

CSA Marks, Programs and Recognition



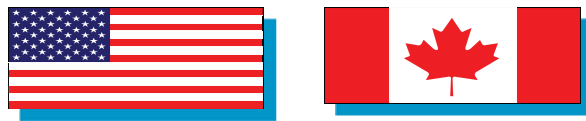
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Certification Marks

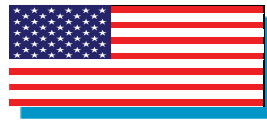
CSA Group ***certification marks*** are recognized throughout the world on many common household items, as well as commercial equipment.



PRODUCT TESTED TO
CANADIAN & US
STANDARDS



PRODUCT TESTED TO
US STANDARDS



PRODUCT TESTED TO
CANADIAN
STANDARDS



- The **CSA Blue Star (U.S.)** and the **CSA Blue Flame (Canada)** indicate the product is certified to applicable standards for appliances using natural gas or other petroleum fuels.
- If a gas product has electrical features, the mark also indicates compliance to the applicable electrical standard(s).



- The **CSA Sustainability Mark** indicates the product has met the environmental performance requirements for product specific sustainability standards.
- Lifecycle approach in key sustainability areas including energy & water consumption, materials, manufacturing, performance and end-of-life.
- Standards developed by **CSA Group, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), and UL Environment.**
- Currently refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers – more to come.



- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - *Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)*
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) - *SDO*
- *Regulatory Organizations - recognized and/or accredited by various organizations such as FCC, IAS, IECEE, ICBO, IAPMO, NIST/NVLAP, and AMECA*
- Standards Council of Canada (SCC) – *Testing & Certification, SDO*
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - *3rd Party Qualification & Verification*



- **Certified** means that a product has been tested and certified to a standard, is listed in the NRTL's registry of certified products and bears the NRTL's mark. It also means that manufacturers can produce multiple numbers of the certified product for use in any location.

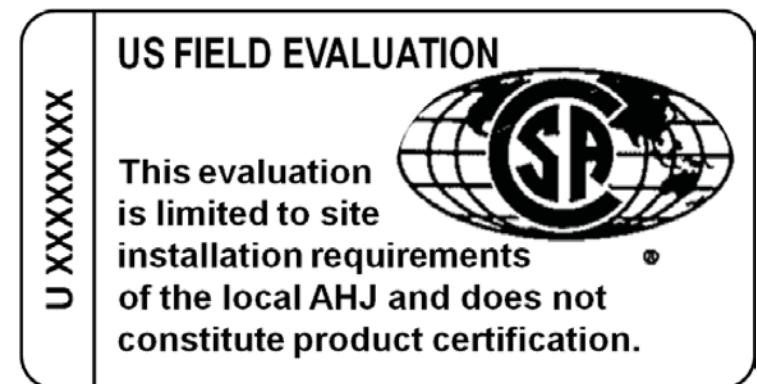


- **Field Certified** meets the same requirements as “Certified”, however the testing is conducted and witnessed at a location other than a CSA laboratory.



Field Evaluation Program

- CSA offers a program for products that are unique or produced in limited quantities.
- Products are evaluated to nationally recognized standards with site specific variances accepted by AHJs.
- Products are eligible to display an applicable CSA Field Evaluation Label, which is valid for a specific location only.
- Field Evaluation is a safety evaluation, NOT a certification program.
- This program helps AHJs in identifying products that meet accepted safety criteria.



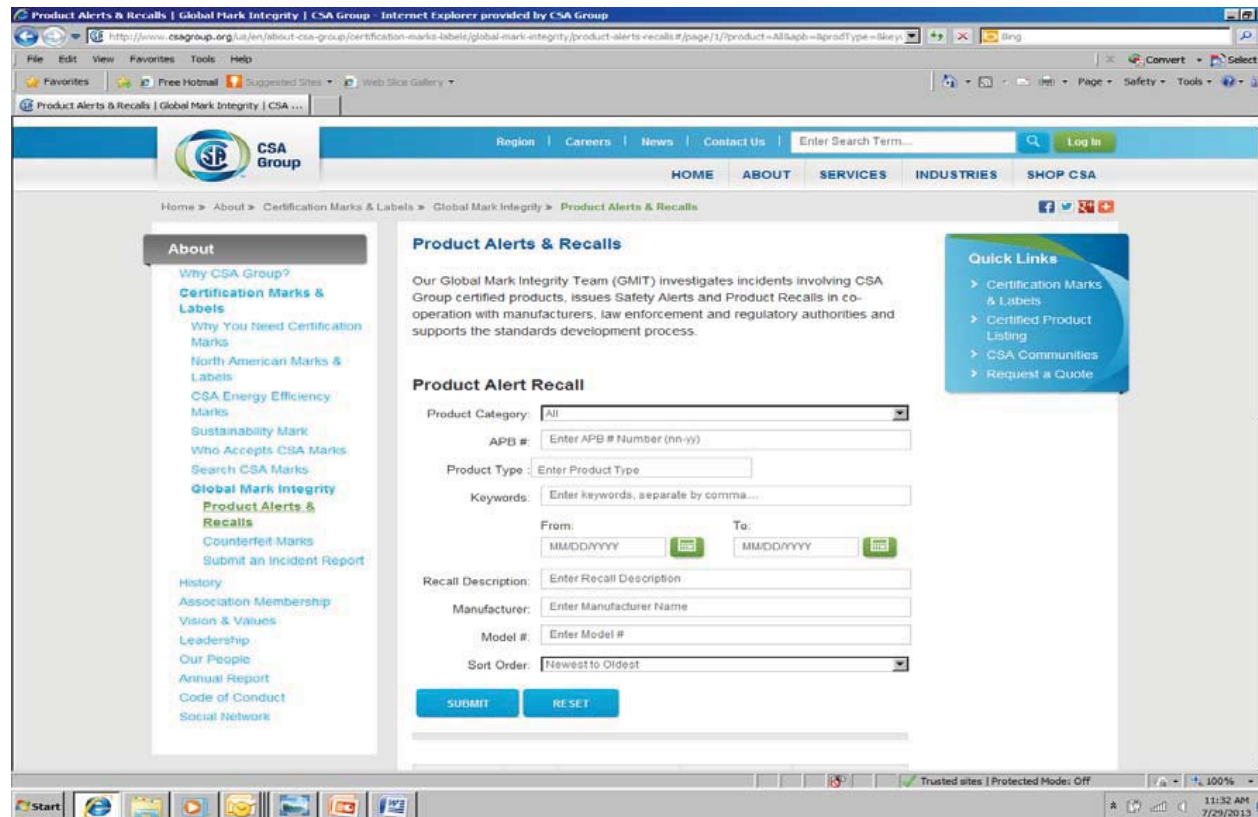
CSA provides third-party verification services for **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** programs:

- **ENERGY STAR®** - verifies compliance with EPA energy efficiency specifications for appliances, water heaters, commercial food service equipment, lighting, HVAC, consumer electronics, IT equipment, etc.
- **WaterSense®** - verifies compliance with EPA specifications for water-efficient products including kitchen and lavatory faucets, shower heads and water closets.



CSA Group's **Global Mark Integrity Team:**

- Investigates incidents involving CSA certified products.
- Issues product recalls and safety notices in cooperation with manufacturers.



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Product Alerts & Recalls

Our Global Mark Integrity Team (GMIT) investigates incidents involving CSA Group certified products, issues Safety Alerts and Product Recalls in cooperation with manufacturers, law enforcement and regulatory authorities and supports the standards development process.

Product Alert Recall

Product Category: All

APB #: Enter APB # Number (nn-yy)

Product Type: Enter Product Type

Keywords: Enter keywords, separate by comma...

From: MM/DD/YYYY To: MM/DD/YYYY

Recall Description: Enter Recall Description

Manufacturer: Enter Manufacturer Name

Model #: Enter Model #

Sort Order: Newest to Oldest

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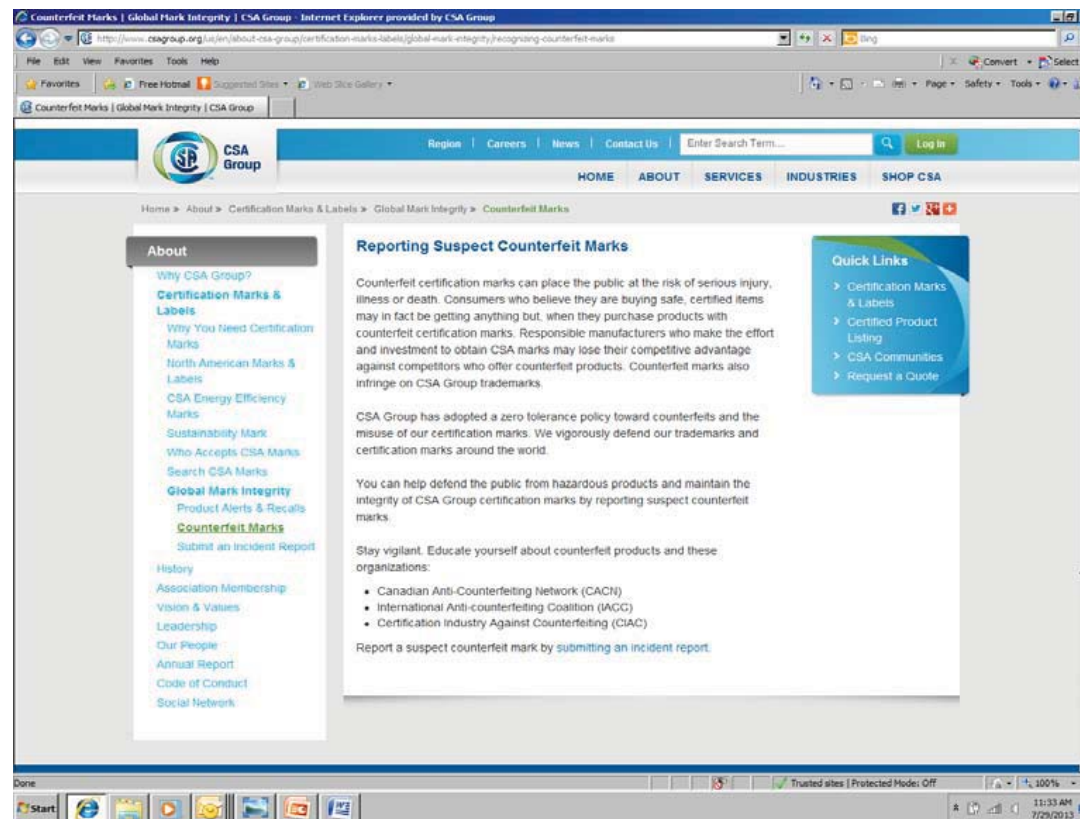
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- Works with AHJs, law enforcement and U.S. Customs to combat unauthorized use of the CSA certification marks.

Counterfeit certification marks deceive buyers into purchasing untested products that could cause serious injury, illness or death.



Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs)



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- **Nationally Recognized Test Laboratories (NRTLs)** are independent, third-party organizations accredited and recognized by various government or national organizations to provide testing to national standards.
- Examples of organizations that accredit and recognize NRTLs are **OSHA**, **ANSI** and **SCC**.
- The NRTL Program operated by **OSHA** seeks to ensure products are safe for use in the U.S. workplace.
- OSHA's recognition of a NRTL is an acknowledgement of the organization's ability to perform product safety and testing within scope.

<http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl>

- NRTLs are contracted by manufacturers **to test** products **and certify** that they meet the applicable standards.
- Once a product is certified, the manufacturer is licensed to use the **appropriate certification mark** on the product.
- The product is then publicly **listed** by the laboratory.



CSA Certified Product Listings



The screenshot shows the website interface for CSA Group's Certified Product Listing. The browser window title is "Certified Product Listing | Testing & Certification | CSA Group - Internet Explorer provided by CSA Group". The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.csagroup.org/us/en/services/testing-and-certification/certified-product-listing?keywords=#/page/1/?keywords=&industry=&manufacturer=&country=&file>. The website header includes the CSA Group logo, navigation links (Region, Careers, News, Contact Us), a search bar, and a "Log In" button. Below the header is a main navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, SERVICES, INDUSTRIES, and SHOP CSA. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home » Services » Testing & Certification » Certified Product Listing. A large graphic of the CSA US logo is centered on the page. To the right is a "Quick Links" sidebar with links to Certification Marks & Labels, Certified Product Listing, CSA Communities, and Request a Quote. The main content area is titled "Certified Product Listing" and explains that every product with a CSA mark is listed in the CPL. It provides search criteria: Product type, Industry, Manufacturer name or location, and Certification record information. A search form is located at the bottom with fields for "Keyword" and "Search Industry". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, Internet Explorer, and other applications, with the system clock displaying 11:28 AM on 7/29/2013.

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Certified Product Listing

Every product that bears a CSA mark is listed in the CSA Group Certified Product Listing (CPL). You can determine if a product has been certified by CSA Group by searching below.

You can search the CPL by:

- Product type (using the keyword function)
- Industry
- Manufacturer name or location
- Certification record information (file number, class number or class description)

The CPL is updated daily as products are certified by CSA Group.

Search for Certified Product Listings

Keyword:

Search Industry:

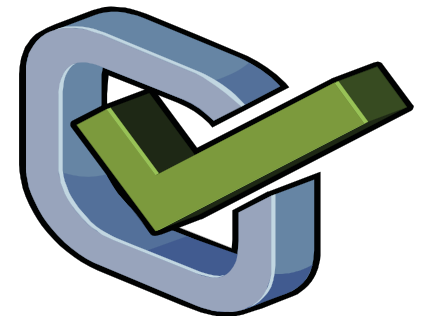
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- Any NRTL can be accredited to test products against the same sets of standards, **regardless of who published them.**
- The certification mark of the NRTL that **tested** it will appear on the product, **not** the mark of the organization that **wrote the standard.**
- If a standard is **referenced in code**, it does **not** mean that the organization who wrote the standard has to test and certify the product.
- No code should ever state that a product has to be “listed by CSA” or “listed by UL”. It should state “listed by a National Recognized Testing Laboratory”.

- All NRTLs conduct an **initial evaluation** of the factory where the product is manufactured to determine quality procedures and good manufacturing practices are followed.
- These inspections ensure that in the event of a quality or safety problem, the manufacturer has processes in place to issue a product recall.
- NRTLs conduct periodic **follow-up inspections** to ensure certified products remain in compliance with applicable standards.

- Because multiple NRTLs are accredited or recognized to test and certify various types of products, **manufacturers** have the **freedom and flexibility** to select an accredited or recognized NRTL for a certification project.
- Since different NRTLs test and evaluate similar products against the same standards, **retail buyers** can select products based on **brand, price, and quality** rather than who did the testing evaluation.



- CSA tests and certifies products for **use in the U.S.** as well as Canada and other parts of the world
- CSA is an **OSHA recognized NRTL.**
- CSA tests and certifies products to standards other than its own, i.e. ANSI, ASTM, IAPMO, IEC, NSF, UL, etc.
- CSA tests and certifies products in many different product areas, not just gas appliances



- CSA focuses on the **integrity of its marks** and the **prevention of counterfeiting**.
- CSA has long-standing relationships with International Code Council (**ICC**), International Association of Electrical Inspectors (**IAEI**), International Electrotechnical Commission (**IEC**) and many other industry and trade associations.
- CSA has **Mark Awareness** staff based at its U.S. headquarters in Cleveland, OH.
- CSA has a dedicated e-mail for questions:
regulator.relations@csagroup.org



- Mark Awareness staff travel to trade association events throughout the U.S. to educate building and fire officials on the meaning of the CSA mark and the testing that comes before the mark goes on the product.



- Mark Awareness staff will provide training to any group or organization that is interested in learning about the standards and certification process.

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