



Commercial Office Furniture Services

UL wrote the Standard on safety for office furnishings systems. Since UL 1286, the Standard for Safety of Office Furnishings was introduced in 1984, customers have certified office systems, such as work surfaces, shelving and panels, to the standard to determine that products meet electrical, flammability and personal injury safety requirements.

UL 1286, the Standard for Safety of Commercial Office Furniture

UL can test and certify panels and accessories, such as work surfaces and shelving with lighting and power distributions units, and panels with no electrical connection, to the Standard. The Standard includes tests for:

- Stability and mechanical strength – tests the product to help ensure safety in use
- Fire resistance – evaluates materials for smoke and burn indices of particleboard, fabrics, plywood, adhesives, laminates and prefinished particleboard
- Electrical testing (if applicable) – for power distribution units and lighting

Products that feature the UL Certification Mark demonstrate compliance with model installation codes and may result in faster inspections. UL is the most trusted name in safety and UL Marks are recognized by authorities for faster acceptance.

Quality Assurance and On-Site Field Evaluations

UL can help manufacturers verify quality during the manufacturing process and for finished products. UL provides on-site inspection and randomized testing at supplier locations to determine that products meet a manufacturer's specifications.

For finished products, UL provides on-site Field Evaluations for the evaluation of products already at the installation site to help address local authority concerns.

Did you know?

UL offers a broad range of testing and certification services for furniture, including:

- Performance and Mechanical Testing
- Chemical Testing
- Flammability Testing
- Product Emissions Testing
- GREENGUARD Certification for low chemical emissions
- BIFMA level Certification for multi-attribute product sustainability



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Certification Process

- Customer requests quote
- UL determines the samples and information needed for the product
- UL performs a construction review on the product to see if it complies with the standard
- UL develops data sheets and test plans
- UL develops written descriptions of products
- Customer receives a written description of the product and can use the UL Certification Mark, if the product complies.

Why Choose UL?

UL is a global independent safety science company dedicated to promoting safe living and working environments. Tests are performed in laboratories in compliance with national and international standards, and can be tailored to meet customer needs.

UL Certification Marks

UL offers the Certification Mark for complete products and components. Having components recognized speeds the evaluation process of the complete product and saves costs.

UL GREENGUARD Certification

UL GREENGUARD Certification gives furniture manufacturers the opportunity to showcase their commitment to improving indoor air quality, reducing chemical exposure and promoting health and sustainability. GREENGUARD Certification and GREENGUARD Gold Certification gives purchasers confidence that the products they're buying are low-emitting and promote healthier indoor environments. GREENGUARD Certified products help satisfy the requirements of hundreds of green building programs, guidelines, codes and standards around the world, including CA 01350, the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), Green Globes, GSA and LEED®.

International Marks and Listing Marks

UL can assist manufacturers in demonstrating compliance with many global standards, including national standards for the United States and Canada, European (CE) testing and technical construction files, and the Association of Standardization and Certification (ANCE) requirements for Mexico.

How to Get Started

For more information on UL's services and how they can benefit your company, visit www.ul.com/services. Or, call or write us today:

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