

## Spec Guidance



Architecture In:Formation Art Lighting

### TAGS

Ambient / general lighting  
Halogen or Krypton  
Art Collection  
Spot / highlighting  
Accent lighting

### ■ Track versus Wall Washer

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Track fixtures can be great when a client wants to display an ever changing art collection - Sometimes many small items / sometimes one large item. Sometimes items here / other times items over there. Track fixtures can work well for that. However, track fixtures are almost always by definition using Spot luminaries.

**Spot lights** provide a *SPOT* of light. Round or elliptical - depending on the aiming angle. Galleries will shape the round patterns with lenses and elements that block off rounded edges ('barn doors' and the like.) Or sometimes you really just see overlapping round shapes of light.

To provide a smooth, even wash of light specify a **Wall Washer** (or a wall-mounted [Art Light](#)). If the wall is illuminated evenly, the art will be, too. And the fixture is a much simpler, less intrusive form in the space than a line with multiple 'heads' along its length. Less visual clutter and more even light.

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