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**Universal Lighting Technologies Introduces
New HomeStar™ Ballasts**

Designed for Residential Applications

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 30, 2002) — Universal Lighting Technologies, a leading manufacturer of electronic and magnetic ballasts, introduces the new HomeStar™ ballasts designed for residential applications.

The design of the HomeStar ballasts takes advantage of new component technology to bring the user a smaller lighter weight ballast with improved operating efficiency that complies with the FCC consumer regulations for residential applications.

The new ballasts features parallel lamp operation, which means when one lamp fails, the others remain lit. The ballasts are available in 2- and 4-lamp models and operate F32T8 lamps down to zero degrees Fahrenheit starting temperatures, which is suitable for garage installations in most regions of the country. The HomeStar ballasts also features instant start technology, which ignites lamps immediately without any delay during turn-on and are available for 120-volt applications. An "A" sound rating for these ballasts ensures quiet operation.

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“HomeStar’s high operating efficiency make it the ideal ballasts for residential applications,” explains Mark Timbario, product manager of electronic products.

For more information about the new HomeStar low profile ballasts or other Universal Lighting Technologies products, fax your request to (615) 316-5146 or visit the Web site at www.universalballast.com.

Universal Lighting Technologies Inc., based in Nashville, Tenn., has offered the most innovative selection of lighting ballasts for more than 50 years. With operations and distribution worldwide, the products of Universal Lighting Technologies are marketed under the Universal® and Triad® brand names.

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Photo description: Universal Lighting Technologies HomeStar low profile ballasts feature a small package and cross section, providing fixture design flexibility, and comply with FCC consumer regulations for residential applications.