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These revisions of ANSI/UL 1088 dated March 21, 2022 include the following changes:

- Addition of Cord Tags Evaluated to CAN/UL 969A; [40.1.1](#) and Annex [A](#)***
- Clarification of Permanence of Cord Tag Test Conditioning; [40.2.3](#)***

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Preface

This is the common UL and ULC Standard for Temporary Lighting Strings. It is the First edition of CAN/ULC-S1088 and the Seventh edition of ANSI/UL 1088.

This Joint Standard was prepared by Underwriters Laboratories Inc., ULC Standards, and the Technical Committee on Temporary Lighting Strings (TCTLS). The standard was formally approved by the UL/ULC Technical Committee on Temporary Lighting Strings (TCTLS). The efforts and support of the Technical Committee are gratefully acknowledged.

Only metric SI units of measurement are used in this Standard. If a value for measurement is followed by a value in other units in parentheses, the second value may be approximate. The first stated value is the requirement.

In Canada, there are two official languages, English and French. All safety warnings must be in French and English. Attention is drawn to the possibility that some Canadian authorities may require additional markings and/or installation instructions to be in both official languages.

Annex [A](#) and Annex [B](#), both identified as normative, form a mandatory part of this Standard.

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