

UL Modular Burglar Alarm Certificate Program

The purpose of the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) Modular Burglar Alarm Certificate Program is to provide to the protected property owner or tenant certification that his premises is protected by a burglar alarm system which meets UL requirements for equipment, installation, operation, and maintenance.

UL issues four modular certificates covering four categories of commercial burglar alarm service: Central Station, Mercantile, Bank, and Proprietary. Certificates issued under these categories will detail the services actually provided. For example, a Central Station Certificate will detail the runner (alarm investigator) response time to the nearest 5 minute increment, how many runners will arrive, whether they have keys, and whether line security is used.

The following is an overview of the modules of protection, as well as additional specifics, for each modular type certificate.

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1. Central Station Burglar Alarm Systems (CPVX)

A Central Station System is one in which the operation of electrical protection circuits and devices are signaled automatically to, recorded in, maintained, and supervised from a central station having trained operators and runners (alarm investigators) in attendance at all times. System arming and disarming is supervised by the Central Station.

The Central Station certificate displays the following information:

2. System description

Type of system—premise, stockroom, safe, vault, night depository, automatic teller machine (ATM), holdup.

Extent of Protection – 1, 2, 3, 4; complete or partial.

Area Covered – Text that clarifies exactly what is protected by system.

Alarm Sounding Device – none, inside, outside, or inside and outside.

3. Remote monitoring

Monitoring Location – address of the monitoring station.

For extent 4 systems with no investigator response – the party notified in case of alarm may be law enforcement, subscriber, or subscriber's agent.

Primary Signal Transmission Method.

Secondary Transmission Method (if used).

UL - Listed Alarm Transport Company (if used).

Line Security Employed – none, standard (equivalent to the retiring grade AA, BB, CC), encryption (uses listed equipment marked encryption).



4. Alarm investigator

Investigator Response Time – in 5 minute increments.
Investigator Team – number of runners, with or without keys,
with or without law enforcement.

5. Control and transmitter units

Manufacturer's name and model numbers.

6. Mercantile Burglar Alarm Systems (CVSG)

A Mercantile System is one in which the operation of electrical protection circuits and devices activates an alarm sounding device inside and/or outside of the protected premises; may or may not transmit a signal off premises. Operation is primarily under the control of the owner, or others interested in the protected property.

The Mercantile Certificate displays the following information:

7. System description

Same information as central station certificate (type of system, extent of protection, area covered, and alarm sounding device).

8. Remote monitoring

Same information as Central Station, plus:
Name of monitoring entity (if monitoring provided), and party notified in case of alarm.

9. Control and transmitter units

Manufacturer's name and model numbers.

10. Bank Burglar Alarm Systems (CVSG)

A Bank Alarm System is one in which the operation of protection circuits and devices of a bank safe, vault, ATM or night depository activates an alarm inside and-or outside of the protected premises; may or may not transmit a signal off premises. Operation of the system is primarily under the control of the owner or others interested in the protected property.

The Bank Certificate displays the following information:

11. System description

Same information as Central Station Certificate (type of system, extent of protection, area covered, alarm sounding device)

12. Remote monitoring

Same information as the Mercantile Certificate (monitoring entity, if monitoring provided), party notified in case of alarm, primary signal transmission method, secondary transmission method (if used), UL-listed alarm transport company (if used), line security employed.

13. Control and transmitter units

Manufacturer's name and model numbers.

14. Proprietary Burglar Alarm Systems (CVWX)

The Proprietary Burglar Alarm System is one in which alarm initiating circuits and devices are installed at a property and connected directly or indirectly to constantly monitored receiving equipment at a Central Supervising Station. Station is operated by personnel responsible to the owner of the protected property.

The Proprietary Certificate displays the following information:

15. System description

Same as Central Station Certificate (type of system, extent of protection, area covered, alarm sounding device).

16. Remote monitoring

Monitoring entity, primary signal transmission method, secondary transmission method (if used). UL-listed alarm transport company (if used), line security employed.

17. Control and transmitter units

Manufacturer's name and model numbers.

For additional information, contact your local Great American Insurance Loss Prevention Specialist for additional information.

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