



quick start guide

Accessing British Standards Online

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British Standards Online is a collection of over 50,000 British and adopted European and international standards. The Library's subscription does not cover every standard, but many are available in full text.

You can access the BSOL database off-campus as well as on-campus, but the Library has limited licences to this service, so you may be unsuccessful accessing BSOL.

OpenAthens Login

Before you attempt to access any electronic resources you must first login to OpenAthens. This is to ensure that only Bolton University students are able to access our resources. Your OpenAthens username and password are the same as your University username and password. Click on the yellow OpenAthens link on the Library Homepage and follow the links to complete the login. On the Successful Athens login page, click on the **Electronic Information Resources** link.

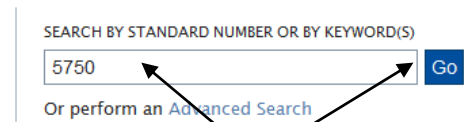
Now click on **B** under *Browse our A – Z list of electronic resources*. Scroll down the page and click on **British Standards Online**. The BSOL Home screen will load.

Accessing a standard

In the Search box type in either a **BS number** or a **keyword** if you want standards on a particular topic, and then click on the **Go** button beside the box.



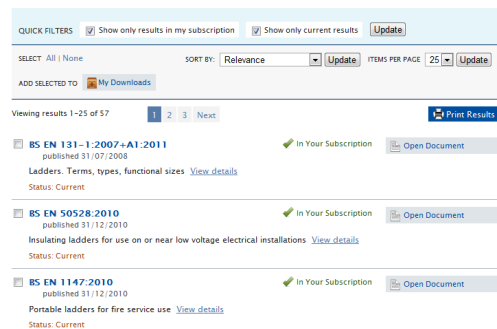
Search BSOL



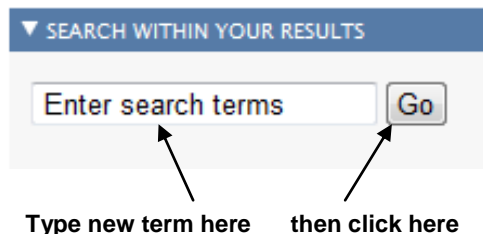
Type number or keyword here and then click here

When you have conducted a BS number or keyword search, your results will be displayed on screen as shown below.

Click here or here



If you have conducted a search and it has retrieved a lot of results, you can narrow your search by adding another term in the *Search within your results* box to the left of your results.



Type new term here then click here

You can also use the *Quick Filters* above your results to choose current standards or those within the Library's subscription.

Click in the checkbox for the filter that you require, then click on the **Update** button.

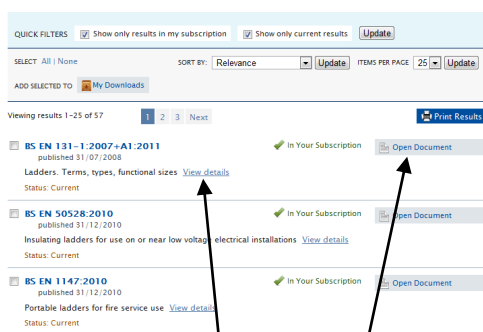


Mark quick filter then click here

Looking at a BS Standard


To see the abstract, plus additional details of a particular standard, click on **View Details**.

To look at the full text of a standard simply click on **Open Document**.



Click here to see abstract and here for full text

Now click on **Open** in the File Download dialog box. A PDF of the standard will open on screen. You can use the **Save** or **Print** button on the PDF toolbar to save or print the standard.

Note: If you see  **Not In Subscription** at the side of a standard, this means that you cannot view the full text of that standard as it has been either withdrawn, superseded or revised.

The Advanced search option allows you to search within a specific date range and also to check what has either been partially replaced or completely replaced by another document.

You can also browse within a particular subject area or browse by module.

Don't forget to click on **Logout** when you have finished using BSOL.