Category 8 cabling and components have been specified for transmission performance requirements up to 2 GHz for IEEE 802.340GBase-T applications with a maximum length of 30 meters. This next-generation cabling offers four times the bandwidth of standard Category 6A cabling and is fully backward compatible with Category 6A cabling, including RJ45 connectivity.

With the Category 8 (CAT8) standards already published, it is important to have your cable, channel, and permanent links verified to ensure they can meet the high through-put demands of your data centers. With a view to address the needs of end-users, designers and installers looking for next-generation materials, UL has recently offered performance verification for these products.

The new performance verification program which is based on the latest published requirements for CAT 8 in ANSI/TIA-568C.2-1 and IEC/ISO 11801 (IEC 61156-9 and -10) for Cat 8.1 & 8.2 cable, channel, and permanent links encompasses comprehensive follow-up and market surveillance program, as well as UL’s anti-counterfeiting program. It provides a simple solution for end-users and LAN infrastructure and building designers to future-proof their facilities to meet the high demands of tomorrow’s data centers.

To apply for performance verification or for additional information, please visit http://industries.ul.com/wire-and-cable/wire-cable-global-contacts to find a UL representative in your region.