



International Staple, Nail and Tool Association

International Staple, Nail and Tool Association (ISANTA): What We Do

The International Staple, Nail and Tool Association (ISANTA) is an association comprised of global manufacturers and distributors of collated nails, staples plus the pneumatic and battery powered machines which drive them. They are located in Austria, Canada, China, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and the United States.

The purpose of the International Staple, Nail and Tool Association (ISANTA) is to promote and further the interests of the collated fastening industry. ISANTA achieves this by pursuing the following areas:

1. Specification standards
2. Providing a pathway to obtaining ESR (*Evaluation Service Report, a.k.a., ICC-ES Evaluation Report*) certification
3. Education & Safety

Specification Standards

The Tool Committee of ISANTA focuses on the development and maintenance of ANSI* and ISO^ standards related to the design and use of pneumatic and battery operated nailing and stapling machines.

*ANSI - *American National Standards Institute* - Promotes voluntary conformity standards in the United States.

^ISO - *International Organization for Standardization* - Promotes internationally accepted standards for numerous industries.

The Fastener Committee of ISANTA focuses on promoting the quality of fasteners used in pneumatic and battery operated tools through the maintenance of ESR-1539, the engineering report affirming product compliance with the building codes and by presenting alternative uses of fasteners to comply with building codes.

Pathway to ICC-ES Certification

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is the conformity assessment leg of the International Code Council (ICC), a not-for-profit membership organization that publishes the International Codes. The organization rigorously evaluates products and confirms their code compliance.



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Evaluation reports from ICC Evaluation Service® are the preferred resource used by code officials to verify that building products comply with code requirements. The evaluation reports provide information about what code requirements or acceptance criteria were used to evaluate the product, how the product should be used to meet the requirements, how to identify the product, among other things.

The ESR process has multiple steps which involve testing products, reviewing test reports, and evaluating the manufacturing plant. One of the functions of ISANTA staff is to guide members who wish to list in the ESR through these steps, review and help create the necessary documents, assist in getting products tested and make the process as easy as possible for the member company(s).

ISANTA also engages with the ASTM International* Fastener Committee. In fact, a staff member of ISANTA is the current chair of this committee.

*ASTM International (*formerly American Society for Testing and Materials*) – Develops and publishes voluntary consensus standards for a wide range of materials, products, systems, and services. The standards detail specific requirements for the quality and safe use of materials from various industries and are used and accepted worldwide by scientists, engineers, architects, and government agencies.

Education & Safety

The Safety Task Force of ISANTA focuses on the development of bilingual safety training videos. The Safety Task Force also addresses the development and maintenance of standards concerning safety requirements for the manufacturing, repair and use of collated fastener driving tools.

Educational materials include the following:

- Safety videos on the safe use of power tools manufactured by members.
- Written and test materials on tool safety.
- Industry education materials on:
 - Fasteners
 - Fastener use
 - How fasteners are applied in the codes
 - ESR Education
 - Code official training

Membership in ISANTA is an enriching experience. Not only do members gain a deeper understanding of the pneumatic fastening industry at an international level, they can also



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contribute to the development of standards as they happen. By providing members with involvement and advanced notice of standards development in real time, member companies can take a proactive approach to the market rather than reacting as standards and codes change.

Providing a smooth pathway to ESR certification, a core function of ISANTA, is critical for companies which want to access the pneumatic fasteners market on the west coast of the U.S.A.

If education and safety training is important to your organization, you will have access to the materials which have been carefully prepared by ISANTA industry experts.

Finally, but by no means least, having access to utilize the ISANTA Member Logo on your marketing materials is a clear indication to the industry of a company's desire to understand and comply with industry standards for quality, code compliance and safety.

For more information on becoming a member of ISANTA, please contact info@isanta.org and visit <https://isanta.org/>.