

Standards video 2

How do you find standards and specifications?

Standards and specifications sometimes require specific access rights and can be difficult to find without membership in an organization. We've created a guide to make searching for standards a little easier.

To begin looking for standards, start on the library's website at lib.ncsu.edu

On this page, we can go over to the "Find and Borrow" drop down.
On this drop down under the "Find" column there is a link to our standards guide.

It looks like this. Our standards guide provides information for accessing standards that North Carolina State University has provided for students and researchers.

Our university has some standards available electronically and NC State University owns some standards that are only available in print. Those are also included on this list, but when you click on the link corresponding to the standard organization you will be directed to the catalog record on our website, which will provide you with more information about the specific standards available in our collection.

On the guide, the standards are organized by the standards developing organization. These organizations approve subject-specific standards. For instance, the American Society for Testing Materials, or ASTM, approves standards that cover testing procedures. Some organizations have developed their own database for organizing their standards. For example, ASTM Compass is where you will find ASTM standards.

In this case, we do under ASTM Compass. We would then search for that specific standard through their specific organization.

If we don't have access to the standard that you are looking for, up at the top of the page we have a link to the Tripsaver service.

If you click this link, it'll ask you to log in with your Unity ID and password and will prompt you to fill out a form that includes the title, the standard number and perhaps the publication date. Once you submit this form. We will try our best to provide you a copy of that standard.

If you have questions about accessing standards or how to find standards, please reach out using the Ask us button or the chat option on the library's website.