



Oversight and Regulatory Agencies

ABYC – American Boat and Yacht Council; created as a non-profit organization to develop safety standards for the design, construction, equipage, repair and maintenance of boats. The mission of ABYC is to improve boating safety and reduce the number of injuries and fatalities.

AED – Association of Equipment Distributors; an international trade association representing companies involved in the distribution, rental and support of equipment used in construction, mining, forestry, power generation, agriculture and industrial applications.

AMI – Association of Marina Industries; a nonprofit membership organization dedicated exclusively to the marina industry. Today, AMI is responsible for the International Marina Institute (IMI), including the internationally acclaimed Certified Marina Manager (CMM) program and small topic-specific conferences, plus the annual International Marina & Boatyard Conference (IMBC).

ANCE - National Association of Normalization and Certification of the Electrical Sector; a team of people specialized in the range of activities to ensure the quality and safety of products and services in Mexico. ANCE offers certification of products in such sectors as industry, electric and gas, agri-food, verification of commercial information and for fire extinguishers recharge centers; certification of management systems, laboratory tests; verification of food and beverages; as well as of Christmas trees and lumber; and offers national and international technical assistance and training.

ANSI – American National Standard Institute; facilitates the development of American National Standards (ANS) by accrediting the procedures of standards developing organizations (SDOs). Accrediting by ANSI signifies that the procedures used by the standards body in connection with the development of American National Standards meet the Institute’s essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus, and due process.

APSP – Association of Pool and Spa Professionals; the world’s oldest and largest association representing swimming pool, hot tub, and spa manufacturers, manufacturers’ agents, builders, distributors, installers, retailers, and service technicians. Dedicated to the growth and development of its members’ businesses and to promoting the enjoyment and safety of pools and spas.

ARA – American Rental Association; member directed organization, dependent upon a close working relationship between the membership and association.

CEC – Canadian Electric Code; provides the signature standards for addressing shock and fire hazards of electrical products in Canada.

CEMRA – Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Representative Association; a trade association of independent sales representatives in the electrical industry (manufacturers’ representatives). CEMRA is the Canadian equivalent to NEMRA (the National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association), and is therefore closely linked to this organization.

CETA – Cleaning Equipment Trade Association; is dedicated to increasing the awareness and promotion of our products. We must have impact on preserving our environment and our opportunity to do business within it, while influencing the regulations that govern our products and processes. We must provide the educational opportunity to increase integrity, professionalism and profitability within our industry.

CPSC – Consumer Product Safety Commission; is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction.

CSA – Canadian Standards Association; a nonprofit association serving business, industry, government and consumers in Canada and develops standards for electrical products that parallel UL standards in many aspects but are not always identical. CSA tests products and grants paying clients “certification” that their products meet CSA standards.

CSDA - promote the use of professional specialty sawing and drilling contractors and their methods. In support of this goal, our Code of Ethics demands that we pursue the highest standards of safety, quality and integrity.



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cUL – Underwriters Laboratories Listing to Canadian Standards; develops safety and performance standards and specifications that apply to products concerning fire, life safety and security, crime prevention, energy efficiency, environmental safety and security of assets and facilities.

ECOC – Electrical Contractors of Canada; a federation of provincial and territorial electrical contractor groups and undertakes to represent electrical contractors at the national level.

EGSA – Electrical Generating Systems Association; the world’s largest organization exclusively dedicated to On-Site Power Generation. The Association is comprised of over 750 companies—Manufacturers, Distributor/Dealers, Contractors/Integrators, Manufacturer’s Representatives, Consulting & Specifying Engineers, Service firms, End-Users and others—throughout the U.S. and around the world that make, sell, distribute and use On-Site Power generation technology and equipment, including generators, engines, switchgear, controls, voltage regulators, governors and much more.

EPRI – Electric Power Research Institute; research, development and demonstration programs address several strategic challenges that the electricity industry faces in ensuring clean, affordable and reliable electricity for current and future generations.

ETL – Edison Testing Laboratory; a division of Intertek Group plc (LSE: ITRK) specialising in electrical product safety testing, EMC testing, and benchmark performance testing. ETL SEMKO operates more than 30 offices and laboratories on six continents.

FM – Factory Mutual; provides comprehensive global commercial and industrial property insurance, engineering-driven underwriting and risk management solutions, groundbreaking property loss prevention research and prompt, professional claims handling.

IAEI – International Association of Electrical Inspectors; a membership driven, non-profit association promoting electrical safety throughout the industry by providing premier education, certification of inspectors, advocacy, partnerships and expert leadership in Electrical Codes and Standards development.

IDA – Industrial Distributor Association; the oldest and largest trade association for general line and specialty industrial distributors.

IEC – International Electrotechnical Commission; the world’s leading organization for the preparation and publication of International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies, known collectively as “electrotechnology”.

IECA – Independent Electrical Contractors Association; a national trade association for merit shop electrical and systems contractors.

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers; the world’s largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.

ISA – International Sign Association; devoted to supporting, promoting and improving the sign industry through government advocacy, education and training programs, technical resources, stakeholder outreach and industry networking events.

NAED – National Association of Electrical Distributors; a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving and protecting the electrical distribution channel.

NAW – National Association of Wholesalers; works to influence public policy, conduct research, and provide group purchasing programs

NEC – National Electric Code; a regionally adoptable standard for the safe installation of electrical wiring and equipment in the United States.

NECA – National Electrical Contractor Association; a dynamic national organization serving the management interests of the entire electrical contracting industry.



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NEMA – National Electrical Manufacturers Association; provides a forum for the development of technical standards that are in the best interests of the industry and users, advocacy of industry policies on legislative and regulatory matters, and collection, analysis, and dissemination of industry data.

NEMRA – National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association; works to support and advance the development of the professional independent electrical manufacturers' representative, and offer resources to deal with the dynamics of an ever changing marketplace.

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association; an international nonprofit organization established in 1896 to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

NRTL – Nationally Recognized (by OSHA) Testing Laboratory; determines that specific equipment and materials ("products") meet consensus-based standards of safety to provide the assurance, required by OSHA, that these products are safe for use in the U.S. workplace.

NVA – National Vending Association; provide advice and assistance to its members and prospective vendors. Members receive education and support so that they are better equipped to maximize returns from their vending services.

OSHA – Occupations Safety and Health Act; specifically, the Williams-Steiger Law passed in 1970 covering all factors relating to safety in places of employment.

PLASA – Professional Lighting and Sound Association; the lead international membership body for those who supply technologies and services to the event, entertainment and installation industries. As a pro-active trade association, it looks after the interests of its members and seeks to influence business practices and skills development across the industry.

SAE – Society of Automotive Engineers; a non-profit international organization of scientists, engineers, and practitioners that advances self-propelled vehicle and system knowledge in a neutral forum for the benefit of society.

SEDA – Safety Equipment Distributor Association; the trade association comprised of companies that distribute safety equipment and related products and services.

SME – Society of Manufacturing Engineers; connects manufacturing practitioners to each other, to the latest technologies and to the most up-to-date manufacturing processes.

STAFDA – Specialty Tool and Fastener Distribution Association; a not-for-profit educational trade association comprised of distributors, manufacturers, and rep agents of light construction, industrial, and related products.

U.L. – Underwriters Laboratories, a non-profit independent organization that operates a listing service for electrical and electronic materials and equipment.