

**News from Shimpo Ceramics  
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## **Shimpo's Potter's Wheels Earn UL Listing Mark for U.S. and Canada!**

**ITASCA, ILLINOIS; February 17, 2000** – Shimpo Ceramics has announced today that all four models of their popular Master Series potter's wheels (models M1, M250, M400 and M750) are now UL Listed to U.S. and Canadian safety standards.

Susan Barbehenn, Manager of Shimpo Ceramics states: "essentially what this approval means is that Underwriters Laboratories has tested and evaluated representative samples of our Master Series wheels and has determined that that all four models meet UL's strict requirements and standards for safety. We pursued the UL Listing because it reflects our commitment to quality and our dedication to a 'Tradition of Excellence'. The approval by UL opens up additional markets for Shimpo while adding the prestigious recognition of the UL Mark to the Master Series' long list of quality features". The Master Series utilizes state-of-the-art components to achieve remarkable power combined with extremely smooth speed adjustment and essentially noiseless operation.

Shimpo Ceramics, a division of Nidec-Shimpo America Corporation, is a leading manufacturer and distributor of ceramic equipment including potter's wheels, electric kilns, pug mills, banding wheels and accessories to the pottery, hobby and school markets.