

Frequently Asked Questions

Lighting Industry Related Organizations

How do I contact organizations related to the lighting industry?

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

11 West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036
Phone: (212) 642-4900
Web site: <http://www.ansi.org/>

OSRAM SYLVANIA designs and manufactures lamps and ballasts to ANSI standards. ANSI standards do not exist for all lamp and ballast types, but they do exist for most types used in the U.S. Details of specific standards are available from ANSI. ANSI standard documents are the property of ANSI.

Certified Ballast Manufacturers (CBM)

355 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10017
Phone: (212) 297-2122
Web site: <http://www.certbal.org/>

From CBM's Spring 1999 bulletin (vol. 40, no. 1): "...Certified Ballast Manufacturers (CBM) has sponsored and maintained a program to certify the performance of fluorescent lamp ballasts to standards developed by American National Standards Institute (ANSI)." Their "seal assures your customers that your product meets or exceeds the requirements of ANSI C82.1 for magnetic types and C82.11 for high frequency (electronic) types and associated ANSI standards (C82.2 method of measurement, C82.3 defining the reference ballast, and C78.1, C78.2, C78.3 depending on the type of lamp to be operated). ...It also means that the ballasts meet the standards of ANSI/UL 935..."

OSRAM SYLVANIA high frequency electronic ballasts (QUICKTRONIC[®]) are not CBM certified. CBM does not have their own unique set of standards for electronic fluorescent ballasts. Since QUICKTRONIC ballasts are designed and built to ANSI and UL standards, it would be redundant to have CBM test them again. Verification that QUICKTRONIC ballasts meet ANSI and UL standards can be provided by OSRAM SYLVANIA.

Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)

120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005-4001
Phone: (212) 248-5000
Web site: <http://www.iesna.org/>

The IESNA sets the standards for the appropriate light levels for various types of activities.

Lighting Research Center (LRC)

21 Union Street

Troy, NY 12180-3352

Phone: (518) 687-7100

FAX: (518) 687-7120

Web site: <http://www.lrc.rpi.edu/>

The LRC is the world's largest university-based center for lighting education and research, advancing the effective use of light for society and the environment.

Underwriters Laboratory Inc. (UL)

333 Pfingsten Road

Northbrook, IL 60062-2096

Phone: (847) 272-8800

FAX: (847) 272-8129

Web site: <http://www.ul.com/>

UL is an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization. UL does not set the standards for electric lamps (light bulbs); therefore, we do not make lamps to UL standards. UL does set the safety standards for ballasts. OSRAM SYLVANIA ballasts, including DULUX[®] EL compact fluorescent lamps with integral ballasts are made to UL safety standards.