SafeLite® Ceiling Fixture Covers
Fire and Sound Blocking and Thermal Energy Savings
Light Fixtures Come In Varied Shapes and Sizes (also Speakers)

Protection for Can lights, 2’ x 2’, 2’ x 4’, 1’ x 4’, end to end, etc. up to 14” high
Applications For Suspended & Drywall Ceilings
(Typically, penetrations make up 10 - 20% of the ceiling area)

Recessed can lights, fluorescents, speakers, etc. impact ceiling assembly fire rating, sound transmission and energy losses.

**Note:** HVAC diffusers are supplied fire rated as needed
UL / ULC Listings Require Fixture Protection

- All UL fire rated suspended and drywall ceiling listings require recessed fixture protection.
- Items such as recessed light fixtures & speaker high hats must be protected with specified materials.
713.4.1.2 Membrane penetrations. Penetrations of membranes that are part of a horizontal assembly shall comply with Section 713.4.1.1.1 or 713.4.1.1.2. Where floor/ceiling assemblies are required to have a fire-resistance rating, recessed fixtures shall be installed such that the required fire resistance will not be reduced.

Ignorance to CODE does not excuse liability
The only UL Listed fixture enclosure fire tested for up to 3 hours with Listings for: Can lights, 2’ x 2’, 2’ x 4’, 20” x 60” Fixtures (inc. vented) and Speakers
As reported by inspectors and contractors, tile enclosures don’t hold up. Nails offer little holding power in the edge of 5/8” tile or drywall.

Considerable material and labor expense is required to cut, construct and install these fragile covers.

**IMPORTANT:** Installers, Architects and Owners can face liability exposure for assembly failures.
Typ. Industry practice: 2 layers 5/8” rated gyp. attached to steel frame with joints taped etc. and penetrations fire caulked

No UL Listing

* CAUTION: Drywall product limitations state “avoid exposure to sustained temperatures of 125°F Not a good choice for heat producing applications. Heat dries out chemically bound water needed for the fire resistance.
- Typical fluorescent light fixture ballasts operate at 68-70°C (155-160°F) with a typ. maximum of 135°C (275°F).
- Can lights can also generate considerable heat especially in unconditioned ceiling cavity space.
- As shown, field constructed drywall enclosures are subject to variations in construction quality and therefore performance.
- Power cable and suspension wire notches present clear paths for fire if not properly fire caulked.
- Covers are heavy and labor intensive to construct and install.
Typical SafeLite Can Light Application

This fixture required Minimum 3” clearance on all sides. SafeLite was fabricated to comply.

SafeLite installed in a suspended ceiling system for Fire Protection and Acoustics
12A. **Fixture Protection - Luminaires, Luminaire Assemblies and Luminaire Enclosures Classified for Fire Resistance** — (Not Shown) - As an alternate to Item 12, luminaire enclosure kits consisting of pre-cut pieces of faced batts and assembly hardware may be used to form a five-sided rectangular enclosure over NEMA G recessed light fixtures. Luminaire enclosure kit to be installed in accordance with the accompanying installation instructions. When air supply light fixtures with air boots are used, fixtures and air boots shall be fully enclosed except for the opening needed to accommodate connection to air supply duct.

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SafeLite Listings include:
Armstrong / USG / Saint-Gobain / Rockfon and Gypsum Assemblies

Note: Additional Listings Available for Reference

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SafeLite ULC (Canada) Listings
Note: Additional Listings Available for Reference
1, 2 & 3 hour fire rated drywall (Type X) systems include: Floor/Ceiling or Roof/Ceiling assembly materials.
- Higher percent of fire rated drywall ceilings vs rated tile systems

Non fire rated drywall mounted to steel or wood framing (sound blocking and energy savings can be primary concerns)

Recessed fixtures have a significant impact to Gyp. ceiling sound blocking

**Design No. G523**
July 28, 2017
Restrained Assembly Rating — 2 and 3 Hr.

Item 12: SafeLite or FixtureShield
Grid & Tile Ceiling Systems (Armstrong, USG, Saint-Gobain, Rockfon)

- 1, 2 & 3 hour fire rated tile and grid systems include: Floor/Ceiling or Roof/Ceiling assembly materials
- Non fire rated tile and grid (selected on esthetics, NRC / CAC performance.
- CAC (ceiling attenuation class) ceiling sound blocking performance
- Recessed ceiling fixtures (lights, speakers, HVAC diffusers, sprinkler heads impact ceiling CAC performance

Item 14. Fixture Protection – UL P267
Luminaires, Luminaire Assemblies and Luminaire Enclosures Classified for Fire Resistance*

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Fixture Lamp Types

- Fixture lamps or bulb types are typically not reported in Certified UL assembly details.
- UL designs report recessed fixture: type (light or speaker) and fixture size(s).
- Based on the above, fixture lamp type doesn’t impact as tested fire performance.
- Therefore SafeLite fixture covers can be installed on: Incandescent, Fluorescent, Halogen and LED lamped fixtures.
- The fixture manufacturer identifies if a specific fixture is **IC or Non-IC rated**. This application classification typically lists acceptable fixture lamps.
SafeLite Physical Properties

- Maximum service temperature: 1200F
- Melt Point: > 2000F
- Fire Performance:
  - Non-combustible per ASTM E-136
  - Flame Spread 25, Smoke 0 per ASTM E-84
  - Meets IBC Code requirements for Plenum Applications
- R Value 4.2 per inch per ASTM C-518
  - Effective **R value 5.25 at 1 ¼” thick** (VS bare steel fixtures that readily transfer heating or cooling energy)
- Reduces heating/cooling energy costs
- Acoustical Performance per ASTM C-423
  - NRC 1.00 at 2” thick
  - Sound blocking “CAC” information follows
Ceiling Attenuation Class (CAC)

- CAC is important and controls sound transmission and speech privacy between closed adjacent spaces.

UL listed SafeLite provide documented sound blocking performance.
Ceiling **CAC** Performance

A measure for rating the performance of a ceiling system as a **barrier to airborne sound transmission** through a common plenum between adjacent closed spaces such as offices or classrooms.

**A CAC less than 25 is considered low performance**

Drywall or Suspended Ceiling

Penetrations through the ceiling membrane increase noise transmission to adjacent space and floors above.

**SafeLite has documented sound blocking performance**

Especially important in health care and education environments for speech privacy, speech intelligibility and concentration.
- Armstrong high CAC #1811 Fine Fiss. tile **without light fixtures**, CAC 44

- Above Armstrong #1811 ceiling system w/ 2 – 2’ x 4’ light fixtures, CAC 41

- Armstrong #1811 tile ceiling w/ 2 – 2’ x 4’ fixtures & **SafeLite** covers **CAC 45**

Summary: Just 2 unprotected light fixtures significantly impact a ceiling membrane’s sound blocking performance. More fixtures = greater impact. The 4 db CAC improvement shown with SafeLite is significant. SafeLite restored ceiling sound blocking performance to as if no recessed fixtures were included.

*This documented application performance is critical to noise control and sound proofing efforts.*
Under Section 164.502 of the Federal Register’s Department of Health and Human Services final ruling on Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information it states that:

- “Protected Health Information includes individually identifiable information in any form, including information that is transmitted ORALLY, or in written or electronic form.
- This Privacy Ruling requires that covered health care entities make reasonable efforts to limit the use or disclosure of protected health information to the minimum necessary.”
HIPAA Regulations Impact

- Hospitals
- Physician Offices
- Medical Clinics
- Pharmacies
- Public Health Authorities
- Military Medical Bases
- Life Insurers
- Billing Agencies
- Information System Vendors
- Service Organizations
- Schools
- Employers

Patient Confidentiality
Thermal Images

Uninsulated recessed fixtures represent significant energy loss areas

SafeLite light covers provide an R Value of 5.25 reducing fixture energy losses during heating and cooling seasons

Sheetmetal fixture housings offers no insulation value
All recessed luminaries installed in the building envelope

- **Type IC rated** and sealed with gasket or caulk between housing and interior wall or ceiling covering
- **Type IC rated** and labeled in accordance with ASTM E 283 to allow ≤ 2.0 cfm of air movement from conditioned space to ceiling cavity
- **CODE = Minimum Requirement**
- SafeLite provides enhanced energy savings / reduced green house gas emissions and may qualify for LEED Credits

Note: State Code / Project Spec may allow Non-IC fixtures

Alternate Ref. ASHRAE 90.1
Typical SafeLite Users

- Acoustical ceiling and drywall contractors
- General contractors
- Institutional Facility Maintenance Depts. especially Hospital, Retirement Homes, Universities and Schools
- Electrical / lighting contractors
- A/V specialty contractors
- Firestop contractors
- Modular construction factories
Common SafeLite Applications
(For Fire/Sound Blocking and Energy Savings)

- Hospitals, Medical Facilities, Retirement Homes
- Classrooms, Music rooms
- Office, Restaurants, Mixed Function Space
- Performance Space, Religious Facilities
SafeLite = Labor Savings for Installers

- Installers report 1 or 2 heavy and awkward drywall or fragile ceiling tile enclosures field cut, fabricated and installed per man hour.

- SafeLite enclosures can be installed at 10-12 per man hour.

- One contractor documented $10,000 savings on his first job using SafeLite versus “field fabricated” drywall covers, which provide undocumented fire protection.

- **Labor cost** - Example using $50/hr (loaded rate) for a project with 250 light covers.
  
  At 1 drywall cover/hr = $12,500 labor cost ($50/cover)
  At 10 SafeLite covers/hr = $1,250 labor cost ($5/cover)

A compelling reason to use SafeLite!
Key SafeLite Benefits

- Maintains assembly fire ratings for life safety and liability protection.
- Documented sound blocking improves room to room confidentiality and provides a better learning environment.
- An effective R value of 5.25 reduces energy losses, saving energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Lightweight covers install in about 5 minutes, reducing labor costs.
- **Sustainable, made from natural materials with up to 90% recycled content, can contribute to LEED credit.**
(Fire, sound blocking and energy savings performance)

Fire - Maintains fire rated ceiling assembly integrity, as shown in UL suspended and drywall ceilings listings. Penetrations such as recessed light fixtures and speakers must be protected. As shown in UL Listings, SafeLite offers proven fire protection with up to 3 hour fire ratings for a variety of construction assemblies.

Sound Blocking - UL Listed SafeLite enclosures offer documented acoustical performance greatly improving speech privacy and reducing unwanted sound transmission. This performance is critical for sound proofing efforts. Applications include: education, apartments, condominiums, retail etc.

Energy Savings - SafeLite has an effective R value of 3.25 at 75° F that conserves energy during heating and cooling seasons thereby reducing green house gas and carbon emissions.

Marine - SafeLite has US Coast Guard approval for thermal and acoustical application under certifications 164.109/11, 164.112/144 and 145.

SafeLite is available to accommodate a variety of fluorescent light fixture sizes: 24” x 24”, 12” x 48”, 24” x 48”, 20” x 60” as well as recessed can or high hat style fixtures to satisfy ceiling assembly designs specified in UL listings and required by Building Code.

SafeLite is fabricated from high temperature, noncombustible, rigid mineral fiber board. (Covers are supplied at 1-1/4” thick foil faced on one side for enhanced durability. Panels are custom cut and grooved to effortlessly fold into a standard box to accommodate specific light fixture dimensions and maintain a fixture air space (custom cut enclosures are also available). Fluorescent light covers are supplied with insulation pins and locking washer to maintain clearance and secure the cover to the fixture. Pre cut end caps are provided with new improved securing pins.

Additional SafeLite Benefits Include:

- The lightweight (~7 pounds for a 2’ x 2’ light fixture) construction is a quick and easy to install saving considerable labor time and expense.
- The use of fixture securing and enclosure fasteners provides a durable system that stays in place.
- The rigid board enclosure and new fasteners offer improved durability compared to traditional field constructed enclosures.
- Covers slip easily to accommodate light fixture power cable and fixture or ceiling suspension wires, reducing labor costs for installation.
- Standoff insulation pins maintain air space requirements.
- SafeLite insulation board is made from natural materials having a recycled content of up to 90% and contributes to LEED credits.
Quote/Order Form

SafeLite® ORDER FORM

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Note:
- When ordering can light or non standard fluorescent covers provide accurate fixture dimensions. Include specific manufacturer required air space clearance for non I.C. rated lights to ensure correct SafeLite sizing.
- All covers are produced in 5 sided unless specified otherwise.
- Typical lead time 7-10 days ARO.
- It is the installer’s responsibility to review specific U.E.L. ceiling design and prepare any vent opening.

**SafeLite (mineral wool board, faced) Physical Properties:**
- Minimum service temperature 1200°F
- Melt point > 2000°F
- Thermal Resistance:
  - ASTM C 518 (C1577) R value/inch @ 75°F:
  - 4.2 (R value 5.25 @ 1-1/4" thick)
- Fire Performance:
  - ASTM E 136 Behavior of Materials at 750°F C (1382 °F)
  - Non-Combustible
  - ASTM E 84 Surface Burning Characteristics
  - Flame Spread 25
  - Smoke Developed 0
- SafeLite covers are fabricated from material which is approved for use by the New York City Dept. of Building, Report of Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division under M3-44-6 and M Vol. 2.

**Acoustical Performance:**
- ASTM C 453
- NRC = 1.60 w 2" thick
- ASTM E 1414 CAC Two Room Transmission Loss, AL 20 (TM 418)
  - 1/A high performance ceiling no light fixtures, CAC 45.
  - 1/B the same ceiling with 2-20ft light fixtures, CAC 45.
  - 1/C the same ceiling with SafeLite on the 20ft light fixtures, CAC 45 (A 4db improvement over unprotected lights).

Note: A 1db (decibel) change sounds half as loud as the original noise.

SafeLite is classified by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. for use in the fire rated floor and roof-ceiling designs listed below:
- Floor-Ceiling Design: Design Nos. D020, D026, D232, G232, G238, G238, G238, G238, G238, G238, G238, G238
- Roof-Ceiling Design: Design Nos. P207, P218, P230, P237 and P267

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Please ask your Sales Representative about our other fabrication products and services.
Installing SafeLite is Quick n Easy (typically 5-6 mins.)

**Tools Needed**

- "V" grooved panel for quick fold and pin installation
- Main Panel
- End caps
- Spiral Anchors

"V" grooved panel for quick fold and pin installation
Installation On A Standard 2’ x 2’ Light Fixture, Step 1

Apply peel n stick pin with spacer near center of 2’ x 2’ light but away from ballast.
Fold down cover side panels and position on light. Mark cover to accept BX (armored) cable.
Slit & Pull Cable into SafeLite, Align cover with Fixture, Step 3

Lock washer on spacer pin keeps cover in place. (Snip off excess pin)

SafeLite easily slits to accommodate power cable and suspension wire.

Other molded troffer covers with limited fire ratings, require disconnecting the power cable to pass it through a precut opening in the fixture cover, a more costly installation.
Install End Caps - Step 4

End caps secured with spiral fasteners.

Standard cover sizes include 6 fasteners.

Contractors typically report installation in 5-6 minutes.

End caps secured with spiral fasteners.
SafeLite Packaging Label

**Quantity**

**Description**

- 2 x 4 Standard fluorescent cover
- 2 x 2 Standard fluorescent cover

**Custom Covers:**

Fluorescent, Can Lights, Speakers, etc. (inside cover dimensions)

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Maintains Ceiling Assembly Fire Ratings
(Comply with CODE and UL/ULC listings to Limit Liability Exposure)
Maintains Ceiling System Acoustic Performance (CAC)
Reduce Energy Losses / Expenses

The only UL Listed enclosure with up to 3 hour designs
SafeLite for: can lights, speakers, 2 x 2’, 2 x 4’, 20” x 60” fixtures (including vented)
Don’t Sacrifice Ceiling Sound Blocking and Fire Performance

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Maintains Assembly Fire Rating
Restores Sound Blocking (CAC)
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