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Second Edition CAN/ULC-S552-14

STANDARD FOR INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SMOKE ALARMS

ULC is pleased to announce the publication of the Second Edition of CAN/ULC-S552-14, Standard for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Smoke Alarms. This National Standard of Canada has been approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Equipment and Systems, and has been published under the date of February 2014.

CAN/ULC-S552 provides requirements for the inspection, testing and maintenance of smoke alarms that are powered by batteries or by permanent connections to electrical circuits and installed within dwelling units as well as within sleeping rooms or areas that are not part of dwelling units.

Revisions to this Edition of the Standard include:

1. New Glossary definitions for new terms in the standard, such as care occupancy, heat alarm and accessory devices;
2. New section on smoke alarm testing and testers, giving direction to make sure the testers are qualified;
3. New section on documentation including an informative appendix note with a suggested form for record keeping;
4. Revisions to daily, monthly and annual testing guidelines;
5. New guidelines for replacement and disposal of smoke alarms;
6. Expanded appendices and
7. Updated figures.

CAN/ULC-S552 is currently referenced in the National Building and Fire Codes of Canada.

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It is recommended that users obtain CAN/ULC-S552 together with its twin document CAN/ULC-S553-14, Standard for Installation of Smoke Alarms. These standards can be purchased individually for CAD\$ 204 (hardcopy) / CAD \$170 (PDF format) or, as a set for CAD \$ 324 (hardcopy) / CAD \$ 270 (PDF format), through our website at www.ulc.ca and by selecting the link to *ULC Standards*. Once on the ULC Standards homepage, select *Sales of ULC Standards Materials* for further details.

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