




Electrical Certifications: What you Need to Know

At Docking Drawer we're proud to be the market leader of in-drawer electrical outlets. Offering a full array of solutions, we are committed to charging and powering today's connected lifestyle with innovative solutions. Best of all, every outlet is electrically certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTLs). But we get a lot of questions about what that means. So we're going to explain in plain English the difference between being ETL-listed, UL-listed and Recognized.

Three types of Listings: ETL-listed, UL-listed and Recognized

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Certification	Listed (This is the Electrical Listing mark that Docking Drawer uses)	Listed	Recognized
Country	US and Canada	US and Canada	US and Canada
Definition	<p>The product in question meets industry and safety standards and has passed the UL's full battery of tests. Products that are certified to safety-related standards have been evaluated with regard to all reasonably foreseeable safety-related hazards; including fire, electrical shock, and mechanical hazards.</p> <p>Because "ETL" or "UL listed" status has more restrictions and is harder to achieve than "UL Recognized" status, many products not expected to be used in harsh environments are not subject to this expensive testing.</p>		<p>"UL Recognized" usually applies to components that meet applicable industry standards. In some situations, specific types of components may be incomplete in construction or restricted in performance capabilities. These components are "Recognized" and may be suitable for factory installation on other equipment, where the limitations of use are known to the manufacturer and where their use within such limitations may be investigated by UL.</p> <p>Using UL Recognized components makes it easier for a product to achieve and maintain UL Recognized approval.</p>
Liability	Installing Listed solutions means that the MANUFACTURER accepts responsibility for the in-drawer outlets intended use.		Installing Recognized solutions means the SPECIFIER and INSTALLER assume the responsibility for the in-drawer outlets intended use. Know your risk.

In short, "ETL Listed" and "UL Listed" tend to be for complete devices which are ready to be purchased and installed wherever they need to be, and are more difficult and expensive to obtain than "UL Recognized". "UL Recognized" is more for specific subcomponents used to create a product or device, is easier and less expensive to obtain than "Listed", and using these parts makes it easier for your end product to attain "UL Listing".