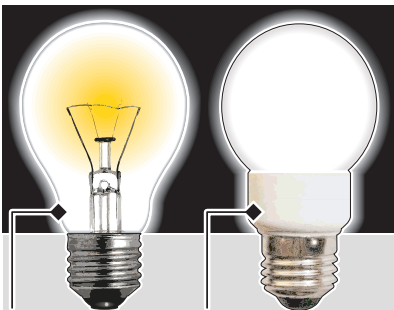


EU pulls plug on old bulbs

Energy-guzzling incandescent light bulbs could be phased out in the European Union between 2009 and 2012. The traditional tungsten lamp – invented by Thomas Edison in 1879 – uses five times more electricity than energy-saving bulbs



Incandescent bulbs: 3.6 billion currently in use in 27-member EU. 2.1bn sold every year

Energy-efficient bulbs : Could cut CO₂ emissions by 15 million tonnes and save €7.7bn to €12.4bn