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- **Relevant:** There are over 10,000 citations to ASTM standards in countries outside the United States.
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- **Global:** Half of our standards are distributed outside the United States; we have signed memorandums of understanding with over 125 national or regional standards bodies.
- **Collaborative:** For over 125 years, ASTM has been the forum where industry and government stakeholders come together to create standards that impact people everywhere.