British Standards Online

Coverage

Within the UK all standards are published by the British Standards Institution. British Standards Online gives the full text of all current British Standards. Please note that standards are copyright so some restrictions apply for copying and downloading. A full statement of the terms and conditions can be found in the Help pages. Downloading for your personal use within the university is permitted.

Starting

- Connect to the British Standards website at http://bsol.bsigroup.com
- On campus this should recognise that you are at Swansea University. If you are off campus you will need to type british standards online into the library catalogue and follow the link there to a Swansea University login.

Searching

Search BSOL

If you know the number of the standard you wish to see use the By standard number. You can enter the full alphanumeric code e.g. BS 9000. If you are not sure what the exact letters are you can just enter a number. 9000 would pick up any standard with 9000 within the code such as BS ISO 9000.

If you do not have a code, enter your search keyword(s). This will search for a word in the full text of the standards so may bring back a lot of results. Entering more than one term will bring back any result with all terms anywhere in the document, for example, aircraft wiring will give results which contain aircraft and wiring. Automatic truncation is applied so this search will also pick up wires or wired.
To Make Your Keyword Search More Specific

You can search for an exact phrase by using inverted commas, e.g. “aircraft wiring”. You also have the option to add in another search term using the Search within your results box at the left of the screen.

Once you have some search results you may wish to use the filter options at the right of the screen. For example, you might want to select only standards with the status Current.

Browse

You may find it useful to browse through standards on a particular subject. Use the browse tab at the top of the screen to do this.

Advanced Search Options

Advanced search allows you to carry out a keyword search and restrict it to a certain date range by selecting dates in the online calendars.

Standards replacing - this allows you to enter an old standard number to find out what has replaced it. The historic versions of option does the opposite, allowing you to trace previous versions of a standard. It is important to check the status of a standard in the BSI catalogue - it may have been withdrawn or reissued.

Help

An online help link is available at the top of the screen.

If you need any further help using this database, ask for your subject librarian. The library desk should be able to find them for you or our contact details are at: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/iss/libraries/subjectinformation/
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