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THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS

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FOREWORD

industrial nations of the world which are signatories to the Convention of the Meter. The 11th, 12th, and 14th General Conferences on Weights and Measures (meeting in October of 1960, 1964, 1967, and 1971, respectively) have brought the International System of Units to a state of completeness and coherence which make it increasingly more attractive for all applications. The International System of Units, Système International d'Unités (designated SI in all languages), is the system of units of measurement which has been adopted by 41 of the principal

The National Bureau of Standards of the United States announced in Administrative Bulletin 64-6 dated February 1964 thatHenceforth it shall be the policy of the National Bureau of Standards to use the units of the International System (SI), as adopted by the Eleventh General Conference on Weights and Measures . . ., except when the use of these units would obviously impair communication or reduce the usefulness of a report to the primary recipients.

A similar position was enunciated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in NASA Policy Directive NPD 2220.4 dated September 14, 1970Measurement values employed in NASA Technical Reports, Technical Notes, Technical Memoranda, Contractor Reports, and Special Publications shall be expressed in the International System of Units (SI).

However, the Official-in-Charge of a NASA Headquarters Office or the Director of a NASA Field Installation retains the authority to waive the provisions of NPD 2220.4 in special cases.

ences, and new values of physical constants derived by Taylor, Parker, and Langenberg. The This document, NASA SP-7012, gives the names, symbols, and definitions of SI units, the values of physical constants expressed in SI units, and tables of numerical factors for converting miscellaneous units to SI units. It was first published in October 1964. A revised edition was published in 1969 to include resolutions agreed to by members of the 12th and 13th General Conferpresent edition incorporates material from the records of the 14th General Conference of 1971, Mechtly when he was employed as a physicist at the Marshall Space Flight Center. He is now an but retains the 1969 values of physical constants. SP-7012 was originally compiled by Dr. E. A. associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

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OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS HISTORY

The International System of Units evolved from the unit of length, the meter, and the unit of mass, the kilogram, which were created by members of the Paris Academy of Sciences, and adopted by the National Assembly of France in 1795. The meter, the kilogram, and several other units came to be known as the metric system of units.

The U.S. Congress legalized the use of the metric system throughout the United States on July 28, 1866. The Act of 1866 reads, in part,

It shall be lawful throughout the United States of America to employ the weights and measures of the metric system; and no contract or dealing, or pleading in any court, shall be deemed invalid or liable to objection because the weights or measures expressed or referred to therein are weights or measures of the metric system.

Effective on April 5, 1893, and subsequently, all legal units of measure used in the United States have been metric units or are defined as exact numerical multiples of metric units. The action establishing metric units as the ultimate base of all U.S. Customary Units is known as the "Mendenhall Order." T. C. Mendenhall was U.S. Superintendent of Standard Weights and Measures in 1893.

A highly significant step in the establishment of internationally uniform standard units of measurement was the signing of the Convention of the Meter by the United States and sixteen other nations on May 20, 1875.

The Convention of the Meter provides for an International Bureau of Weights and Measures on neutral ground at Sèvres, near Paris, France; for an International Committee on Weights and Measures; and for an international General Conference on Weights and Measures. The function of these organs is to devise, refine, and maintain precise internationally uniform standards of measure. The Committee, and Conference voting members, are leading professional metrologists (men who have made the science of measurement their careers) and in many cases are the directors of national bureaus of standards. The Director of the U.S. National Bureau

of Standards is a member of both the Committee and the General Conference.

The Eleventh General Conference on Weights and Measures convened in Paris during October 1960, with Dr. A. V. Astin representing the United States. At the Eleventh General Conference, the metric system of units (based on the meter, kilogram, second, ampere, kelvin, and candela) was given the name "International System of Units," and the abbreviation "SI" in all languages.

The Twelfth General Conference convened in Paris during October 1964. Among other actions, the Twelfth Conference redefined the word "liter" as a special name for the cubic decimeter, and authorized temporary use of the "atomic second," but did not abrogate the definition of the second, which is based on the ephemeris of the Earth.

The Thirteenth Conference, meeting in October 1967, did abrogate the ephemeris definition of the second, and replaced it with the atomic definition. Among the other actions of the Thirteenth Conference were a revision of the definition of the candela, a redesignation of the unit of thermodynamic temperature, the kelvin (K), and the addition of six derived units to the international system.

The Fourteenth General Conference, meeting in October 1971, adopted the mole, symbol mol, as an SI base unit, adopted the name pascal, symbol Pa, for N/m², and adopted the name siemens, symbol S, for Ω⁻¹ among other actions. At the time of the Fourteenth Conference, 41 nations were signatory to the Convention of the Meter.

The Fifteenth General Conference is scheduled for 1975, a century after the initial signing of the Convention of the Meter.

The International System of Units is recommended by members of the General Conference on Weights and Measures for all scientific, technical, practical, and teaching purposes.

On the following pages are the names, symbols, and definitions of SI units, the values of physical constants expressed in SI units, and numerical factors for converting miscellaneous units to SI units.

NAMES AND SYMBOLS OF SI UNITS

Quantity	Name of Unit	Symbol	
	SI BASE UNITS		
lenoth	meter	m	
mass	kilogram	kg	
time	second	œ	
electric current	ampere	A	
thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	м,	
luminous intensity	candela	ed 	
amount of substance	more	10011	
	SI DERIVED UNITS		
area	square meter	m^2	
volume	cubic meter	m^3	
frequency	hertz	Hz	S-1
mass density (density)	kilogram per cubic meter	$ m kg/m^3$	
speed, velocity	meter per second	s/m	
angular velocity	radian per second	rad/s	
acceleration	meter per second squared	m/s²	
angular acceleration	radian per second squared	rau/s.	1ra . m/c2
Torce	newcon	ξő	N /m2
pressure (mechanical stress)	pascal	га m2/s	N/III-
kinematic viscosity	square meter per second neutron-second neutron-second neutron-second	$N \cdot s/m^2$	
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guantity of electricity	conlomb	: D	A·s
potential difference, electromotive force	volt	^	W/A
electric field strength	volt per meter	$^{ m N/m}$	
electric resistance	ohm	ជ	V/A
capacitance	farad	দ	$A \cdot s/V$
magnetic flux	weber	Wb	v.s
inductance	henry	Н	$V \cdot s/A$
magnetic flux density	tesla	T	$ m Wb/m^2$
magnetic field strength	ampere per meter	A/m	
magnetomotive force	ampere	ᅠ₩.	,
luminous flux	lumen	m,	cd·sr
luminance	candela per square meter	cd/m²	1
illuminance	lux	XI S	ım/mı
wave number	l per meter	,_W	
entropy	joule per kelvin	J/K	
specific heat capacity	joule per kilogram kelvin	$J/(Kg\cdot K)$ $W/(m\cdot K)$	
chermal conductivity	wave per mever werein	W/sr	
radiant invensity activity (of a radioactive source)	wave per second	s-1	
	SI SI IDDI EMENTARY LINITS		
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plane angle	radian	rad	
solid angle	steradian	Sr	

DEFINITIONS OF SI UNITS

meter (m)

The meter is the length equal to 1 650 763.73 wavelengths in vacuum of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the levels 2 p_{10} and 5 d_{5} of the krypton-86 atom.

kilogram (kg)

The kilogram is the unit of mass; it is equal to the mass of the international prototype of the kilogram. (The international prototype of the kilogram is a particular cylinder of platinum-iridium alloy which is preserved in a vault at Sèvres, France, by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures.)

second (s)

The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the cesium-133 atom.

ampere (A)

The ampere is that constant current which, if maintained in two straight parallel conductors of infinite length, of negligible circular cross section, and placed 1 meter apart in vacuum, would produce between these conductors a force equal to 2×10^{-7} newton per meter of length.

kelvin (K)

The *kelvin*, unit of thermodynamic temperature, is the fraction 1/273.16 of the thermodynamic temperature of the triple point of water.

candela (cd)

The candela is the luminous intensity, in the perpendicular direction, of a surface of 1/600 000 square meter of a blackbody at the temperature of freezing platinum under a pressure of 101 325 newtons per square meter.

mètre (m)

Le mêtre est la longueur égale à 1650 763,73 longueurs d'onde dans le vide de la radiation correspondant à la transition entre les niveaux 2 p₁₀ et 5 d₅ de l'atomé krypton 86.

kilogramme (kg)

Le kilogramme est l'unité de masse; il est égal à la masse du prototype international du kilogramme.

seconde (s)

La seconde est la durée de 9192631770 périodes de la radiation correspondant à la transition entre les deux niveaux hyperfins de l'état fondamental de l'atome de césium 133.

ampère (A)

L'ampère est l'intensité d'un courant constant qui, maintenu dans deux conducteurs parallèles, rectilignes, de longueur infinie, de section circulaire négligeable et placés à une distance de 1 mètre l'un de l'autre dans le vide, produirait entre ces conducteurs une force égale à 2×10^{-7} newton par mètre de longueur.

kelvin (K)

Le kelvin, unité de température thermodynamique, est la fraction 1/273,16 de la température thermodynamique du point triple de l'eau.

candela (cd)

La candela est l'intensité lumineuse, dans la direction perpendiculaire, d'une surface de 1/600 000 mètre carré d'un corps noir à la température de congélation du platine souts la pression de 101 325 newtons par mètre carré.

mole (mol)

The mole is the amount of substance of a system which contains as many elementary entities as there are carbon atoms in 0.012 kg of carbon 12. The elementary entities must be specified and may be atoms, molecules, ions, electrons, other particles, or specified groups of such particles.

newton (N)

The *newton* is that force which gives to a mass of 1 kilogram an acceleration of 1 meter per second per second.

joule (J)

The joule is the work done when the point of application of 1 newton is displaced a distance of 1 meter in the direction of the force.

watt (W)

The watt is the power which gives rise to the production of energy at the rate of 1 joule per second.

volt (V)

The volt is the difference of electric potential between two points of a conducting wire carrying a constant current of 1 ampere, when the power dissipated between these points is equal to 1 watt.

ohm (\Omega)

The ohm is the electric resistance between two points of a conductor when a constant difference of potential of 1 volt, applied between these two points, produces in this conductor a current of 1 ampere, this conductor not being the source of any electromotive force.

coulomb (C)

The coulomb is the quantity of electricity transported in 1 second by a current of 1 ampere.

mole (mol)

La mole est la quantité de matière d'un système contenant autant d'entités élémentaires qu'il y a d'atomes dans 0.012 kg de carbone 12. Les entités élémentaires doivent être spécifiées et peuvent être des atomes, des molécules, des ions, des électrons, d'autres particules ou des groupements spécifiés de telles particules.

newton (N)

Le newton est la force qui communique à une masse de 1 kilogramme l'accélération de 1 mètre par seconde, par seconde.

joule (J)

Le joule est la travail effectué lorsque le point d'application de 1 newton de force se déplace d'une distance égale à 1 mètre dans la direction de la force.

watt (W)

Le watt est la puissance qui donne lieu à une production d'énergie égale à 1 joule par seconde.

volt (V)

Le volt est la différence de potentiel électrique qui existe entre deux points d'un fil conducteur transportant un courant constant de 1 ampère, lorsque la puissance dissipée entre ces points est égale à 1 watt.

ohm (t)

L'ohm est la résistance électrique qui existe entre deux points d'un conducteur lorsqu'une différence de potentiel constante de 1 volt, appliquée entre ces deux points, produit, dans ce conducteur, un courant de 1 ampère, ce conducteur n'étant le siège d'aucune force électromotrice.

coulomb (C)

Le coulomb est la quantité d'électricité transportée en 1 seconde par un courant de 1 ampère.

farad (F)

The farad is the capacitance of a capacitor between the plates of which there appears a difference of potential of 1 volt when it is charged by a quantity of electricity equal to 1 coulomb.

henry (H)

The henry is the inductance of a closed circuit in which an electromotive force of 1 volt is produced when the electric current in the circuit varies uniformly at a rate of 1 ampere per second.

weber (Wb)

The weber is the magnetic flux which, linking a circuit of one turn, produces in it an electromotive force of 1 volt as it is reduced to zero at a uniform rate in 1 second.

lumen (lm)

The *lumen* is the luminous flux emitted in a solid angle of 1 steradian by a uniform point source having an intensity of 1 candela.

radian (rad)

The radian is the plane angle between two radii of a circle which cut off on the circumference an arc equal in length to the radius.

steradian (sr)

The steradian is the solid angle which, having its vertex in the center of a sphere, cuts off an area of the surface of the sphere equal to that of a square with sides of length equal to the radius of the sphere.

farad (F)

Le farad est la capacité d'un condensateur électrique entre les armatures duquel apparaît une différence de potentiel électrique de 1 volt, lorsqu'il est chargé d'une quantité d'électricité égale à 1 coulomb.

henry (H)

Le henry est l'inductance électrique d'un circuit fermé dans lequel une force électromotrice de 1 volt est produite lorsque le courant électrique qui parcourt le circuit varie uniformément à raison de 1 ampère par seconde.

weber (Wb)

Le weber est le flux magnétique qui, traversant un circuit d'une seule spire, y produirait une force électromotrice de 1 volt, si on l'amenait à zéro en 1 seconde par décroissance uniforme.

lumen (lm)

Le lumen est le flux lumineux émis dans l'angle solide unité (stéradian), par une source ponctuelle uniforme ayant une intensité lumineuse de 1 candela.

radian (rad)

Le radian est l'angle plan compris entre deux rayons qui, sur la circonférence d'un cercle, interceptent un arc de longueur égale à celle du rayon.

stéradian (sr)

Le stéradian est l'angle solide qui, ayant son sommet au centre d'une sphère, découpe sur la surface de cette sphère une aire égale à celle d'un carré ayant pour côté le rayon de la sphère.

SI PREFIXES

The names of multiples and submultiples of SI units may be formed by application of the prefixes:

Factor by which unit is multiplied	Prefix	Symbol
1012	toro.	E
10,	giga	ı ڻ
106	mega	M
103	kilo	¥
102	hecto	Ч
10	deka	da
10^{-1}	deci	þ
10^{-2}	centi	၁
10-3	milli	m
10-6	micro	3
10-9	nano	ц
10^{-12}	pico	d
10^{-15}	femto	J
10^{-18}	atto	ಜ

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) recommends the following rules for the use of SI prefixes:

- a) Prefix symbols are printed in roman (upright) type without spacing between the
 - prefix symbol and the unit symbol.

 b) An exponent affixed to a symbol containing a prefix indicates that the multiple or sub-multiple of the unit is raised to the power expressed by the exponent,

for example: 1 cm
$$^3 = 10^{-6}$$
 m 3 1 cm $^{-1} = 10^2$ m $^{-1}$

c) Compound prefixes, formed by the juxtaposition of two or more SI prefixes, are not to be used.

for example: 1 nm but not: 1 mµm

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has issued additional recommendations with the aim of securing uniformity in the use of units.

According to these recommendations:

a) The product of two or more units is preferably indicated by a dot. The dot may be dispensed with when there is no risk of confusion with another unit symbol

for example: N·m or N m but not: mN

b) A solidus (oblique stroke, /), a horizontal line, or negative powers may be used to express a derived unit formed from two others by division

for example: m/s, $\frac{m}{s}$ or $m \cdot s^{-1}$

c) The solidus must not be repeated on the same line unless ambiguity is avoided by parentheses. In complicated cases negative powers or parentheses should be used

for example: m/s² or m·s⁻² but not: m/s/s m·kg/(s³·A) or m·kg·s⁻³·A⁻¹ but not: m·kg/s³/A

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UNITS OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

units will also wish to employ certain other units which, although they are not SI units, are in widespread use. These units play such an important part that they must be retained for general The International Committee on Weights and Measures recognized in 1969 that users of SI use with the International System of Units. They are the following:

UNITS IN USE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Symbol min 1 d d 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Value in SI unit	1 min=60 s 1 h = 60 min=3 600 s 1 d = 24 h=86 400 s 1° = (π /180) rad 1′ = (1/60)° = (π /10 800) rad 1″ = (1/60)′ = (π /648 000) rad 11 = 1 dm³=10-3 m³ 1 t = 10³ kg
	/mbol	
	Name	minute hour day degree minute second liter tonne

are useful in specialized fields of scientific research, because their values expressed in SI units must It is likewise necessary to recognize, outside the International System, some other units which be obtained by experiment, and are therefore not known exactly. They are the following:

UNITS USED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM WHOSE VALUES IN SI UNITS ARE OBTAINED EXPERIMENTALLY

Definition	(p) (p) (p)
Symbol	od (C) Dc
Name	electronvolt unified atomic mass unit astronomical unit parsec

⁽a) 1 electron volt is the kinetic energy acquired by an electron in passing through a potential difference of 1 volt in vacuum.

In 1969, the International Committee on Weights and Measures listed three additional classes and (3) 11 units to be avoided. These deprecated units and preferred SI units are discussed in The International System of Units (SI), NBS Special Publication 330. Another useful guide is the Metric Practice Guide, ASTM publ. no. E380–72. of non-SI units: (1) 12 units which may be used for a limited time, (2) 9 units preferably not used,

⁽b) The unified atomic mass unit is equal to the fraction $\frac{1}{1/2}$ of the mass of an atom of the nuclide ¹²C.

are used, for example, AU in English, UA in French, AE in German, a.e.μ in Russian, etc. The astronomical unit of distance is the length of the radius of the unperturbed circular orbit of a body of negligible mass moving around the Sun with a sidereal angular velocity of 0.017 202 098 950 radian per day of 86400 ephemeris seconds. In the system of astronomical constants of the International Astronomical Union the value adopted for it is: $1 \text{ AU} = 149 \text{ }600 \times 10^9 \text{ m}$. (c) The astronomical unit does not have an international symbol; abbreviations

of 1 second of arc.

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Josephson effect in superconductors, and is believed to be more accurate than the 1963 adjustment which appears to suffer from the use of an incorrect value of the fine structure constant as an input datum. See also NBS Special Publication 344 issued March 1971. The following lists of physical constants are from the work of B. N. Taylor, W. H. Parker, and D. N. Langenberg (Reviews of Modern Physics, July 1969). Their least-squares adjustment of values of the constants depends strongly on a highly accurate (2.4 ppm) determination of e/h from the ac

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782	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2. 792 709	6.2	
		2. 792 782	6.2	

Other important constants

 $\begin{array}{l} \pi = 3.141\ 592\ 653\ 589 \\ e = 2.718\ 281\ 828\ 459 \\ \mu_0 = 4\pi\times 10^{-7}\ \mathrm{H/m}\ (\mathrm{exact}), \ \mathrm{permeability}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{free}\ \mathrm{space} \\ = 1.256\ 637\ 061\times 10^{-6}\ \mathrm{H/m} \\ \epsilon_0 = \mu_0^{-1}c^{-2}\ \mathrm{F/m}, \ \mathrm{permittivity}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{free}\ \mathrm{space} \\ = 8.854\ 185\times 10^{-12}\ \mathrm{F/m} \end{array}$

CONVERSION FACTORS

The following tables express the definitions of miscellaneous units of measure as exact numerical multiples of coherent SI units, and provide multiplying factors for converting numbers and miscellaneous units to corresponding new numbers and SI units.

The first two digits of each numerical entry represent a power of 10. An asterisk follows each number which expresses an exact definition. For example, the entry " $-02\ 2.54*$ " expresses the fact that 1 inch= 2.54×10^{-2} meter, exactly, by definition. Most of the definitions are extracted from National Bureau of Standards documents. Numbers not followed by an asterisk are only approximate representations of definitions, or are the results of physical measurements.

The conversion factors are listed alphabetically and by physical quantity.

and deliberately omits the great multiplicity of combinations of units which are used for more specialized purposes. Conversion factors for combinations of units are easily generated from numbers given in the Alphabetical Listing by the technique of direct substitution or by other well-known rules for manipulating units. These rules are adequately discussed in many science and engineering The Listing by Physical Quantity includes only relationships which are frequently encountered textbooks and are not repeated here.

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

To convert from	to	multiply by
abampere	ampere	+01 1.00*
abcoulomb	coulomb	+01 1 00*
abfarad		+09 1.00*
abhenry		-09 1.00*
abmhoa	siemens	+09 1.00*
abohmabohm	ohm	-09 1.00*
abvolt	volt	$-08\ 1.00*$
acre	meter ²	+03 4.046 856 422 4*
angstrom	meter	$-10\ 1.00*$
are	meter2	+021.00*
astronomical unit (IAU)	meter	+111.49600
astronomical unit (radio)	meter	+111.4959789
atmosphere	newton/meter ²	$+05\ 1.013\ 25*$
10		1000
Daller	new con/merer	+05 1.00*
barn	meter ²	$-28\ 1.00*$
barrel (petroleum, 42 gallons)	meter3	$-01\ 1.589\ 873$
barye.	newton/meter ²	$-01\ 1.00*$
board foot $(1'\times1'\times1'')$	meter3	$-03\ 2.359\ 737\ 216*$
British thermal unit:		
(IST before 1956)	joule	$+03\ 1.055\ 04$
(IST after 1956)	joule	$+03\ 1.055\ 056$
British thermal unit (mean)	joule	+03 1.055 87
British thermal unit (thermochemical)	joulej	$+03\ 1.054\ 350$
British thermal unit (39° F)	joulej	+03 1.059 67
British thermal unit (60° F)	joulej	$+03\ 1.054\ 68$
bushel (U.S.)	meter3	$-02\ 3.523\ 907\ 016\ 688*$
eable	motor	109 9 104 56*
oolibor	mewer	+02 2,134 00:
calorie (International Steam Table)	ionle	
calorie (mean)	joule	+00 4:1908 +00 4 190 02
calorie (thermochemical)	ionle	+00 4 184*
	jouleionle	$+00 \pm 185 80$
		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

To convert from	to 1	multiply by
calorie (20° C)	joule	$+00 \ 4.181 \ 90$ $+03 \ 4.1868$ $+03 \ 4.1808$ $+03 \ 4.190 \ 02$ $+03 \ 4.184*$ $-10 \ 4.2.00*$ $+01 \ 3.33 \ 22$ $+03 \ 1.333 \ 22$ $+01 \ 3.048*$ $+01 \ 2.011 \ 68*$ $-10 \ 5.067 \ 074 \ 8$ $+00 \ 3.024 \ 556 \ 3$ $-01 \ 4.572*$ $-02 \ 4.365 \ 882 \ 365*$ $+10 \ 3.70*$
day (mean solar)	second (mean solar) second (mean solar) radian kilogram/meter kilogram meter³ newfon joule	+04 8.64* +04 8.616 409 0 -02 1.745 329 251 994 3 -07 1.00* -03 1.771 845 195 312 5* -03 3.887 934 6* -06 3.696 691 195 312 5* -05 1.00* -19 1.602 1917
Fahrenheit (temperature) Fahrenheit (temperature) faraday (based on carbon 12) faraday (chemical) faraday (physical) fathom fermi (femtometer) foot foot	kelvin Celsius coulomb coulomb coulomb meter	$t_{c} = (5/9) (t_{r} + 459.67)$ $t_{c} = (5/9) (t_{r} - 32)$ $+ 04 \cdot 9.648 \ 700$ $+ 04 \cdot 9.649 \ 57$ $+ 04 \cdot 9.652 \ 19$ $+ 00 \ 1.828 \ 8*$ $- 15 \ 1.00*$ $- 05 \ 2.957 \ 352 \ 956 \ 25*$ $- 05 \ 2.957 \ 352 \ 956 \ 25*$ $- 01 \ 3.048*$ $+ 00 \ 1.200/3937*$ $- 01 \ 3.048 \ 98$ $+ 01 \ 1.076 \ 391 \ 0$ $+ 00 \ 3.426 \ 259$ $+ 00 \ 3.426 \ 259$
gal (galileo)- gallon (U.K. liquid)- gallon (U.S. dry)- gallon (U.S. liquid)- gamma gauss- gilbert- gill (U.K.)- gill (U.S.)- grad-	meter/second²————————————————————————————————————	-02 1.00* -03 4.546 087 -03 4.404 883 770 86* -03 3.785 411 784* -09 1.00* -04 1.00* -04 1.420 652 -04 1.182 941 2 -01 9.00* -02 1.570 796 3 -02 1.570 796 3 -02 1.570 891* -03 1.00*

To convert from	op	multiply by
hand	meter	-01 1.016*
hectare	meter ²	1.00*
horsenower (550 foot lbf/second)	watt	-01 2.384 809 423 92* ± 09 7.456 908 7
horsepower (boiler)	watt	9.809
	watt	+02 7.46*
horsepower (metric)	watt	+02 7.354 99
horsenower (Water)	Watte	+02 7 460 43
	second (mean solar)	± 02.130045 $\pm 03.360*$
hour (sidereal)		+03 3.590 170 4
hundredweight (long)hundredweight	kilogram.	5.080 234
hundredweight (short)	kilogram	4.535 923
10.1		
inch of morning (290 F)	meternounton/moton2	-02 2.54*
inch of mercury (60° F)	newton/meter²	+03 3.380 389 +03 3.376 85
inch of water (39.2° F)	newton/meter ²	+03 9.310 03 +03 9.400 89
inch of water (60° F)	newton/meter ²	+02 2.4884
1	1 / 4	-
Kayser Trionational Steam Table)	1/meter	+02 1.00*
kilocalorie (mean)	joure	± 034.1808 $\pm 034.190.03$
	ionle	+03 4.130 0.2 +03 4.184*
kilogram mass	kilogram	+00 1.00*
kilogram force (kgf)	newton	+00 9.806 65*
kilopound force	newton	+00 9.806 65*
kip.	newton	+03 4.448 221 615 260 5*
knot (international)	meter/second	-015.14444444
lowhowt	0 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	1
lambert.	candela/meter	$\pm 04.1/\pi^{\pm}$ $\pm 63.3.182.008.9$
langlev	ionle/meter²	
lbf (pound force, avoirdupois)	percy record	+00 4 448 221 615 260 5*
Ibm (pound mass, avoirdupois)	kilogram	-01 4.535 923 7*
league (U.K. nautical)	meter	
league (international nautical)	meter	
league (statute)	meter	$+03\ 4.828\ 032*$
light year	meter	$+15\ 9.460\ 55$
	meter	
link (surveyor or gunter)	meter	-01 2.011 68*
liver	meter / meters	-03 1.00*
luA	/mmen/mever*	+00 1.00+
maxwell	weber	-08 1.00*
meter	wavelengths Kr 86	+06 1.650 763 73*
micron	meter	-06 1.00*
mil	meter	
	meter	
mile (U.K. nautical)	meter	
mile (international nautical)	meter	$+03\ 1.852*$
mile (U.S. nautical)	meter	+03 1.852*
millimeter of mercury $(0^{\circ} \mathbb{C})$	newton/meter2	+02 1.00* +03 1 333 994
	radian	+021.3532424 -042.90888208666
minute (mean solar)	second (mean solar)	
minute (sidereal)		+01 5.983 617 4
month (mean calendar)	(mean	+06 2.628*

To convert from	to	multiply by
nautical mile (international)nautical mile (U.S.)nautical mile (U.S.)nautical mile (U.K.)	metermetermetermetermetermetermetermetermeter	+03 1.852* +03 1.852* +03 1.853 184*
ounce force (avoirdupois)	ampere/meterkingramkilogramkilogramkilogram	+01 7.957 747 2 -01 2.780 138 5 -02 2.834 952 312 5* -02 3.110 347 68* -05 2.957 352 956 25*
pace	meter	-01 7.62* +16 3.085 7 +00 1.00* -03 8.809 767 541 72* -03 1.555 173 84* +00 5.0292*
perchaptor pica (printers) pint (U.S. dry) point (U.S. liquid) point (printers) point (printers)	lumen/meter² meter³ meter³ meter³ meter² meter² meter² meter	
pole	meverkilogramkilogram.newton	+00 4.448 221 615 260 5* +00 4.535 923 7* -01 3.732 417 216* -01 1.382 549 543 76*
quart (U.S. dry)quart (U.S. liquid)	meter³	-03 1.101 220 942 715* -04 9.463 592 5
rad (radiation dose absorbed)rayleigh (tate of photon emission)rherrherrherrherrherrherrherrrherrherrrher.r	joule/kilogram	$-02 1.00*$ $t_{K} = (5/9)t_{R}$ $+10 1.00*$ $+01 1.00*$ $+00 5.0292*$ $-04 2.579 76*$ $+06 1.00*$
second (angle)second (cohemeris)second (mean solar)	radiansecondsecond (ephemeris)	-06 4.848 136 811 +00 1.000 000 000 Consult American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac
sezond (sidereal)szetionsstoinskeinskalugsslandsklugsklug	second (mean solar) meter²	-019.9726957 $+062.589988110336*$ $-031.2959782*$ -081.00 $+021.09728*$
spanstatamperestateoulombstatfaradstathenrystatuhmstatute mile (U.S.)statvoltstatvoltstatvoltstatvoltsteresterestatvoltsteresteresterestatvoltsterestatvoltsteresteresterestatvoltsteresterestatvoltsteres	meter ampere coulomb farad henry ohm meter volt	-01 2.286* -10 3.335 640 -10 3.335 640 -12 1.112 650 +11 8.987 554 +11 8.987 554 +02 2.997 925 +00 1.00*

To convert from	to	multiply by
stilbstokestoke	candela/meter²meter²/second	$+04\ 1.00$ $-04\ 1.00*$
tablespoon	meter3	-05 1.478 676 478 125*
teaspoonton (assay)ton	meter³kilogram	-064.92892159375* -022.9166666
ton (long)	kilogramkilogram	+03 1.016 046 908 8* +03 1.00*
ton (nuclear equivalent of TNT)	joule	+09 4.20
ton (register)	meter3	$+00\ 2.831\ 684\ 659\ 2*$
ton (short, 2000 pound)	kilogram	+02 9.071 847 4*
tonne	kilogram	$+03\ 1.00*$
torr (0° C)	newton/meter ²	$+02\ 1.333\ 22$
township	meter²	$+07\ 9.323\ 957\ 2$
unit pole	weber	$-07\ 1.256\ 637$
vard	meter	-019.144*
vear (calendar)	second (mean solar)	$+07\ 3.1536*$
year (sidereal)	second (mean solar)	$+07\ 3.155\ 815\ 0$
year (tropical)	second (mean solar)	$+07\ 3.155\ 692\ 6$
year 1900, tropical, Jan., day 0, hour 12	second (ephemeris)	+07 3.155 692 597 47*
year 1900, tropical, Jan., day 0, hour 12	second	$+07\ 3.155\ 692\ 597\ 47$

LISTING BY PHYSICAL QUANTITY

ACCELERATION

$foot/second^2$

AREA

a cre	meter ²	+03 4.046 856 422 4*
are	meter ²	$+02\ 1.00*$
barn	meter2	$-28\ 1.00*$
circular mil.	meter2	$-10\ 5.067\ 074\ 8$
foot2	meter2	$-02\ 9.290\ 304*$
hectare	meter2	$+04\ 1.00*$
inch^2	meter2	-04 6.4516*
mile ² (U.S. statute)	meter2	+06 2.589 988 110 336*
section	meter ²	+06 2.589 988 110 336*
township	meter ²	+079.3239572
vard ²	meter ²	-018.3612736*

DENSITY

ENERGY

9)(9	joule	1.055
	Joule	$+03\ 1.055\ 056$
British thermal unit (thermochemical)	joulejoule	+031.054350
(39° F)	joulej	
thermal unit (60° F)	joule	+03 1.054 68
(International Steam Table)	Joure	+00 4.1868
calorie (thermochemical)	joule	+00 1 :130 02 +00 4:184*
(15° C)	joule	
(20° C)	joule	
(kilogram, International Steam Table) -	joule	+034.1868
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	joule	
calorie (kilogram, thermochemical)	joule	4.184*
electron volt	Joule	
erg	Journal	-07 I.00* +00 I 355 817 9
took nomindal	ionle	
ionle (international of 1948)	ioule	1.000 165
kilocalorie (International Steam Table)	joule	+03 4.1868
kilocalorie (mean)	joule	$+03\ 4.190\ 02$
kilocalorie (thermochemical)ti	joule	$+03 \ 4.184*$
kilowatt hour	joule	3.60*
kilowatt hour (international of 1948)	joule	+06 3.600 59
ton (nuclear equivalent of TNT)	joule	+09 4.20
watt hour	joule	$+03\ 3.60*$
ш	ENERGY/AREA TIME	
	watt/meter2	893
Btu (thermochemical)/foot ² minute	watt/meter2	1.891 488
Btu (thermochemical)/foot ² hour	watt/meter ²	3.152 480
Btu (thermochemical)/inch² second	watt/meter*	+00 1.034 240 2 +03 6 073 222 3
calorie (thermochemical)/cm² minute	watt/meter ²	999
watt/centimeter2	watt/meter ²	+04 1.00*
	FORCE	
dyne	newton	$-05\ 1.00*$
kilogram force (kgf)	newton	9.806
kilopond force	newton	9.80665*
kipkip	newton	+034.4482216152605*
onnee force (avoirdinois)	newton	2.780 138 5
counce force (avoirdupois)	newton	4.448 221
poundal	newton	-01 1.382 549 543 76*
	LENGIH	,
	1 7 7	*00 1 00
angstromt (TATI)	meter	-10 1.00° +11 1 496 00
astronomical unit (radio)	meter	+111.4959789
Cable	meter	2.194 56*

To convert from	to	multiply by
caliberchain (surveyor or gunter)chain (engineer or ramden)	meter	$-04\ 2.54* +01\ 2.011\ 68* +01\ 3.048*$
fathom	meter	
fermi (femtometer)	meter	$-15\ 1.00* \ -01\ 3.048*$
foot (U.S. survey)	meter	
furlong	meter	-0.1 0.048 0.00 0.90 + 0.02 2.011 68*
hand	meter	-01 1.016* -02 2 54*
e i	meter	
league (international nautical)	meter	+03 5.556*
light year.	meter	+15 9.460 55
link (engineer or ramden)	meter	
link (surveyor or gunter)	meter	
micron	meter	$\pm 00 1.050 703 73^{\circ}$ $-06 1.00^{\circ}$
mil	meter	
mile (U.S. statute)	meter	
mile (U.K. nautical)	meter	
mile (international nautical)	meter	$+03\ 1.852*$
mille (O.S. natureal)	meter	+03 1.852* -03 1.852 104*
nautical mile (international)	meter	
	meter	$+03\ 1.852*$
pace	meter	
parsec (IAU)	meter	
pice (mintous)	meter	
pica (printers)	meter	03 4.217 317 07 04 3 514 598*
pole	meter	
rod	meter	
skein	meter	
span	meter	
statute mile (U.S.)	meter	
yard	mever	01 9.144*
	MASS	
carat (metric)	kilogram	-04 2.00*
gram (avoirdupois)	kilogram	-03 1.771 845 195 312 5
gram (troy or apothecary)	kilogramkilogram.	-03 3.887 934 6*
grain	kilogram	
gram	kilogram	1.00*
hundredweight (long)hundredweight (chont)	kilogram	+01 5.080 234 544*
	kilogram	85.5 65.45
kilogram mass.	kilogram	1.00*
lbm (pound mass, avoirdupois)	kilogram.	-01 4.535 923 7*
ounce mass (avoirdupois)	kilogram	$-02\ 2.834\ 952\ 312\ 5*$
ounce mass (troy or apothecary)	kilogram	3.110
pennyweight	kilogram	1.555 173
pound mass, lbm (avoirdupois)	kilogram	-01 4.535 923 7*

To convert from	to	multiply by
pound mass (troy or apothecary)scruple (apothecary)slugton (assay)ton (long)ton (metric)ton (short, 2000 pound)tonne	kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.kilogram.	-01 3.732 417 216* -03 1.295 978 2* +01 1.459 390 29 -02 2.916 666 6 +03 1.016 046 908 8* +03 1.00* +02 9.071 847 4* +03 1.00*
	POWER	
Btu (thermochemical)/secondBtu (thermochemical)/minutecalorie (thermochemical)/second	wattwatt	+03 1.054 350 264 488 +01 1.757 250 4 +00 4.184*
calorie (thermochemical)/minutefoot lbf/hour	watt	6.973 333 3.766 161
foot lbf/second	watt	.7 -
horsepower (550 foot lbf/second)horsepower (boiler)	watt	$+02\ 7.456\ 998\ 7$ $+03\ 9.809\ 50$
	watt	7.46*
horsepower (W.K.)	watt	+027.35499 +027.457
horsepower (water)	watt	7.460 43
kilocalorie (thermochemical)/minute kilocalorie (thermochemical)/second	watt	$+01\ 6.973\ 333\ 3$
	watt	
	PRESSURE	
atmosphere	newton/meter ²	
barto	newton/meter ²	
centimeter of mercury (0° C)	newton/meter2n	$-011.00^{\circ} + 031.33322$
centimeter of water (4° C)	newton/meter2	
dyne/cenumeter- foot of water (39.2° F)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-01\ 1.00* + 03\ 2.988\ 98$
of mercury	$newton/meter^2______$	3.386
inch of mercury (60° F)inch of water (39.2° F)	newton/meter ² newton/meter ²	$+03\ 3.376\ 85$ $+02\ 2.490\ 82$
inch of water (60° F)	newton/meter ²	
kgl/cenumeter*kof/meter2	newton/meter ²	$+04\ 9.806\ 65*$
lbf/foot²	newton/meter ²	4.788 025
lbf/inch² (psi)	newton/meter2	
millimeter of mercury (0° C)	newton/meter ² newton/meter ²	$+02\ 1.00* \\ +02\ 1.333\ 224$
pascal	newton/meter ²	1.00*
psi (lbf/inch²)torr (0° C)	newton/meter ² newton/meter ²	
	SPEED	
foot/minute	meter/second	
inch/second	meter/second	$-01\ 3.048* \ -02\ 2.54*$

To convert from	to	multiply by
kilometer/hour	meter/secondmeter/second meter/second meter/second meter/second meter/second meter/second	-01 2.777 777 8 -01 5.144 444 444 -01 4.4704* +01 2.682 24* +03 1.609 344*
	TEMPERATURE	
Celsius Fahrenheit Fahrenheit Rankine Rankine	kelvin	$t_K = t_C + 273.15$ $t_K = (5/9) (t_F + 459.67)$ $t_C = (5/9) (t_F - 32)$ $t_K = (5/9) t_R$
	TIME	
day (mean solar)day (sidereal)	second (mean solar)second (mean solar)	+04 8.64* +04 8.616 409 0 +03 3.60*
hour (sidereal)		$+03\ 3.590\ 170\ 4$ $+01\ 6.00*$
minute (sidereal) month (mean calendar) second (ephemeris)	second (mean solar)second (mean solar)second (mean solar)second	+01 5.983 617 4 +06 2.628* +00 1.000 000 000 Consult American Enhemeris
BECOLIA (Illean Botal)	scoond (moon solar)	and Nautical Almanac
second (sidereal)year (calendar)year (sidereal)	second (mean solar) second (mean solar) second (mean solar) second (mean solar)	-01 9.97 2 095 7 +07 3.1536* +07 3.155 815 0 +07 3.155 692 6
year (1900, tropical, Jan., day 0, hour 12		3.155692 3.155692
	VISCOSITY	
centistoke	meter2/second	-06 1.00* -04 1 00*
foot/second	meter*/second	$-029.290304* \\ -031.00*$
Unit foot second	newton second/meter²	
101 Second/1000* poise poundal second/foot²	newton second/meter newton second/meter newton second/meter	1.00* 1.488 163 4.788 025
sug/root second.	meter2/newton second	1.00*
	VOLUME	
acre foot	meter ³	+03 1.233 481 837 547 52* -01 1.589 873 -03 9 250 737 916*
bushel (U.S.)	meter ³	3.523 907 3.624 556
1 1	meter*	2.365
dram (U.S. fluid)fluid ounce (U.S.)	. meter ³	3.696 691 195 512 2.957 352 956 25*
foot3	meter3	$-02\ 2.831\ 684\ 659\ 2*$

To convert from	to	multiply by
gallon (U.K. liquid) gallon (U.S. dry) gallon (U.S. liquid) gill (U.S.) gill (U.S.) hogshead (U.S.) inch³ liter ounce (U.S. fluid) peck (U.S.) pint (U.S. dry) quart (U.S. liquid)	meter'	-03 4.546 087 -03 4.404 883 770 86* -03 3.785 411 784* -04 1.420 652 -04 1.182 941 2 -01 2.384 809 423 92* -05 1.638 706 4* -05 1.638 706 4* -05 2.957 352 956 25* -05 2.957 352 956 25* -04 4.731 764 73* -04 4.731 764 73* -04 4.731 764 73* -04 4.731 764 73* -04 9.463 529 5
tablespoon teaspoon ton (register)	meter ³	-05 1.478 676 478 125* -06 4.928 921 593 75* +00 2.831 684 659 2* -01 7.645 548 579 84*

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