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Re: Circle I Compliant Lampholders

The 13th edition of the UL Standard 496 for Lampholders contained an additional requirement “Supplement SD – Lampholder for Instant-Start Fluorescent Lamps.” Within this supplement new material, mechanical and marking requirements for lampholders to be used in systems employing instant-start ballasts are described. As the marking indicating a product’s compliance is the letter “I” within a circle, the requirement has been named “Circle I.” The latest addition of the UL Standard 1598 for Luminaires requires the use of Circle I compliant lampholders for instant-start systems starting September 17, 2010.

In a response, Vossloh-Schwabe has made modifications, where needed, to its medium bi-pin product line to comply with the latest UL regulation. As of this date, all internally shunted T8/T12 lampholders are being manufactured with the Circle I symbol molded or printed on the body of each item.

As these products filter through the supply chain, our customers will begin to see the new lampholders as soon as the end of May 2010. The catalog numbers for the great majority of the product will not change. Some internally shunted lampholders will be replaced by products from our new rotor-click series. Sales managers will contact customers individually when samples of the new series are available.

Lampholders other than medium bi-pin T8/T12 internally-shunted types may not comply.

Sincerely,



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