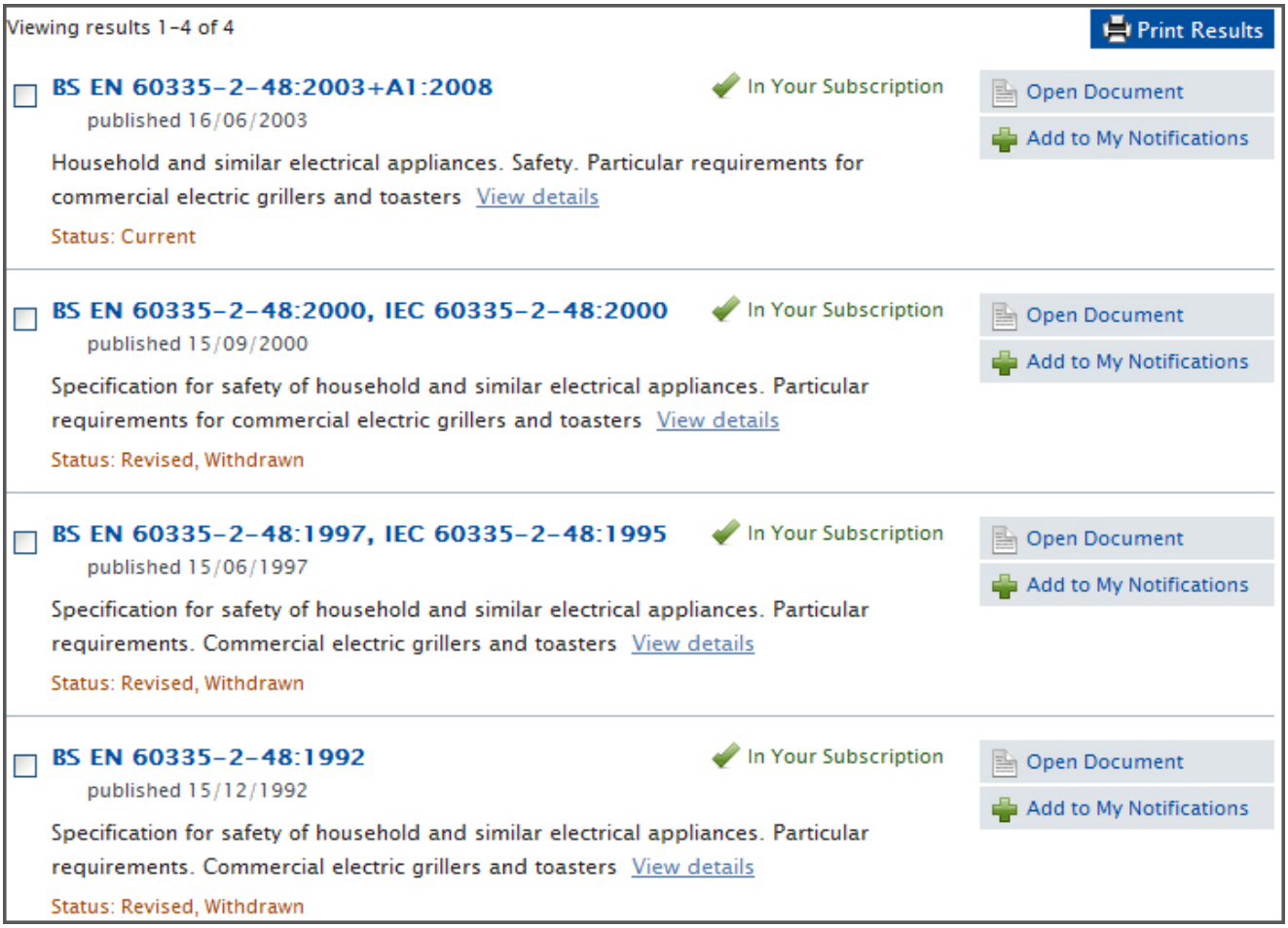
Standard Number: this will return relevant results based on the number entered here. Where possible it will find exact matches.

Standard numbers can have a variety of different prefixes in front of them (BS EN or BS EN ISO, PD, etc.), which will indicate where the standard was first established and where it has been adopted. We would recommend that you enter the standard number without letters to ease your searching.

Some standards have multiple parts. To find a specific part simply type the standard number and put a space or a dash and the part number

For example if you entered 60335–2-48 you would get the following result:



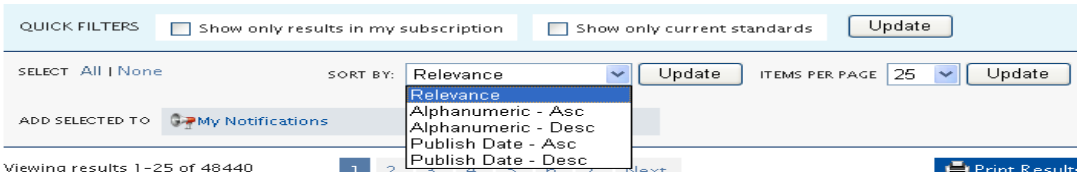
Keyword: this will return results sorted by relevance. It looks for different word endings as the default Example: elec – will find results starting with this word segment.

This search looks for your keyword(s) across all bibliographic fields in each record.

Some search terms are automatically stemmed and compared to a background thesaurus so for example a search for bolt will find the same number of hits as a search for bolts. But be aware that the thesaurus needs

further optimisation, which will be worked on in future development stages of BSOL as currently a search for polyester will not find polyestertimide and a search for aluminium finds different results to a search for aluminum.

You may also sort the results using the drop down on your results page.



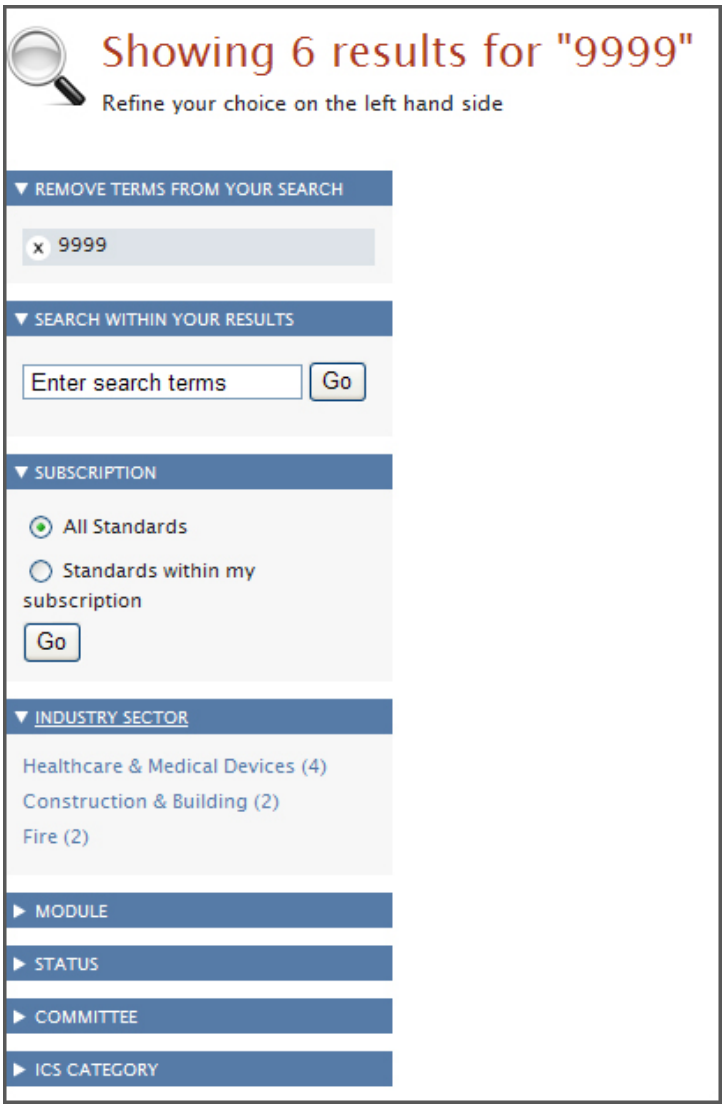
Example: you are looking for a very short number. Once you have results, sort your results “Alphanumeric - Asc” (i.e. in ascending order)

You may start a new search by 1) using the **Quick Search** field at the top of every page or 2) by going to the **HOME** tab.

BSOL does not offer Boolean searching, but by using the filters on the left-hand side of the search results page you should find the result you are looking for. For more information on filters please see the next page.

Result Filters and Search within your results.

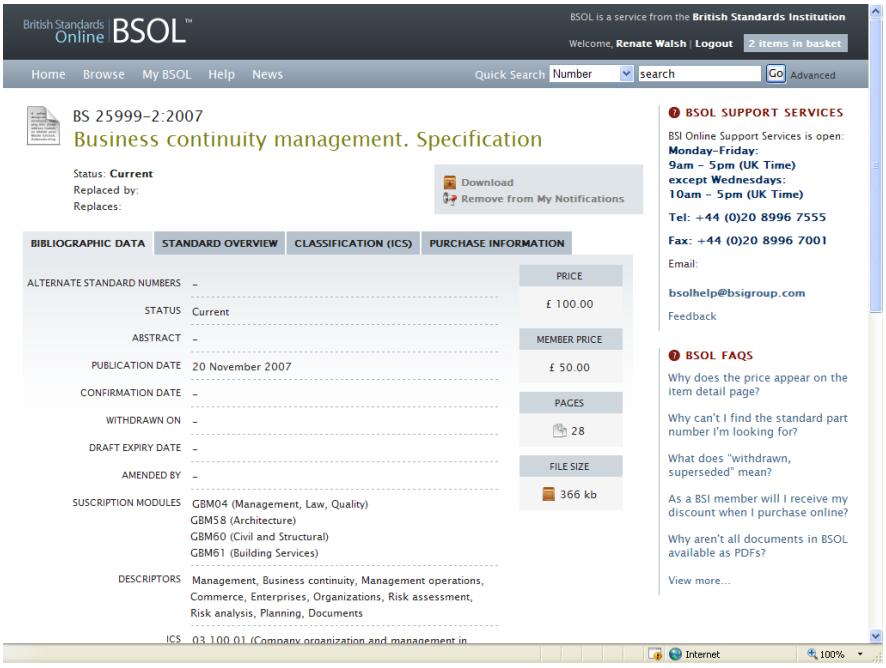
Once you have results on screen, your search term will be listed on the left hand column along with additional subject filters. These can be used to filter your existing results.



There is also an Advanced Search function in BSOL, which you can access from the Home page below the search boxes or from the link next to the Quick Search box in the tab header. Advanced Search allows you to conduct searches by publication date, update type or by reference to narrow your results.

For further tips on searching in BSOL, please view the Search tips Help sheet and Search recorded demo in the Help area.

Once you have found the standard that you are looking for you can view the full bibliographic information about the standard by clicking on the standard number or on the view details link. This will take you through to this page.



Here we can see the status of the standard, publication date, which BSOL modules it sits within, any relevant cross-references, the International Classification of Standards (ICS) code for this standard, the Committee that worked on this standard, the ISBN and the number of pages in the document and the file size.

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Top Tips

- At the top of the search results page there are two quick filters "Show me only current standards", which will show you only the current standards that relate to your query.

  Just below this you have the option to change the order of results on your page. The default order is by relevance, but you can change this to display items in alphanumeric order (descending or ascending) or by publication date (descending or ascending).

- You can also change the number of results that appear on your page to either 25, 50,75 or 100.

- From the search results page you can select up to 5 standards in your list to be downloaded as a zip file using the My Downloads function.

In the search results page you will also see key information about the document listing: the standard number, the title and the status of the document. This document is listed as current, which means that it is the most up-to-date document in force on this topic.

Please remember that you can contact the Online Support team if you require further assistance.