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The rule

A UL test report is not a UL listing.

A report says a sample was tested. A listing says the product is certified **and** the factory is being inspected every quarter.

Both are legitimate. Only one authorises the mark.

Three documents, three levels of authority

	Test report	UL Listed	UL Recognized Component
Covers	A sample	A complete end product	A component inside a product
Factory inspection	None	Initial, then ongoing	At component level
Follow-up audits	None	Quarterly	Ongoing
Can apply the UL mark?	**No**	Yes, on the listed product	Yes, on the component
Searchable in Product iQ	No	**Yes**	**Yes**
Typical lead time	1–3 weeks	3–6 months	Varies

A **Recognized Component** is a part. It does not make the finished device listed.

UL's own analogy: a car and an engine. The car is finished, the engine is a component — but not every engine fits every car.

The five questions

1. Is this a **test report**, a **listing**, or a **component recognition**?
2. What is the **file number**, and what is the **CCN**?
3. Which **factory location** is named in the record?
4. When was the last **Follow-Up Services** inspection, and what was the result?
5. Has anything **changed in this model** since certification?

A supplier with a genuine listing answers all five in one message.

A supplier with a test report answers #1 and changes the subject.

Check it yourself: Product iQ

UL runs a free public database. Three minutes is enough.

- ☐ Search the **file number** (starts with E), or company name, or CCN
- ☐ Confirm the **product category** matches what you are buying
- ☐ Confirm your **model number** appears in the record

- ☐ Check the **status** — active, or inactive for non-payment / failed inspection
- ☐ Note the **factory location** named in the record

Nothing in the results? Then it is not a listing, whatever document you were sent.

If the supplier says the record is confidential, ask them to screenshot Product iQ. It is a public database.

US law: what is actually required

29 CFR 1910.303 requires electrical equipment used in the workplace to be approved by an **OSHA-recognised NRTL**.

- UL, CSA Group, Intertek (ETL), TÜV SÜD and MET are all NRTLs
- Under the NRTL programme their marks carry **equivalent standing**
- NRTLs are accredited **per standard**, not universally — check yours

OSHA's rule covers workplace equipment. Retailers, insurers and platforms often require an NRTL mark regardless. The commercial requirement is frequently stricter than the legal one.

Four ways this goes wrong

1. **A test report presented as a listing** — usually a wording problem, not fraud.
2. **The mark printed without authorisation** — misuse of the mark; the importer carries exposure too.
3. **The record exists but covers another product category** — the CCN must match.
4. **The listing names one factory, production moved** — the factory is part of the scope.

One thing never to do

Do not print the UL mark on the strength of a test report.

That turns a documentation gap into a compliance violation, and it follows the importer as much as the factory.

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