1. **Recognize a Need**
   - For a better test
   - A new specification
   - A safer product

2. **Convene Stakeholders (Task Group)**
   - 6-8 people is ideal
   - Register a work item
   - Circulate and discuss in person and online

3. **Bring in More Experts (Subcommittee)**
   - Ballot the draft standard
   - Address negative votes and comments
   - Ballot again or advance to main committee

4. **Widen the Lens (Main Committee and Society)**
   - Ballot standard
   - Address negatives and comments
   - Back to subcommittee, if needed

5. **Review and Approval (ASTM International Committee on Standards)**
   - Process review if necessary (e.g., handling of negatives)

6. **Online and Print Publication**
   - ASTM International staff formats final draft

7. **Marketplace Use**
   - Manufacturers
   - Governments
   - Trade associations
   - Consumers
   - Academia
   - ASTM develops related services as needed

*ASTM publicizes purpose and availability of the standard.

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