

How Does a Standard Get Created?



- Someone Recognizes the Need for:**
- A better test...
 - A new specification...
 - A safer product...



- Task Group: Convene Key Stakeholders**
- 6-8 people is ideal
 - Register a work item
 - Circulate and discuss initial drafts in person and online



- Subcommittee: Bring in More Experts**
- E-ballot the draft standard
 - Address negative votes and comments
 - E-ballot again or advance to main committee



- Main Committee (and Society): Widen the Lens**
- E-ballot standard
 - Address any negatives and comments
 - Back to subcommittee, if needed



- ASTM International Committee on Standards: Review and Approval**
- Process review if necessary (e.g., handling of negatives)



- Online and Print Publication**
- ASTM International staff formats final draft



- Marketplace Use***
- Manufacturers
 - Governments
 - Trade associations
 - Consumers
 - ASTM develops related services as needed
- *ASTM publicizes purpose and availability of the standard.

