

## Agency Definitions

**ANSI** – [American National Standards Institute](#). The United States not-for-profit organization that defines and maintains technical standards.

**CE** – A manufacturer’s mark that demonstrates compliance with [European Union](#) (EU) laws governing products sold in Europe.

**CE-Compliant** – Compliant with the essential requirements of European directives pertaining to safety and/or electromagnetic compatibility.

**CSA** – [Canadian Standards Association](#). An independent testing laboratory that establishes commercial and industrial standards tests and certifies products.

**C-UL®** – [Canadian recognition of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.](#) (UL®) approval of a particular product class, such as UL®508. In some instances, C-UL® approval may stand in lieu of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approval. All references to C-UL® stem from the original UL® file only, resident at the location of UL® approval. See “CSA and UL®”.

**NIST** – [National Bureau of Standards](#) Once called the National Bureau of Standards (NBS), it’s now the National Institute of Standards Technology. A United States government agency responsible for establishing scientific and technical standards. Formerly the National Bureau of Standards.

**(NEC)** – [National Electrical Code](#) A set of specifications devised for the safe application and use of electric power and devices in the United States.

**(NEMA)** – [National Electrical Manufacturers Association](#) A United States association that establishes specifications and ratings for electrical components and apparatuses. Conformance by manufacturers is voluntary.

**UL®** – [Underwriter’s Laboratories, Inc](#) An independent testing laboratory that establishes commercial and industrial standards, and tests and certifies products in the United States.