

---

**Electrical Distribution Safety**

**DISTRIBUTION COMPANY AWARENESS:**

ESA has released the attached Product Safety Alert based on the Underwriters Laboratories “UL Warns of Ground Rods with unauthorized UL Marks”. LDCs may have the following product as part of their inventory.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Information requests and follow-up may be directed to ESA at [Utility.Regulations@ElectricalSafety.on.ca](mailto:Utility.Regulations@ElectricalSafety.on.ca). The UL link can be found at [http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/corporate/newsroom/publicnotices/newsitem.jsp?cpath=%2Fglobal%2Feng%2Fcontent%2Fcorporate%2Fnewsroom%2Fpublicnotices%2Fdata%2Ful-warns-of-ground-rods-with-unauthorized-ul\\_20110414085700.xml](http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/corporate/newsroom/publicnotices/newsitem.jsp?cpath=%2Fglobal%2Feng%2Fcontent%2Fcorporate%2Fnewsroom%2Fpublicnotices%2Fdata%2Ful-warns-of-ground-rods-with-unauthorized-ul_20110414085700.xml). For questions to ESA on this bulletin please be prepared to quote Bulletin “DSB-03/11”.

---

April 18, 2011



## Product Safety Alert

### UL Warns of Ground Rods with unauthorized UL Marks

**Northbrook, Ill., USA - April 14, 2011:** Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is notifying Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), electrical contractors, electricians and retailers that the ground rods identified below bear unauthorized UL Marks for the U.S. and Canada. These products have not been evaluated by UL to the applicable Standard for Safety for the U.S. and Canada and are not authorized to bear the UL Mark.

**Name of Product:** Ground Rod, Model 834 4X41

**Number of Units:** Unknown

**Manufacturer:** Unknown

**Date of Manufacture:** Unknown

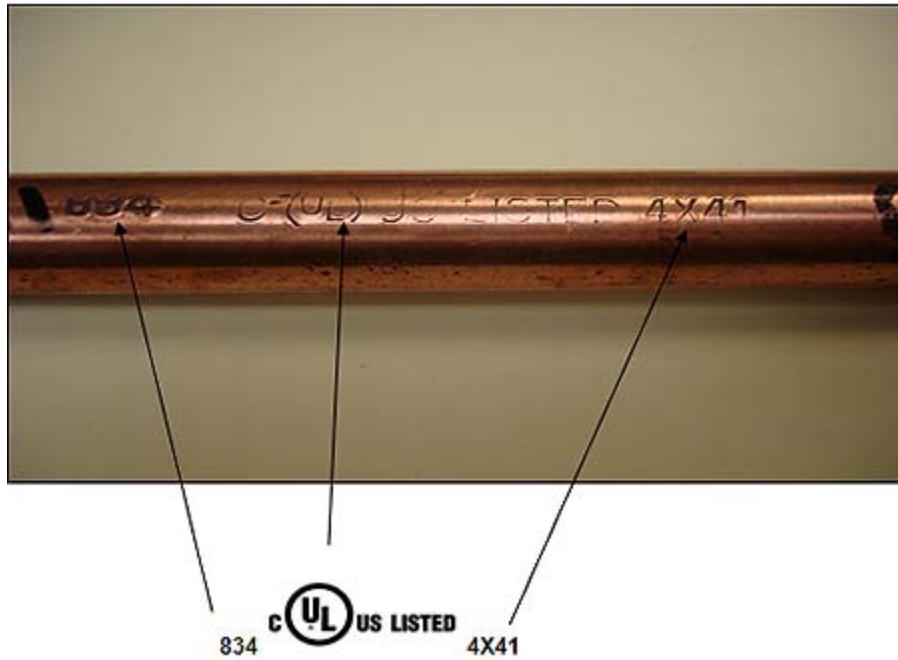
**Defect:** The thickness of the copper plating for these ground rods does not comply with U.S. and Canadian Standards for Safety. It is unknown whether the ground rods are suitable to ensure an adequate ground path.

**Identification:** The ground rods are 3/4 inch in diameter and eight feet long. The ground rods are marked on one end of the rod with the following information:



April 18, 2011

Photos of the Ground Rod:



**Distributed By:** The ground rods may have been sold by electrical distributors throughout the United States.