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Pythagorean Theorem in 3-D

At the right, you see an illustration of a rectangular prism. The prism is 3 units wide, 4 units deep, and 12 units high. Use the Pythagorean Theorem to first determine the length of diagonal \overline{AC} , and then to determine the length of diagonal \overline{AG} .

$$AC^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$$

$$AG^2 = 5^2 + 12^2$$

$$AC^2 = 9 + 16$$

$$AG^2 = 25 + 144$$

$$AC^2 = 25$$

$$AG^2 = 169$$

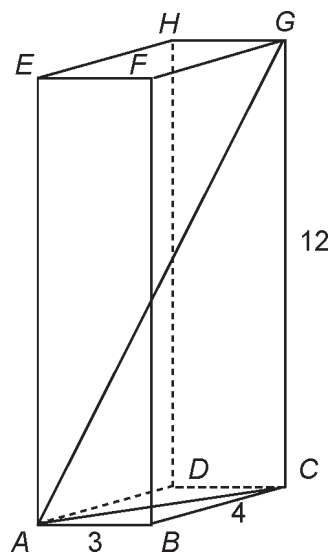
$$AC = \sqrt{25}$$

$$AG = \sqrt{169}$$

$$AC = 5$$

$$AG = 13$$

The diagonal of the rectangular prism is 13 units.



For each rectangular prism, determine the length of a diagonal. Round to the nearest hundredth.

