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Determination of the shielding properties of Lead-free vinyl samples

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DESCRIPTION:

Determination of Lead equivalence of Lead-free vinyl samples in accordance with BS EN 61331-1:2002

DATE OF MEASUREMENTS: 01 August 2013

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CONDITIONS:

Distance from x-ray tube to target sample: 0.5m
Distance from x-ray tube to detector: 1.1m
Ionisation chamber used: TS100M

All equipment associated with the measurements performed in this report has direct traceability to UK national standards or UKAS accredited calibration facilities. The samples were circular in cross section with a diameter of approximately 110mm.

Table I
61331-1:2002 X-ray beam qualities

<u>X-ray Tube Voltage</u> kV	<u>Additional filtration</u> mmCu
60*	0.075
80	0.15
100	0.25
120*	0.35

*These qualities are in addition to BS EN 61331-1:2002

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RESULTS:

Table II
Skinned Lead-free vinyl sheet, 0.25mm nominal Lead equivalent

<u>kV</u>	<u>Equivalent Lead thickness</u> mm	<u>Attenuation</u> %
60	0.2764	98.3
80	0.3216	93.2
100	0.3124	84.5
120	0.2687	75.3

Attenuation = $1 - \text{attenuated/un-attenuated} \times 100$

UNCERTAINTIES

The uncertainty in the Lead equivalence is 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%.

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