

Subject 1278

June 29, 2018

SUMMARY OF TOPICS

The following changes in requirements to the Standard for Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters, UL 1278, are being proposed:

1. Section 2, General, is proposed to be revised to add a requirement stating that the heater shall not be capable of moving autonomously or via remote control from the location in which it is manually placed by the user.

STP BALLOTS AND ALL COMMENTS DUE: July 30, 2018

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RATIONALE

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The requirements for Movable (and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung) Electric Room Heaters were developed with the expectation that movement from place-to-place (e.g. room-to-room, desktop-to-floor) would be effected manually by the user, with the user choosing the location of use taking into account the use environment. However, as the technology for remote and/or autonomous operation advances, it can be anticipated that such technology will be extended to additional appliances. This could lead to potential design(s) for a heater to relocate on its own or via some form of remote control and then operate at the new location. Since the requirements do not currently anticipate this functionality and should not be applied without due consideration, it is proposed that a heater not be capable of such functionality. This is also consistent with SE2.8 for remotely operated heating appliances.



PROPOSAL

2.1.2 The requirements of this standard are based upon operation of a heater where it is manually placed by the user. The heater shall not be capable of moving autonomously or via remote control from the location in which it is manually placed by the user.

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