

EXIT SIGNS EVALUATED TO UL924 Recent Code Changes

In August 2007, ICC published supplements to the 2006 editions of their IBC and IFC model codes. These updates in the codes are a direct result of changes approved by the voting membership of the ICC at the conclusion of the 2006/2007 Code Development Cycle.

The ICC now requires all internally illuminated exit signs- electrical (LED, fluorescent and incandescent), self-luminous (radioluminescent or tritium powered) and photoluminescent- to be listed according to the same UL924 performance standard. Prior to this revision, there was no performance standard specified by the codes.



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EXCERPT FROM THE 2007 SUPPLEMENT

Section 1011.4 Change to read as shown: (E82-06/07, E83-06/07)

1011.4 Internally illuminated exit signs. Electrically powered, self-luminous and photoluminescent exit signs shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 924 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and Section 2702. Exit signs shall be illuminated at all times.

NFPA, since the 2003 Edition of the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101), Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1) and Building Construction and Safety Code (NFPA 5000), has required all internally illuminated exit signs to be listed in accordance with the UL924 performance standard. The language is the same in the 2006 Edition of these model codes.



NFPA 1[®]: Uniform Fire Code[®], 2003 Edition[®] NFPA 101[®]: Life Safety Code[®], 2003 Edition[®] NFPA 5000[®]: Building Construction and Safety Code[®], 2003 Edition[®]

7.10.7.1 Listing. Internally illuminated signs shall be listed in accordance with UL924, *Standard for Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment*, unless they meet one of the following criteria:

(1) They are approved existing signs.

(2) They are existing signs having the required wording in legible letters not less than 4 in. (100 mm) high.

(3) They are signs that are in accordance with 7.10.1.3 (Exit Door Tactile Signage) and 7.10.1.6 (Floor Proximity Exit Signs).

(NFPA 5000: 11.10.7.1

NFPA 1: 14.14.6.4.1)

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