



UL Overview: Types L and R

There are two types of UL labels: Type L and Type R. These types distinguish the approval path that needs to be followed in order to obtain UL recognized labels for your product. Both types have a printed symbol and mean that the item is UL listed and recognized as meeting a specific safety standard. Also, type L and R labels are not tested against any label standard. UL determines which type is needed based on the nature of the product, the history of product performance and the method of production. Here is some information about the differences between the two types:



Type R Marks:

- McCourt is required to have authorization from the manufacturer in the form of a UL approved stamped drawing
- Found on finished products
- The label only needs to be approved once
- Labels can be ordered at any time

The approval process for Type R marks is as follows:

1. Manufacturer submits label design to local UL label center
2. UL reviews the design and provides approval stamp if the layout is acceptable
3. Manufacturer provides McCourt with a stamped label layout for printing of the UL mark
4. McCourt prints the type R UL labels and sends the labels directly to the manufacturer

Type R marks normally consist of four elements:

- Appropriate UL symbol
- The word LISTED or CLASSIFIED (If CLASSIFIED is used, it appears in an arc on top of the UL symbol)
- Product name
- Four-character alphanumeric Control Number assigned by UL

Type L Marks:

- Found only on finished products
- Will always have a serial or issue number
- Can only be ordered with approval from UL
- McCourt requires written authorization directly from UL to print these labels

- McCourt can only produce as authorized by UL and only produce the specific quantities authorized by UL
- Each subsequent order must be authorized by a UL Label Center

The approval process for Type L marks is as follows:

1. Manufacturer sends label purchase order to McCourt and sends copy to UL.
2. UL's label center issues a UL authorization order to McCourt with the label layout, serial or issue numbers, quantity to print and shipping instructions. A copy is also sent to the manufacturer and the UL field rep.
3. McCourt prints the labels with the appropriate mark then sends them to the UL Label Center or directly to the manufacturer.

Type L marks normally consist of five elements:

--Appropriate UL symbol

--The word LISTED or CLASSIFIED (if CLASSIFIED is used, it appears in an arc on top of the UL symbol)

--Product name

-- The words "ISSUE NO." or "SERIAL NO." followed by the numbers appearing on the authorization order from UL

--Company name or UL file number

Once a label meets the necessary standards it can be UL listed and recognized and can bear the UL mark with R or L type. Since the UL standards must be met, and they can be complex, it is important to choose a label supplier that can meet the material, ink, and adhesive requirements. The label experts at McCourt have vast experience with UL labeling certification and are prepared to create a certifiable label for your next UL project.

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