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Determination of the shielding properties of low-Lead vinyl samples

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DESCRIPTION:

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

DATE OF MEASUREMENTS: 4 June 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
80	0.15
100	0.25

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RESULTS:

Table II

Superlight Lead vinyl sheet, 0.25mm nominal Lead equivalent

<u>kV</u>	<u>Equivalent Lead thickness</u> mm	<u>Attenuation</u> %
80	0.2908	91.8
100	0.2839	82.3

Table III

Superlight Lead vinyl sheet, 0.35mm nominal Lead equivalent

<u>kV</u>	<u>Equivalent Lead thickness</u> mm	<u>Attenuation</u> %
80	0.3900	95.3
100	0.3803	88.6

Table IV

Superlight Lead vinyl sheet, 0.50mm nominal Lead equivalent

<u>kV</u>	<u>Equivalent Lead thickness</u> mm	<u>Attenuation</u> %
80	0.5623	98.0
100	0.5466	94.1

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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