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Universal Lighting Technologies AC Direct T8 LED Tubes Feature Dual-Ended Connections for Simple Installation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Apr. 18, 2017) – Universal Lighting Technologies, Inc., a global leader in commercial lighting and a member of the Panasonic Group, has introduced AC direct (Ballast Bypass) Type B Direct LED Tubes to the market. The tubes feature a dual-ended power connection that eliminates the need to replace lamp holders during installation.

Traditional Ballast Bypass lamps are powered from one lamp holder which in most cases requires the lamp holders to be replaced with non-shunted lamp holders. The dual-ended connection configuration simplifies installation by simply connecting all lamp holders on one end of the fixture to the “hot” lead and the lamp holders on the other end of the fixture to the “neutral” lead. This connection allows for the use of either shunted or non-shunted lamp holders, and does not require socket bars to be removed and rewired.

The new standard series of Direct Wire LED tubes are available with 2200 and 1800 lumen outputs with input powers of 17W and 14W. The Premium series reduces these input power levels to 15W and 12W for greater energy savings and efficacies up to 150 lumens per Watt.

“Today, we are seeing more demand for direct replacement solutions that convert existing fluorescent to LED,” said Greg Bennorth, director of product management for Universal. “Whether the application is simple or sophisticated, the new AC Direct T8 Tubes makes the switch to LED even easier and faster for installers, who can use existing shunted or non-shunted lampholders while bypassing the ballast.”

Universal is a recognized global leader of the shift to LED and is invested in LED product development with North American manufacturing. Universal offers a technical support team to answer questions at 1-800-225-5278. For more information about Universal’s LED products, please visit www.unvlt.com.

About Panasonic Lighting Americas, Inc.

Panasonic Lighting Americas, Inc., a subsidiary of the Panasonic Group, operates Universal Lighting Technologies, Inc. and Douglas Lighting Controls, two market leaders in the industry. Together, Douglas and Universal provide customers with the most advanced lighting controls and LED components available today.

About Universal Lighting Technologies, Inc.

Seventy years ago, Nashville, Tennessee-based Universal Lighting Technologies was founded and became one of the first companies to manufacture fluorescent ballasts. Today, Universal engineers LED solutions for commercial lighting applications as well as linear fluorescent, compact fluorescent, HID, and eHID components. The company is regarded across the North American lighting industry as an industry leader through its commitment to innovation, quality and customer service.

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