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The main advantages of the fluorescent reflector lamp are:

1. Light output is not affected by dust accumulation on top of the lamp or on an external reflector housing.

2. The internal reflector of the lamp is protected by environmental conditions and is changed each time the lamp is changed for optimum performance.

3. Less expensive and smaller fixtures may be used since the reflector design is not critical.

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