

A Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) is an independent laboratory recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to test products to the specifications of applicable product safety standards – such as those from Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and other standards-writing bodies.

Underwriters Laboratory (UL) has been around for over 100 years. During this time UL has tested and certified thousands of products, including lighting, to be sold in markets all over the world. Their purpose is to insure that any item that carries their UL mark can be used by the consumer with confidence ([www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)). UL is a not for profit, independent organization that is not affiliated with the government.

UL uses specific standards when testing products and granting a listing for a product. These standards have been designed with the consumer in mind, and a listing is only granted on products that have been found to comply with the requirements of that particular standard.

UL is not a law. UL listings on products are not mandatory. In seeking a UL listing, Capri Lighting is taking responsibility for making sure that our products meet the restrictions and fall within the parameters set forth by UL standards. Capri does not have to get UL listing on all of its products; however, we choose to have products investigated because we want to be sure to offer our customers only the best lighting solutions.

**The following information is from UL's website, [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com):**

*Manufacturers submit products to UL for testing and safety certification on a voluntary basis. There are no laws specifying that a UL Mark must be used. However, in the U.S. there are many municipalities that have laws, codes or regulations which require a product to be tested by a nationally recognized testing laboratory before it can be sold in their area. \*UL is the largest and oldest nationally recognized testing laboratory in the United States.*

*Many companies make it their policy to obtain UL listing not only to minimize the possibility of local non-acceptance, but also as a matter of corporate policy and commitment to minimize the possibility of risk in the use of their products.*

*\*Other independent laboratories that may also test products to the UL standard are: ETL, CSA, CUL, Wilger, and others across the United States. The previously mentioned labs are NOT associated with UL; however, they may test and list products to the UL standard. It is at the discretion of Capri Lighting as to which testing laboratory to use when seeking a listing on a product.*