

ASTM International: Who They Are & The History of The Organization.

ASTM International (formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials) is a globally recognized leader in the development and delivery of international voluntary consensus standards. Founded in 1898, ASTM International is one of the world's largest international standards organizations, with a membership of more than 30,000 technical experts from over 150 countries. The organization's mission is to improve the lives of people around the world by providing access to technical standards that promote safety, quality, and environmental protection.



1898

Seventy people meet in Philadelphia to form what would become ASTM, founded by Charles B. Dudley.

1929

The Cement Reference Laboratory – precursor to CCRL – is established.

1950

ASTM standards for buildings and construction help drive growth of cities and suburbs.



1901

The first standard – on steel rails – is issued.

1942

ASTM introduces emergency standards to support WWII efforts.

1962

Seattle's Space Needle, built for the World's Fair, features steel legs built to ASTM standards.

ASTM International has a specific group that directly relates to fasteners:

ASTM International has a committee specifically focused on fasteners and related hardware, called the [ASTM F16 Committee on Fasteners](#). This committee develops and maintains standards for fasteners, including bolts, nuts, screws, washers, rivets, and other types of hardware. The standards cover a wide range of topics, including material specifications, mechanical properties, testing methods, coatings, and corrosion resistance. The standards developed by the F16 committee are used by manufacturers, distributors, and users of fasteners to ensure that products are made to consistent and reliable specifications.

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