

UL/ULC 1390 ADVISORY NOTICE

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What is UL/ULC 1390?

UL/ULC 1390 *Solid Fuel Fireplace Inserts and Hearth-Mounted Stoves for Installation into Masonry Fireplaces* is bi-national appliance safety standard which was originally published in November, 2024. It is only used by appliance manufacturers and certification agencies to test and certify (list) these types of solid-fuel appliances when specifically installed into an existing masonry fireplace.

It should be noted that UL/ULC 1391 *Solid Fuel Fireplace Inserts and Hearth-Mounted Stoves for Installation into Factory-Built Fireplaces* is not yet published.

UL/ULC 1390 is not a field inspection standard. It does not change existing building codes. It does not apply to, or affect freestanding solid-fuel stoves.

**Importantly, UL/ULC 1390 is currently being revised,
which will delay appliances from being listed to the standard.**

How are UL1482 listed appliances affected?

UL 1482 *Solid-Fuel Type Room Heaters* is the standard that covers freestanding solid-fuel (wood) stoves. UL 1482 has also been used to test and certify inserts and hearth-mounted stoves, since a dedicated US standard did not exist before UL/ULC 1390. Eventually, manufacturers, test labs, and certification agencies will update their listings to be UL/ULC 1390, but currently most inserts are listed to UL 1482.

Going forward, UL 1482 *Solid-Fuel Type Room Heaters* will continue to cover freestanding wood stoves.

If an insert or hearth-mounted stove currently has a UL 1482 listing, it can still be sold, installed, and used by the consumer. There is NO need to request or require a UL/ULC 1390 listed appliance instead of a UL 1482 listed appliance. This is essentially a rolling change to a new standard, but there isn't anything wrong with existing listed appliances. The change should be nearly seamless for retailers, installers, and consumers.

How the new standard will affect you:

If you are a manufacturer:

- ▶ Freestanding wood stoves will continue to be listed to UL 1482
- ▶ New inserts and hearth-mounted stoves will eventually be listed to UL/ULC 1390
- ▶ Current insert or hearth-mounted stove models listed to UL 1482 will eventually need to update their listing to UL/ULC 1390

If you are a distributor:

Nothing changes. Inventory you have can still be sold. Any updates to appliance listings will be rolling changes.

If you are a retailer:

Current inventory you have can still be sold, installed, and used. Any difference that may occur due to a new listing will be reflected in the installation instructions. As always: follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

If you are a installer:

Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions. You may be required to pre-inspect the existing masonry fireplace, and perform necessary repairs. Performing pre-inspections, repairing any fireplace deficiencies, and using a full liner are all good practices, regardless of the appliance listing.

If you are a building inspector:

There is effectively no difference between an appliance listed to UL 1482 and an appliance listed to UL/ULC 1390 from a code compliance standpoint, as long as they are both installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions that apply to that appliance.

In Canada:

Currently, solid-fuel inserts for masonry fireplaces are listed to ULC S628. Eventually, these same inserts will be listed to UL/ULC 1390. However, ULC S628 is cited in the National Building Code of Canada (NBC), so until the code is changed, ULC S628 listed appliances are completely acceptable to be installed.

Key Takeaway:

While the standards covering solid-fuel inserts and hearth-mounted stoves are changing, current appliances can still be sold, installed, and used. Appliances listed to UL 1482 can still be installed as inserts or hearth mounted stoves as long as the manufacturer's instructions show that they can be installed in that manner. Eventually, inserts and hearth-mounted stoves will have a UL/ULC 1390 listing. Freestanding wood stoves will continue to be listed to UL 1482.



The critical rule still applies:



Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions, regardless of which standard the appliance is listed.