



Building Consumer Confidence



It Starts with a Good Standard

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Overview

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- The role of ASTM International
- Federal regulations and consensus standards
- Standards development – the value of consensus
- What can the SDO do?
- One year from now

ASTM International

- ❑ Developer of consensus standards
 - 34,000 members/12,500 standards
 - 140 main technical committees
 - 90 industry sectors
- ❑ Proven process
- ❑ Funded primarily by sale of technical publications
- ❑ No testing, accreditation or certification services

Federal Regulations and Consensus Standards

- ❑ Federal Regulations support private sector standards development
 - National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act
 - Consumer Product Safety Act
- ❑ Regulation or Consensus Standards?
 - Infant walkers example
- ❑ Public/Private Partnership – rely upon consensus standards in Regulation

Value Added by Consensus Process

- ❑ Direct engagement
- ❑ Inclusiveness
 - Openness, transparency, connectivity
- ❑ Due process
- ❑ Technical credibility and market relevance
- ❑ Responsiveness
 - Commitment/participation of members
 - Mission focus
 - Experience
 - Technology investment

What can the SDO do?

- Know the goal, constitute the right team and plan, provide needed resources
 - Engage diversity of stakeholders
 - Strengthen participation of consumer and consumer related organizations
 - Review data and other relevant resources
 - Invest in standards development tools and resources
 - Enhance communication regarding standards actions and work in process
 - Standards education

One Year From Now

- ❑ Additional stakeholder participation
- ❑ Additional use of technology to support participation
- ❑ Additional CPSC resources
- ❑ Increased review of data by standards development committees
- ❑ If Regulation is required, reliance on consensus standards
 - Streamlined process for agencies to adopt revisions to standards
- ❑ Increased communication – Alert services/RSS feeds