Index of Refraction of Air

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Wavelength in Ambient Air and Refractive Index of Air Based on Modified Edlén Equation

Input Amount

Vacuum Wavelength: 486.135 Nanometers [nm]

Air Temperature: 20.1 Degrees Celsius

Atmospheric Pressure: 20.4 Inches of Mercury

Air Humidity: 24.83 Relative Humidity, Percent

Output Result

Wavelength in Ambient Air: 486.044156 Nanometers [nm]

Refractive Index of Air¹: 1.000186905

Uncertainty of Calculated Index²: 0.000000059

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¹ This is the phase refractive index, appropriate for typical displacement measuring interferometers but not appropriate for many ranging instruments. See documentation for details.

² Estimated expanded uncertainty (coverage factor of k=2) from Edlen calculation, but not including uncertainties of the input parameters.