

# Technical Standards and Measurement

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# Questions and Answers

Want to know more?

- Browse <http://web.mit.edu/smoot/history.htm>.
- Smoot's Legacy [http://alum.mit.edu/news/AlumniNews/Archive/smoots\\_legacy](http://alum.mit.edu/news/AlumniNews/Archive/smoots_legacy).
- Smoot Salute!  
<http://web.mit.edu/spotlight/smoot-salute>.