



UL's Lightning Protection Certificate Services

Installers and Contractors

Rise above the competition and achieve globally recognized status as a UL Listed installer by joining UL's inspection program. Only Listed installers that are part of the inspection program have the ability to apply for Master Label® certificates. This program is the only independent OSHA accredited nationally recognized testing laboratory which offers a Master Label® certificate to published lightning protection installation standards. Strategically positioned field staff are available worldwide providing flexible scheduling for inspection services. Our secure web-based process allows for convenient and easy submittals along with access to a Lightning Protection Services database containing listed installers and published certificates.

Service overview

UL's lightning protection Master Label® certificate service recognizes only traditional lightning protection systems – or Franklin systems – and excludes inspection of nontraditional designs incorporating alternate technology such as lightning elimination/dissipation arrays (or charge transfer systems) and early streamer emission (or corona emission systems).

A Master Label® certificate is evidence that a lightning protection system installation was found by inspection to be compliant with the applicable standards such as UL 96A, NFPA 780, or other published standards for lightning protection systems.

Master Label® certificates identify the location of the inspected property, the name of the lightning protection installer, inspection date, expiration date, and any other relevant details of an inspected system. Each structure is evaluated for compliance independent of the surrounding objects and structures. Certificates are valid unless:

- Modifications/additions are made to the structure or system
- Damage to the system has occurred
- Certificate expires

Active certificates may be accessed at <https://lps.ul.com>

Documents issued after inspection

Upon completing an inspection of a lightning protection system, UL will provide an installer with:

- Master Label® certificate: Issued for those structures that fully comply with a recognized standard. UL retains ownership of the Master Label® certificate. This certificate is valid for the time period identified on the certificate based on UL's reasonable estimate that a system will remain unchanged during that time period.
- Letter of findings: Outlines inspections of a traditional lightning protection system with limitations or partial structures.

Requirements for new installers

To become a UL Listed installer, a company or its representative(s) must achieve a minimum level of competency. UL's initial assessment of installers requires either an in-house training program or participation in an instructor-led course delivered through UL University which offers knowledge based accredited training classes that are an integral part of becoming a Listed installer.

<https://ifs.ul.com/lps/lightningprotectionhome.nsf/ENROL?OpenForm>

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