown are for the thermistor used in the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs.
Thermistor Characteristics$^2$ – $R_{\theta JTH}$ vs. $T_{TH}$

Table 1. Thermistor’s resistance ($R_{\theta JTH}$)$^3$ vs. temperature ($T_{TH}$) data

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Note:

2 The data shown is for the thermistor used in the NVCUO96A/-D4 UV LEDs.
3 Thermal resistance: $R_{\theta JTH} = \frac{R}{T_A=T}$
4 The B constant is a value representing the $R_{\theta JTH}$ vs. $T_{TH}$ relationship of a thermistor and can be calculated using $R_{\theta JTH}$ values at two given ambient temperatures.

Figure 4. $R_{\theta JTH}$ vs. $T_{TH}$

Equation (1): $B = \ln \left( \frac{R}{R_0} \right)/(1/T-1/T_0)$

$R$: $R_{\theta JTH}$ at $T_A=T$
$R_0$: $R_{\theta JTH}$ at $T_A=T_0$
$T$, $T_0$: Ambient temperatures ($T_A$) [K]
How to Calculate the Junction Temperature ($T_J$) Using the $R_{θJC}$

Once the UV LEDs have been attached to a heat sink, it is difficult to measure $T_C$ due to the location of the $T_C$ measurement point. When calculating the junction temperature ($T_J$) using the $R_{θJC}$, the temperature of the heat sink ($T_{MP}$)$^5$ should be used. Note that this $T_J$ calculation method may require simulation runs using material properties (e.g. thermal conductivity, etc.) of components being used with the UV LEDs in addition to the $R_{θJC}$ values shown below. If this method is not convenient for the chosen application, refer to the method on the next page.

**Equation (2)$^{8,9}$:** \[
T_J (°C) = T_{MP} (°C) + R_{θJMP} (°C/W) \times \text{Input Power (W)}
\]

**Table 2.** $R_{θJC}$ values of the NVCUQ096A/-D4 and the NVCUQ072A/-D4 UV LEDs

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**Note:**

5. For water cooling, use the set temperature of the cooling water (i.e. $T_w$) as the $T_{MP}$; for air cooling, measure the temperature of the heat sink and use that measurement as the $T_{MP}$. For information on how to measure the heat sink, consult appropriate literature (e.g. manufacturer’s technical document) or contact the manufacturer directly.

6. The $T_C$ measurement point is on the back of the ceramic substrate. For more details, see the specification for each UV LED.

7. If the actual $R_{MP}$ in the chosen system/assembly is not available, consult appropriate literature (e.g. manufacturer’s technical document) or contact the manufacturer directly.

8. $R_{θJMP} = R_{θJC} + R_{MP}$

9. Input Power: $W = V_f + I_f$
How to Calculate the Junction Temperature (T_J) Using the R_{θJTH}

The NVCUQ096A/-D4 and NVCUQ072A/-D4 UV LEDs have thermistors that can be used as temperature sensors. To determine the T_J of the UV LEDs, first measure the temperature of the thermistor (T_{TH}) and it will be possible to calculate the thermal resistance (R_{θJTH}) with the following data/equations shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8. Then, use all these values (i.e. T_{TH} and R_{θJTH}), the input power (W), and equation (5) below to calculate the T_J.

Equation (3): \[ y = 0.03 e^{5.24 x} \]

Equation (4): \[ y = 0.07 e^{4.37 x} \]

Equation (5): \[ T_J (^°C) = T_{TH} (^°C) + R_{θJTH} (^°C/W) \times \text{Input Power (W)} \]

Note:
10 Change in the temperature of the thermistor (T_{TH}): ΔTH = The change in T_{TH} once the T_{TH} has stabilized.
When designing, the derating characteristics (i.e. Thermistor Temperature [$T_{TH}$] vs. Allowable Forward Current [$I_F$]) must be considered. The increase in the temperature of an LED while in operation may vary depending on the heat sink’s thermal resistance and the density of LEDs in the system/assembly. Ensure that when using the LEDs for the chosen application, heat is not concentrated in an area and properly managed in the system/assembly to ensure the derating characteristics during actual use.

**Figure 9.** Derating characteristics (i.e. $T_{TH}$ vs. allowable $I_F$) for the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs

**Figure 10.** Derating characteristics (i.e. $T_{TH}$ vs. allowable $I_F$) for the NVCUQ072A/-D4 UV LEDs
Precautions Against Condensation

- When using the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs, do not design the UV LEDs into applications where condensation may occur. If the UV LEDs are stored/operated in these environments, it may cause issues (e.g. current leaks that cause the radiant flux to decrease).

- **Cautions for use with a water cooling system:**
  If the water temperature is lower than the ambient temperature, it may cause condensation on both the outer and inner surfaces of the UV LED and its surrounding surfaces. Adjust the water temperature to suit the operating environment (i.e. temperature and humidity) to prevent condensation from occurring.

- **Example:**
  The water jacket surrounding the assembly/system may be covered with dew when used under the following conditions:

  Water temperature: \( \leq 26^\circ C \)
  Ambient temperature \( (T_A) \): \( 30^\circ C \)^{11}
  Relative humidity (RH): \( 80\% \)^{11}

![Figure 11. Saturated vapor density](image)

Note:
^{11} The actual amount of water vapor in the air (i.e. absolute humidity) can be calculated to be 24g/m^3 with the \( T_A \) and RH values.
Cautions/Suggestions for Attaching the UV LEDs to a Heat Sink

- If there are issues with the contact surface of the heat sink (i.e. uneven surface, hole/recess, burr/flash, etc.), it may significantly reduce the thermal conductivity.
- If there are issues with the thermal interface material (e.g. insufficient coverage, excessive thickness, etc.), it may cause heat not to sufficiently transfer to the heat sink and in some cases, damage to the UV LEDs. Additionally, excessively thick thermal films/sheets are more likely to lead to assembly issues (e.g. damage to the ceramic substrate) when excessive pressure is applied to the UV LEDs. Nichia recommends using thermal grease.
- If the heat sink has a foreign material and/or burr/flash on the contact surface as indicated in Figure 12-I and Figure 12-J, there is a possibility that the UV LED may be damaged when attaching it to this heat sink, even if the tightening torque is below the range indicated on Page 14.
- For more issues with the heat sink/thermal interface material, refer to Figures 12-A through 12-J below.

Figure 12. Correct/incorrect application of thermal grease between the UV LED and heat sink
How to Apply Thermal Grease

- Ensure that thermal grease is applied evenly and in an adequate amount (see Correct example in Figure 14 below).
  - If the amount is too low – especially if it does not fully cover the back side of the emission area of the UV LEDs (see Incorrect example in Figure 14 below), heat from the UV LED die may not be efficiently dissipated.
  - If the amount is too high, the excess thermal grease may contaminate the UV LED’s top surface causing the output power to decrease.

![Figure 13. Stencil mask aperture pattern](image)

![Figure 14. Thermal grease applied to the back of the UV LEDs](image)

- To determine the procedure/conditions for applying the thermal grease (e.g. stencil design, volume, etc.), perform sufficient verification on the chosen system fully assembled with all parts/materials properly in place. If the thermal grease has been applied incorrectly, it may significantly affect the amount of change in the resistance value of the thermistor (i.e. the relationship of the input current vs. thermistor’s resistance); check the thermistor’s resistance against the design value when operating the UV LEDs at the chosen input current. Additionally, if the chosen design uses multiple UV LEDs on a heat sink, ensure that there is no significant difference in temperature between the UV LEDs.

**Recommended resistance value:** \( \geq 3 \Omega \text{ at } T_A \leq 60^\circ \text{C} \)

**Recommended temperature range:** \( \leq 10^\circ \text{C} \)

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Note:

12 The thermal grease stencil mask is designed and used only for Nichia’s evaluation of the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs. The specifications for the thermal grease/stencil mask are provided for reference purposes only.
Evaluation for Applying Thermal Grease

- To determine how an insufficient amount of thermal grease affects the UV LEDs, Nichia performed an evaluation under the following conditions.

**Evaluation Conditions:**

- **Part Number:** NVCUQ096A
- **Wavelength rank:** U365
- **Operating conditions:** $T_A=25^\circ C$, $T_W=30^\circ C$, $I_F=8.8A_{14}$

**Evaluation Result:**

Nichia confirmed the following issues with the evaluated UV LED after approx. 100 hours of operation,

- Some LED die failed to illuminate.
- The ceramic substrate was damaged around the areas that were not covered by thermal grease (see Figure 15 and Figure 16 below).

![Figure 15. UV LED before operating the UV LED](image1)

![Figure 16. UV LED after operating the UV LED](image2)

Note:

- $T_W = $ Temperature of the water in the water-cooled chiller used in the evaluation.
- $I_F = $ The absolute maximum current value for the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs.
Recommended Tightening Torques

- Nichia has performed a tightening torque test for the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs and confirmed that there are no issues with the following conditions:

  **Recommended screw: M3 steel pan-head screw**  **Recommended tightening torque range: 0.25 to 0.60N·m**

Table 3. Results of a tightening torque test

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Appearance</th>
<th>Thermal Interface Material</th>
<th>Tightening Torque</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Thermal Grease</td>
<td>30cN·m (0.30N·m)</td>
<td>No issue</td>
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<td>35cN·m (0.35N·m)</td>
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<td>40cN·m (0.40N·m)</td>
<td>No issue</td>
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<td>No issue</td>
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<td>50cN·m (0.50N·m)</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>55cN·m (0.55N·m)</td>
<td>No issue</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>60cN·m (0.60N·m)</td>
<td>No issue</td>
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Table 4. Tightening torques by screw type\(^\text{15}\)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Strength Grade</th>
<th>Type of Head</th>
<th>M2</th>
<th>M2.6</th>
<th>M3</th>
<th>M4</th>
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<tr>
<td>Steel</td>
<td>4.6</td>
<td>Pan-head</td>
<td>0.12</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>0.43</td>
<td>0.98</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stainless steel</td>
<td>A2 - 50</td>
<td>Pan-head</td>
<td>0.11</td>
<td>0.22</td>
<td>0.37</td>
<td>0.87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brace</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>Pan-head</td>
<td>0.09</td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>0.28</td>
<td>0.74</td>
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- **Cautions/Suggestions:**
  - Use the test results/data presented above for reference purposes only. Nichia strongly recommends performing a verification to ensure the optimal tightening torque for the chosen application.
    - If the tightening torque is too low, it may cause issues with heat dissipation.
    - If the tightening torque is too high, it may cause the ceramic substrate to be damaged.
    - The optimal tightening torque varies depending on the material of the screw being used.

Note:\(^\text{15}\) The tightening torque values are only typical values and are not the specification values for the indicated screws.
Recommended Screw Tightening Order

- For the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs, the diameter of the reference screw hole (i.e. screw hole circled in red in Figure 18 below) is designed to be smaller than those of the other holes (i.e. screw holes circled in light blue in Figure 18 below) to ensure that the reference screw is easy to identify.

  **Screw hole diameters:**
  - Reference screw hole: ⌀ 3.2cm
  - Screw holes: ⌀ 3.6cm

- The screw holes are designed with a larger tolerance for easy insertion when attaching the UV LEDs to a heat sink and the aligning holes for the assembly. However, if the first screw is tightened in one of the three larger screw holes before the screw is tightened in the reference screw hole, it may cause the UV LED to move resulting in a misalignment between the reference screw hole and the hole in the heat sink; in some cases, this could cause the ceramic substrate to be damaged (see Figure 17 below). Ensure that when attaching the UV LEDs to a heat sink, tighten the screw in the reference screw hole first.

- Nichia recommends tightening the screws in the order indicated by the arrows in Figure 18.
Assembly/Handling Precautions for the NVCUQ096A/-D4 UV LEDs

Assembly Precautions
- Ensure that the nozzle does not come in contact with the lens when it picks up the UV LED. If this occurs, it may cause damage to the lens (e.g. cuts, scratches, chips, cracks, delamination, and deformation) and the wire to break causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the UV LED not to illuminate).
- The nozzle should only touch the ceramic substrate to hold the UV LED.

Handling Precautions with Tweezers
- Nichia recommends using tweezers to handle the UV LEDs. However, use care to ensure:
  - the tweezers do not touch the lens,
  - excessive force is not applied to the UV LED.
Otherwise, it may cause damage to the lens and/or the ceramic substrate (e.g. cuts, scratches, chips, cracks, delamination, and deformation) and the wire to break causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the UV LED not to illuminate).

Handling Precautions with Bare hands
- Do not handle the UV LEDs with bare hands:
  - this may contaminate the UV LED surface and have an effect on the optical characteristics,
  - the lens may cause injuries since the edges are sharp.
- Dropping may cause damage to the lens, ceramic substrate, and in some cases the internal wires causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the UV LED not to illuminate).

Miscellaneous
- Do not stack the UV LEDs on top of one another, regardless of whether the UV LEDs are attached to heat sinks or not. Otherwise, it may cause damage to the lens and the ceramic substrate (e.g. cuts, scratches, chips, cracks, delamination, and deformation) and the wire to break causing a catastrophic failure (i.e. the UV LED not to illuminate).
How to Insert/Remove a Socket Connector

Inserting a socket connector

1. Place the socket connector on the connecting device for initial positioning.
2. Push down the socket connector until it is inserted correctly.
3. If the socket connector is successfully inserted, a click is heard.

Figure 19. Structure of the connecting device (header) and socket connector

Removing the socket connector

1. Hold the protruding edge portion indicated to the left (i.e. lever).
2. Pull it up to disengage the snap-fits closer to the lever side.
3. Pull it up further until the reinforced snap-fits are fully disengaged.

Cautions when removing the socket connector:
• Do not pull the cables as it may damage the socket connector, the header, and/or the UV LED.
• Do not remove the socket connector from the cable side as it will not disengage the snap-fits. Doing so may damage the socket connector, the header and/or the UV LED.

Note:
16 P/N: DF65-4P/6P manufactured by Hirose Electric Co. Ltd.
Precautions When Using UV LEDs in a Parallel Circuit

- Nichia performed a simulation with the following conditions and method to determine the effect of connecting the UV LEDs in parallel (i.e. current divider circuit).

- **Simulated Conditions:**
  
  Part Number: NVCUQ096A
  
  Wavelength rank: U365
  
  Junction temp.: $T_J=25°C, 85°C, 130°C$
  
  Input current: $I_F=16A$ (i.e. $I_F=8A^{17}$ for each LED, both driven by a power supply)

- **Simulation Method:**
  
  Two UV LEDs$^{18}$ were connected in parallel and driven by a power supply at $I_F=16A$ to calculate the difference in current between the two UV LEDs.

- **Simulation Result:**
  
  When the UV LED with a forward voltage ($V_F$) of 44V was connected with another with a 1V higher $V_F$ in parallel, the current was split between them (i.e. current division) and the current flowing through the first one (i.e. due to its lower $V_F$) exceeded the absolute maximum rating (i.e. 8.8A).

- **Cautions/Suggestions:**
  
  - Nichia recommends designing the circuit to ensure that each UV LED is driven by a separate power supply.
  
  - If the chosen application uses the UV LEDs in a parallel circuit, sufficient verification should be performed to ensure that there are no issues (e.g. exceeding the absolute maximum current due to parallel connection as shown above). If technical assistance is required or specific issues arise during verification, contact a local sales representative.
  
  - This simulation and its results are for reference purposes only.

Note:

17 $I_F=8A$ is the sorting current of the NVCUQ096A UV LEDs.

18 The $V_F$ of one of these UV LEDs was set as 44V and the $V_F$ of the other one was set as 44V to 46V. The $V_F$ value 44V was used as a reference to calculate the difference in current between the two UV LEDs.
Peak Irradiance Measurement of a UV Irradiator

- Nichia performed a measurement of a UV irradiator using the NVCUQ096A-D4 UV LEDs. For the details of the measurement conditions and the internal circuit diagram, refer to the following information. For the measurement results, refer to Page 20 to Page 23.

![Image of UV irradiator](image)

**Figure 22. Measured UV irradiator**

**UV Irradiator Specifications:**
- Number or units: 4 UV irradiators
- Size of the emitting area: 20 x 100mm
- Unit 1: 4 NVCUQ096A (U365) LEDs, Radiant flux: Avg. 144W
- Unit 2: 4 NVCUQ096A (U385) LEDs, Radiant flux: Avg. 160W
- Unit 3: 4 NVCUQ096A-D4 (U365) LEDs, Radiant flux: Avg. 128W
- Unit 4: 4 NVCUQ096A-D4 (U385) LEDs, Radiant flux: Avg. 155W

**Water Cooling System Specifications:**
- Copper heat sink: HS-C120 (manufactured by Kawaso Texcel Co., Ltd.)
- Thermal grease: TC-5622 (manufactured by Dow Corning Toray Co., Ltd.)
- Tube Diameter: 10mm (inner), 12mm (outer)
- Chiller: PCU-1610R (manufactured by Apiste Corporation)

**Note:**
- Each UV LED has two internal circuits; each internal circuit has four arrays connected in parallel, each with 12 LED die connected in series.
- Each unit was assembled with 4 UV LEDs from the same wavelength rank.
- Size of the area highlighted by the dashed red box in Figure 22.
- Values measured at $T_a=25^\circ$C, $I_L=8A$.
- Chilled water temperature $T_w=25^\circ$C, water flow rate=5L/min.
The following results shown in Figure 24 below were obtained from the measurement of a UV irradiator using U365 NVCUQ096A UV LEDs. For the temperature data of the UV irradiator with the heat dissipation conditions used, refer to Table 5. For the details of the UV irradiator specifications and heat dissipation conditions used in the measurement, see Page 19. For information on how to calculate the $T_J$, see Page 6 and Page 7.

![Figure 24. Peak irradiance vs. working distance by Current](image)

**Table 5. Current vs. temperature ($T_{TH}/T_J$) data**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current per LED Die$^{25}$ [mA]</th>
<th>Thermistor Temp.$^{26}$ [$^\circ$C]</th>
<th>Junction Temp.$^{26}$ [$^\circ$C]</th>
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<tr>
<td>250</td>
<td>30.7</td>
<td>34.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>37.1</td>
<td>44.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>51.6</td>
<td>67.6</td>
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Note:

- The measurement was performed with the UV Power Puck® II (manufactured by Electronic Instrumentation & Technology, Inc.).
- The current values per LED die were calculated based on the current value input to the measured UV LEDs assuming the UV LED consists only of LED die with the same $V_f$.
- Both the thermistor temperatures and the junction temperatures are average values of the four UV LEDs used in the measured UV irradiator.

![Figure 25. Definition for the working distance (WD)](image)
The following results shown in Figure 26 below were obtained from the measurement of a UV irradiator using U385 NVCUQ096A UV LEDs\textsuperscript{27}. For the temperature data of the UV irradiator with the heat dissipation conditions used, refer to Table 6. For the details of the UV irradiator specifications and heat dissipation conditions used in the measurement, see Page 19. For information on how to calculate the $T_J$, see Page 6 and Page 7.

Table 6. Current vs. temperature ($T_{IH}/T_J$) data

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current per LED Die\textsuperscript{28} [mA]</th>
<th>Thermistor Temp.\textsuperscript{29} [$^\circ$C]</th>
<th>Junction Temp.\textsuperscript{29} [$^\circ$C]</th>
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<tr>
<td>250</td>
<td>29.8</td>
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Note:
\textsuperscript{27} The measurement was performed with the UV Power Puck\textsuperscript{®} II (manufactured by Electronic Instrumentation & Technology, Inc.).
\textsuperscript{28} The current values per LED die were calculated based on the current value input to the measured UV LEDs assuming the UV LED consists only of LED die with the same $V_F$.
\textsuperscript{29} Both the thermistor temperatures and the junction temperatures are average values of the four UV LEDs used in the measured UV irradiator.
The following results shown in Figure 28 below were obtained from the measurement of a UV irradiator using U365 NVCUQ096A-D4 UV LEDs\(^{30}\). For the temperature data of the UV irradiator with the heat dissipation conditions used, refer to Table 7. For the details of the UV irradiator specifications and heat dissipation conditions used in the measurement, see Page 19. For information on how to calculate the \(T_J\), see Page 6 and Page 7.

### Table 7. Current vs. temperature (\(T_{TH}/T_J\)) data

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current per LED Die(^{31}) [mA]</th>
<th>Thermistor Temp.(^{32}) (\degree\text{C})</th>
<th>Junction Temp.(^{32}) (\degree\text{C})</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>250</td>
<td>29.2</td>
<td>32.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>35.9</td>
<td>43.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>50.4</td>
<td>66.6</td>
</tr>
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Note:

\(^{30}\) The measurement was performed with the UV Power Puck® II (manufactured by Electronic Instrumentation & Technology, Inc.). Since the measurement equipment is only capable of reading up to \(20\text{W/cm}^2\), the measurement results shown in Figure 28 include both data based on actual readings (i.e. solid line) and estimated readings (i.e. dashed line).

\(^{31}\) The current values per LED die were calculated based on the current value input to the measured UV LEDs assuming the UV LED consists only of LED die with the same \(V_F\).

\(^{32}\) Both the thermistor temperatures and the junction temperatures are average values of the four UV LEDs used in the measured UV irradiator.
Peak Irradiance Measurement of a UV Irradiator - Results (Unit 4)

- The following results shown in Figure 30 below were obtained from the measurement of a UV irradiator using U385 NVCUQ096A-D4 UV LEDs\(^{33}\). For the temperature data of the UV irradiator with the heat dissipation conditions used, refer to Table 8. For the details of the UV irradiator specifications and heat dissipation conditions used in the measurement, see Page 19. For information on how to calculate the \(T_J\), see Page 6 and Page 7.

### Table 8. Current vs. temperature (\(T_{TH}/T_J\)) data

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<th>Current per LED Die(^{34}) [mA]</th>
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<th>Junction Temp.(^{35}) [°C]</th>
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<td>250</td>
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<td>48.4</td>
<td>63.3</td>
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Figure 31. Definition for the working distance (WD)

**WD=0mm was set at the same level as the UV LED assembly (i.e. heat sink) surface.**

Figure 33. Peak irradiance vs. working distance by Current\(^{33}\)

**Note:**

\(^{33}\) The measurement was performed with the UV Power Puck® II (manufactured by Electronic Instrumentation & Technology, Inc.). Since the measurement equipment is only capable of reading up to 20W/cm\(^2\), the measurement results shown in Figure 30 include both data based on actual readings (i.e. solid line) and estimated readings (i.e. dashed line).

\(^{34}\) The current values per LED die were calculated based on the current value input to the measured UV LEDs assuming the UV LED consists only of LED die with the same \(V_F\).

\(^{35}\) Both the thermistor temperatures and the junction temperatures are average values of the four UV LEDs used in the measured UV irradiator.