

## Re: UPDATE LED Life Test at 2 Months

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Rune Christensen wrote:

> Hello

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> I have found this link on eBay

> <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&category=2020&item=5106449490>

> He claims that the white leds in the flashlight can last 100,000 hrs. That

> means 24/7 in over 10 years.

What's claimed and what's actually going to happen are two different things.

There've been statements here that some LEDs start to lose a lot of brightness at less than 10k hours. That's not much different than a fluorescent light.

> You can get the flashlight for 15\$ with free shipping around the world.

> Cheers

> Rune

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>>I've had problems with several white LEDs from Fry's Electronics failing

>>too. They dimmed after a few months of use then they started blinking.

>>It sucks because some are inside a night hiking flashlight to keep it

>>glowing while switched off. It's hand crafted inside a tough acrylic

>>tube like a ship in a bottle. The LEDs can't be removed. I didn't

>>think I'd need to make LEDs replacable.

>>I'm going back to green LEDs for the next flashlight.