

## Finding an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard

In the article [Fractal analysis along stretch zone for an aluminum alloy](#) by Horovistiz and Hein, three ASTM standards

- E399-90,
- B645-02, and
- E1382-97

are referenced. Let's say that you want the current/active standards to apply to your own research, but you would also like to view these versions to see how it affected the authors' research.

### Determining the Active Standard

In most cases, the Web site of the organization that develops the standard will contain information about the active standard. However in the case of ASTM, we have a subscription to [ASTM Compass](#) that contains all current and historical standards.

It is easiest to search by the standard number without the date, such as E399, B645, and E1382. The results screen will list the active ASTM standards. The active standards are

- [E399-20](#),
- [B645-10\(2015\)](#), and
- [E1382-97\(2015\)](#).

### Finding Superseded Standards

On the screen for the active standard, select the Versions hyperlink. It will list all previous versions. In we wanted the standards that influenced this article, we would select E399-90, B645-02, and E1382-97.

**All active and historical ASTM standards can be viewed or downloaded from ASTM Compass.**