

Most countries have regulatory agencies that determine the safety and performance standards required for products used in that country. Carling Technologies' circuit breakers are tested and have been certified by the most widely recognized of these agencies including Underwriters Laboratories (UL) in the United States; Canadian Standards Association (CSA) in Canada; TUV Rheinland/Berlin-Brandenburg (TUV) and Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker (VDE) in Germany.

UL Recognized/UL1077 Recognized

UL Recognition covers components, which are incomplete or restricted in performance capabilities. These components will later be used in complete end products or systems Listed by UL. These Recognized components are not intended for separate installation in the field, they are intended for use as components of complete equipment submitted for investigation to UL.

Carling Technologies offers circuit breakers which are classified as supplementary circuit protectors and are Recognized under the UL Components Recognition Program as Protectors, Supplementary, UL Standard 1077. A UL 1077 Recognized supplementary circuit protector must have a Listed overcurrent device as a "back up". Carling's M, Q, A, B, C, D and E circuit breakers offer UL 1077 Recognition.

UL Listed/UL 489 Listed

UL Listing indicates that samples of the circuit breaker as a complete product have been tested by UL to nationally recognized safety standards and have been found to be free from reasonably foreseeable risks of fire, electric shock and related hazards, and that the product was manufactured under UL's Follow-Up Services program.

Carling Technologies offers branch circuit breakers that are UL 489 Listed. Branch circuit breakers are classified as a final overcurrent device dedicated to protecting the branch circuit and outlet(s). They do not require an additional "back up" overcurrent device wired in series to protect a circuit. Carling's C, E and F-Series circuit breakers offer UL489 Listing. In addition, they are UL489A Listed for the Telecom industry.

UL1500 (MARINE)

UL1500 refers to products and components classified as ignition-protected, and are intended to be installed and used in accordance with applicable requirements to the U.S. Coast Guard, the Fire Protection Standard for Pleasure and Commercial Motor Craft, ANSI/NFPA No. 302, and the American Boat and Yacht Council, Incorporated. Specially constructed versions of Carling Technologies' A, B and C-Series circuit breakers meet this standard.

CSA

The CSA (Canadian Standards Association) is the closest in concept and nature to UL of any group outside of the United States. Their standards and requirements are often almost identical to corresponding UL standards. CSA publishes their standards for most circuit protection devices as separate sections of CSA Standard C22.2 that in turn, forms a part of the Canadian Electrical Code. All of Carling Technologies' circuit protection products meet the applicable requirements of CSA Standard C22.2.

CUL

A cUL mark on a product means that samples of the product have been evaluated to the applicable Canadian standards and codes by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

VDE and TUV

There are two German government approved independent agencies, VDE (Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker), and TUV (Technischer Überwachungs-Verein). In the circuit protection field, outside of the U.S.A. and Canada, VDE is the best known certification mark. VDE testing facilities are located in Germany.

TUV also performs testing and grants certification in accordance to the IEC/EN specifications. TUV's organization is made up of at least eleven geographically dispersed companies. At least two are located in the United States. This aids some U.S. manufacturers in getting "fast track" approval to IEC/EN specifications. Carling's M, A, B, C, D and E-Series breakers have been certified to meet EN 60934 by VDE and TUV labs.

CE MARKING

The European Union's (EU) approach to create single market access is based on four principles: harmonized directives, harmonized standards, harmonized conformity assessment procedures and CE marking. The CE marking is affixed to products indicating that the product conforms to relevant directives and standards. Various directives and standards contain the requirements for CE marking. The CE marking is primarily for market control by custom inspectors.

Before a manufacturer can affix the CE marking to their product they must complete the following steps:

1. Identify the applicable EU directive/standard
2. Perform the conformity assessment according to the applicable EU directive/standard
3. Establish a Technical File containing test reports, documentation, certificates, etc.
4. Prepare and sign a EU Declaration of Conformity

Many of Carling Technologies' circuit protection products are available with CE marking indicating conformance to Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC.