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- What is UL?
  - An independent organization that writes standards and tests against these standards; established in 1903.
- What are UL labels?
  - Printed nameplates, tags and labels with warnings, cautions, instructions, and/or product classifications.
- Where do you find them?
  - On electrical appliances, electronic devices, safety equipment, things that hold or convey flammable liquids, and on certain components inside devices.
- Why are they there?
  - They acknowledge that the labeled product is “recognized” as complying with an industry performance standard and deem it safe to use.
  - UL labels themselves must also comply with a UL Safety Standard.

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- Standards
  - Collections of methods used to evaluate products within categories
    - UL 969 is the most common standard related to labels
- Label Categories (CCN: Category Control Numbers)
  - PGGU2 and PGGU8: labeling materials for US and Canada (respectively)
  - PGJ12 and PGJ18: labels or materials that are electronically printed
- Files
  - Collections of a company listings within a category
- Listings
  - Products of similar construction within a file that are all recognized under the same conditions
- Listing Adoptions (Transfers)
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UL has a Certifications Directory where you can search for files and see what recognitions are available from your suppliers.

- Go to [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)
- Click on the "Certifications" link on the lower left portion of the page to launch the UL Online Certifications Directory.
- Type in search criteria and click the "search" button
- Click the link to the file to open

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### Pressure-sensitive unprinted label stock

Model No.	Application Surface	Max Temp (°C)	Min Temp (°C)	Indoor Use	Outdoor Use	Additional Conditions
<b>1M BRT CH PET TC/S-333/#, 1M CL PET TC/S-333/#, 1M MAT CH PET TC/S-333/#, 1M WH PET TC/S-333/#</b>						
	Acrylic paint (AC PT)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Aluminum (AL)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Epoxy paint (EP PT)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Galvanized steel (GS)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Porcelain (PRCLN)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Stainless steel (SS)	150	-40	X	X	0
	Alkyd paint (AK PT)	100	-40	X	X	0

Here is an example of our file (Note the header that states "unprinted label stocks").

- Model No. shows the product line
- Application surface are the substrates that the labels are applied to
- The other fields show the conditions that are recognized – In the additional conditions column, the "0" is referenced at the bottom of our file as "Occasional exposure to Lubricating Oil"

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- **Step 1:** Determine the end user's UL label requirements:
  - Which UL Standard (eg. UL969, UL817, or UL859)?
  - To what substrate will the label be applied?
  - What are the conditions that need to be met (min/max temperature, indoor/outdoor)?
  - How will the label be printed? (press or electronically printed)
- **Step 2:** Select the label material:
  - Decide which label constructions meet the end user and UL requirements
    - Contact Fasson for product recommendations
- **Step 3:** Apply for UL recognition
  - Contact UL for next steps

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- Obtain and fill out UL project form
  - Go to: <http://my.home1.ul.com/portal/page/portal/PSR/IMD>
- Email or Fax form to UL customer Service
  - TIP: Attach letter explaining exactly what you want quoted
    - Include thermal transfer ribbons and toners.
- Receive quote from UL. If acceptable, provide purchase order or a deposit.
- UL will provide a project number and approximate completion date

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- Here are some tips for getting the most value for your money during a file adoption project:
  - When adopting a specific Fasson product, include all the facestocks in that listing. You will receive recognition for multiple facestocks for the price of one.
    - For example, if you only need to adopt 2mil white PET TC / S8025, add Matte Chrome, Bright Chrome and Clear PET TC / S8025 since there won't be an additional charge.
  - IMPORTANT
    - Make sure you use only one designation for all the products. You must check the highlighted circle on the UL project form:

II. Safety Certification

Please select the applicable Component Type => Click to Select Component Type

General Submittal Information (information needed for all Safety Certification Requests):

- Safety Certification - Single Material (grade designation), Type Designation, Product Designation, or Model or Catalog Number.  
 Safety Certification - More Than One  UL or UR (United States) Only

- If different product designations are used for each facestock, \$750 - \$1,000 will be added to the project cost

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- Type L “Listing and Classification” changing to a holographic film label only produced by “The Label Company” in Chicago.
- UL Testing Facilities becoming a “for profit” center.
- New quoting procedure for recognition projects
  - Centralized system (24-48 hour turnaround)
  - New pricing scheme, effected by:
    - Single or Multiple constructions
    - Indoor or Outdoor use
    - US or US & Canada listing

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