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- Product standards and specifications to establish qualities or requirements for a product
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- Performance standards to describe desired functions
- Design standards to define product specifications
- National standards developed and promulgated through a National Standards Body (example: ANSI)
- International standards developed by international organizations (examples: ISO, IEC)

Helpful Tips:

- For general information, see: A Guide to Documentary Standards at URL: http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-5/L2-44/A-333
  Additional related documents can be viewed at URL: http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-5/L2-44/A-327

- Some U.S. standards developing organizations MAY offer equivalent international standards; ASTM, for example: www.astm.org. Search for “exact title” or a few keywords. Note that in the USA, standards are voluntary unless incorporated by reference into the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). A searchable database of standards incorporated into the CFR is available online at: http://standards.gov/sibr/query/index.cfm

- You can also try a search for standard equivalences using NSSN, a search engine for standards provided by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI): www.nssn.org

- The World Standards Services Network (WSSN), is a network of publicly accessible World Wide Web servers of standards organizations around the world and may also be useful for locating equivalences: www.wssn.net
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