

## Global Standards for the Global Information Society

“A standard is defined as a document, established by consensus and approved by a recognized body that provides rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results. Any standard is a collective work. Committees of manufacturers, users, research organizations, government departments and consumers work together to draw up standards that evolve to meet the demands of society and technology.

The use of standards is becoming more and more of a prerequisite to worldwide trade. A very large percentage of export is influenced by the European and international standards business. The trend is towards international standardization, particularly through ISO (International Organization for Standardization).” \*

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and select “Standards” to access the Web sites of these standards organizations:

### International Standards

International Electrotechnical Commission  
UK Defence Standardization  
European Space Agency Standards Information  
British Standards Institute  
Deutsches Institut für Normung

### North American Standards

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Defense Supply Centre Columbus  
Society of Automotive Engineers International  
The Aerospace Industries Association  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
American Petroleum Institute Committees/Standards Development  
Canadian General Standards Board  
Canadian Standards Association  
Standards Council of Canada

\*British Standards Institute, [http://www.bsi-global.com/British\\_Standards/index.xalter](http://www.bsi-global.com/British_Standards/index.xalter)  
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