

# Appendix A Conversions



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USAF/Northrop B-2 Spirit stealth bomber being refueled by a KC-10 tanker. The B-2 was designed to penetrate dense anti-aircraft defenses and deliver both conventional and nuclear weapons. The program has been controversial because of the high unit and O&S costs, and Northrop has only built 21 aircraft to date.

*A scientist discovers that which exists.  
An engineer creates that which never was.*

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A.1 Unit Conversions

A.1.1 Length

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Centimeter (cm)	$3.281 \times 10^{-2}$	Feet
	$3.938 \times 10^{-1}$	Inches
	$1.000 \times 10^{-5}$	Kilometers
	$1.000 \times 10^{-2}$	Meters
	$1.094 \times 10^{-2}$	Yards
Foot (ft)	30.48	Centimeters
	12.00	Inches
	$3.048 \times 10^{-4}$	Kilometers
	$3.048 \times 10^{-1}$	Meters
	$1.894 \times 10^{-4}$	Miles
	$3.333 \times 10^{-1}$	Yards
Inch (in.)	2.540	Centimeters
	$8.333 \times 10^{-2}$	Feet
	$2.540 \times 10^{-2}$	Meters
	$2.778 \times 10^{-2}$	Yards
	$1.000 \times 10^{-3}$	Miles
Meter (m)	$1.000 \times 10^2$	Centimeters
	3.281	Feet
	39.37	Inches
	$1.000 \times 10^{-3}$	Kilometers
	$6.214 \times 10^{-4}$	Miles
	1.094	Yards
Statute mile (mile or mi)	$5.280 \times 10^3$	Feet
	1.609	Kilometers
	$1.760 \times 10^3$	Yards
	0.868976	Nautical miles
Nautical mile (n mile)	$6.076 \times 10^3$	Feet
	$1.852 \times 10^3$	Meters
	1.15078	Miles
Yard (yd)	91.44	Centimeters
	3.000	Feet
	36.00	Inches
	$9.144 \times 10^{-1}$	Meters
	$5.682 \times 10^{-4}$	Miles

**A.1.2 Area**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Acre	$4.356 \times 10^4$	Square feet
	$4.047 \times 10^3$	Square meters
	$1.562 \times 10^{-3}$	Square miles
Square centimeter (cm <sup>2</sup> )	$1.076 \times 10^{-3}$	Square feet
	$1.550 \times 10^{-1}$	Square inches
	$1.000 \times 10^{-4}$	Square meters
	$1.000 \times 10^2$	Square millimeters
Square foot (ft <sup>2</sup> )	$2.296 \times 10^{-5}$	Acres
	$1.440 \times 10^2$	Square inches
	$9.290 \times 10^{-2}$	Square meters
	$3.587 \times 10^{-8}$	Square miles
	$1.111 \times 10^{-1}$	Square yards
Square inch (in. <sup>2</sup> )	6.4516	Square Centimeters
	$6.944 \times 10^{-3}$	Square feet
	$6.452 \times 10^{-4}$	Square meters
Square kilometer (km <sup>2</sup> )	$2.471 \times 10^2$	Acres
	$1.076 \times 10^7$	Square feet
	$3.861 \times 10^{-1}$	Square miles
Square meter (m <sup>2</sup> )	$2.471 \times 10^{-4}$	Acres
	$1.000 \times 10^4$	Square centimeters
	10.76	Square feet
	$1.550 \times 10^3$	Square inches
	$3.861 \times 10^{-7}$	Square miles
Square mile	$6.40 \times 10^2$	Acres
	$2.778 \times 10^7$	Square feet
	2.590	Square kilometers
	$2.590 \times 10^6$	Square meters
	$3.0976 \times 10^6$	Square yards

A.1.3 Volume

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Cubic centimeter (cm <sup>3</sup> )	$3.531 \times 10^{-5}$	Cubic feet
	$6.1024 \times 10^{-2}$	Cubic inches
	$1.000 \times 10^{-6}$	Cubic meters
	$1.308 \times 10^{-6}$	Cubic yards
	$3.381 \times 10^{-2}$	Fluid ounce
Cubic foot (ft <sup>3</sup> )	$2.832 \times 10^4$	Cubic centimeters
	$1.728 \times 10^3$	Cubic inches
	$2.832 \times 10^{-2}$	Cubic meters
	28.317	Liters
	7.481	Gallons
Cubic inch (in. <sup>3</sup> )	16.39	Cubic centimeters
	$5.787 \times 10^{-4}$	Cubic feet
	$1.639 \times 10^{-5}$	Cubic meters
Cubic meter (m <sup>3</sup> )	$1.000 \times 10^6$	Cubic centimeters
	35.31	Cubic feet
	$6.102 \times 10^4$	Cubic inches
	1.308	Cubic yards
Gallon (U.S.) (gal)	$1.3368 \times 10^{-1}$	Cubic feet
	3.78542	Liters
	$3.785 \times 10^{-3}$	Cubic meters
	231	Cubic inches
	128	Fluid ounces
	8.000	Pints
Imperial gallon	$2.774 \times 10^2$	Cubic inches
	1.201	Gallons (U.S.)
	4.546	Liters
Liter	$3.532 \times 10^{-2}$	Cubic feet
	0.2642	Gallons
	$1.000 \times 10^{-3}$	Cubic meters
	2.113	Pints
	1.05669	Quarts
	33.8142	Fluid ounces
Pint (U.S.) (pt)	$1.671 \times 10^{-2}$	Cubic feet
	$1.250 \times 10^{-1}$	Gallons
	$4.732 \times 10^{-1}$	Liters
	0.5	Quarts
	28.875	Cubic inches
	16	Fluid ounces
Quart (U.S.) (qt)	$3.342 \times 10^{-2}$	Cubic feet
	$2.500 \times 10^{-1}$	Gallons
	$9.463 \times 10^{-1}$	Liters
	2	Pints

**A.1.4 Velocity**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Centimeter per second (cm/s)	$3.281 \times 10^{-2}$ $3.937 \times 10^{-1}$ $1.000 \times 10^{-2}$	Feet per second Inches per second Meters per second
Foot per second (fps or ft/s)	30.48 1.097 $5.921 \times 10^{-1}$ $3.048 \times 10^{-1}$ $6.818 \times 10^{-1}$	Centimeters per second Kilometers per hour Knots Meters per second Miles per hour
Inch per second (ips)	$8.333 \times 10^{-2}$ 2.540	Feet per second Centimeters per second
Kilometer per hour (km/h)	$9.113 \times 10^{-1}$ $5.396 \times 10^{-1}$ $6.214 \times 10^{-1}$	Feet per second Knots Miles per hour
Knot (kt)	1.689 1.151 1.000 1.852	Feet per second Miles per hour Nautical miles per hour Kilometers per hour
Meter per second (m/s)	3.281 3.600 1.943 2.237	Feet per second Kilometers per hour Knots Miles per hour
Mile per hour (mph)	1.467 1.609 0.8684 0.4470	Feet per second Kilometers per hour Knots Meters per second

**A.1.5 Acceleration**

Feet per second <sup>2</sup> (ft/s <sup>2</sup> )	30.48 0.6818	Centimeters per second <sup>2</sup> Miles per hour-second
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**A.1.6 Angular Rate and Frequency**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Radians per second (rad/s)	0.1592 9.549 57.296	Revolutions per second Revolutions per minute Degrees per second
Revolutions per minute (rpm)	0.01667 0.10472 6	Revolutions per second Radians per second Degrees per second
Cycle per second (cps)	1.000 $2\pi$	Hertz Radians per second

A.1.7 Mass

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Kilogram (kg)	$1.000 \times 10^3$	Grams
	$6.854 \times 10^{-2}$	Slugs
Slug	$1.459 \times 10^4$	Grams
	14.59	Kilograms

A.1.8 Weight

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Gram (g)	$3.528 \times 10^{-2}$	Ounces
	$2.205 \times 10^{-3}$	Pounds
Pound (lb)	$4.536 \times 10^2$	Grams
	16	Ounces
Short ton	2000	Pounds
	907.185	Kilograms
Metric tonne	2205	Pounds
	1000	Kilograms

A.1.9 Force

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Dyne	$1.020 \times 10^{-3}$	Grams
	$1.000 \times 10^{-5}$	Newtons
	$2.248 \times 10^{-6}$	Pounds
Gram (g)	$3.528 \times 10^{-2}$	Ounces
	$2.205 \times 10^{-3}$	Pounds
	$9.807 \times 10^2$	Dynes
	$9.807 \times 10^{-3}$	Newtons
Kilogram (kg)	2.205	Pounds
	9.807	Newtons
	70.93	Poundals
Pound (lb)	$4.536 \times 10^{-1}$	Kilograms
	4.448	Newtons
	32.17	Poundals
Poundal	$1.410 \times 10^{-2}$	Kilograms
	$1.383 \times 10^{-1}$	Newtons
	$3.108 \times 10^{-2}$	Pounds

**A.1.10 Pressure**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Atmosphere (atm)	29.92	Inches of mercury (0°C)
	760	Millimeters of mercury (0°C)
	1.0133	Bars
	14.70	Pounds per square inch
	$1.01325 \times 10^6$	Dynes per centimeter
	$1.01325 \times 10^5$	Newtons per meter
Bar	$9.870 \times 10^{-7}$	Atmospheres
	1.000	Dyne per square centimeter
	$1.0 \times 10^5$	Newtons per square meter
	$7.501 \times 10^2$	Millimeters of mercury (0°C)
	$1.451 \times 10^{-5}$	Pounds per square inch
Dyne per square centimeter (dyne/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$2.952 \times 10^{-5}$	Inches of mercury (0°C)
	$1.020 \times 10^{-2}$	Kilograms per square meter
	$7.501 \times 10^{-4}$	Millimeters of mercury (0°C)
	$1.450 \times 10^{-5}$	Pounds per square inch
Inch of mercury (in. Hg)	$3.342 \times 10^{-2}$	Atmospheres (0°C)
	$3.388 \times 10^{-2}$	Bars
	$3.388 \times 10^3$	Dynes per square centimeter
	13.60	Inches of water
	25.40	Millimeters of mercury
	$3.388 \times 10^3$	Newtons per square meter
	70.73	Pounds per square foot
	$4.912 \times 10^{-1}$	Pounds per square inch
Inch of water (in. H <sub>2</sub> O) (4°C)	$2.458 \times 10^{-3}$	Atmospheres
	$7.355 \times 10^{-2}$	Inches of mercury
	1.868	Millimeters of mercury
	$2.491 \times 10^2$	Newtons per square meter
	$3.613 \times 10^{-2}$	Pounds per square inch
	5.203	Pounds per square foot
Kilogram per square meter (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	$9.678 \times 10^{-5}$	Atmospheres
	98.07	Bars
	$2.896 \times 10^{-3}$	Inches of mercury
	9.807	Newtons per square meter
	6.588	Poundals per square foot
	$2.048 \times 10^{-1}$	Pounds per square foot
	$1.422 \times 10^{-3}$	Pounds per square inch

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Multiply	By	To Obtain
Millimeter of mercury (0°C) (torr or mm Hg)	$1.333 \times 10^3$	Dynes per square centimeter
	$3.937 \times 10^{-2}$	Inches of mercury
	$5.354 \times 10^{-1}$	Inches of water
	$1.333 \times 10^2$	Newtons per square meter
	$1.934 \times 10^{-2}$	Pounds per square inch
Newton per square meter [pascal (Pa)] (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	$9.869 \times 10^{-6}$	Atmospheres
	10	Dynes per square centimeter
	$2.953 \times 10^{-4}$	Inches of mercury
	$1.020 \times 10^{-1}$	Kilograms per square meter
	$2.089 \times 10^{-2}$	Pounds per square foot
	$1.450 \times 10^{-4}$	Pounds per square inch
Pound per square foot (psf)	$4.725 \times 10^{-4}$	Atmospheres
	$4.788 \times 10^{-4}$	Bars
	$4.788 \times 10^2$	Dynes per square centimeter
	$1.414 \times 10^{-2}$	Inches of mercury
	4.882	Kilograms per square meter
	47.88	Newtons per square meter
	$6.944 \times 10^{-3}$	Pounds per square inch
Pound per square inch (psi)	$6.804 \times 10^{-2}$	Atmospheres
	$6.895 \times 10^4$	Dynes per square centimeter
	2.036	Inches of mercury
	$7.031 \times 10^{-2}$	Kilograms per square meter
	$6.895 \times 10^3$	Newtons per square meter
	$1.44 \times 10^2$	Pounds per square foot

**A.1.11 Density**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Pound per cubic foot (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	$5.787 \times 10^{-4}$	Pounds per cubic inch
	16.018	Kilograms per cubic meter
	$1.6018 \times 10^{-2}$	Grams per cubic centimeter



**A.1.12 Work and Energy**

Multiply	By	To Obtain
British thermal unit (Btu)	$2.530 \times 10^2$	Calories
	$7.783 \times 10^2$	Foot pounds
	$3.927 \times 10^{-4}$	Horsepower hours
	$1.055 \times 10^3$	Joules
	$1.055 \times 10^3$	Newton meters
	$2.930 \times 10^{-4}$	Kilowatt hours
	$1.055 \times 10^3$	Watt seconds
Foot pound (ft·lb)	$1.285 \times 10^{-3}$	British thermal units
	$5.050 \times 10^{-7}$	Horsepower hours
	1.356	Joules
	$3.766 \times 10^{-7}$	Kilowatt hours
	1.356	Newton meters
Horsepower hour (hp·h)	$2.545 \times 10^3$	British thermal units
	$1.980 \times 10^6$	Foot pounds
	$2.684 \times 10^6$	Joules
	$7.457 \times 10^{-1}$	Kilowatt hours
Joule	$9.486 \times 10^{-4}$	British thermal units
	$2.389 \times 10^{-1}$	Calories
	$1.000 \times 10^7$	Dyne centimeters (ergs)
	$7.376 \times 10^{-1}$	Foot pounds
	1.000	Newton meter
	1.000	Watt second
Kilowatt hour (kWh)	$3.415 \times 10^3$	British thermal units
	$2.655 \times 10^6$	Foot pounds
	1.341	Horsepower hours
	$3.600 \times 10^6$	Joules
	$3.670 \times 10^5$	Kilogram meters
	$3.600 \times 10^6$	Watt seconds
Dyne centimeter	$7.3756 \times 10^{-8}$	Foot pounds
	$1.000 \times 10^{-7}$	Newton meters

**A.1.13** Power

Multiply	By	To Obtain
British thermal unit per minute (BTU/min)	$3.969 \times 10^6$	Calories per second
	12.97	Foot-pounds per second
	$2.357 \times 10^{-2}$	Horsepower
	17.58	Joules per second
	$2.987 \times 10^{-2}$	Kilogram meters per second
	17.58	Watts
Foot-pound per second (ft·lb/s)	$7.713 \times 10^{-2}$	British thermal units per minute
	$3.239 \times 10^{-1}$	Calories per second
	$1.818 \times 10^{-3}$	Horsepower
	1.356	Joules per second
	$1.383 \times 10^{-1}$	Kilogram meters per second
	1.356	Watts
Horsepower (hp)	42.42	British thermal units per minute
	550	Foot-pounds per second
	33,000	Foot-pounds per minute
	$7.457 \times 10^2$	Joules per second
	76.04	Kilogram-meters per second
	$7.457 \times 10^2$	Watts
Kilogram-meter per second	33.47	British Thermal Units per minute
	7.233	Foot-pounds per second
Watt (joule per second) (W)	$5.689 \times 10^{-2}$	British thermal units per minute
	$2.388 \times 10^{-1}$	Calories per second
	$7.376 \times 10^{-1}$	Foot-pounds per second
	$1.341 \times 10^{-3}$	Horsepower
	$1.020 \times 10^{-1}$	Kilogram-meters per second

**A.2** Temperature Conversions

- $T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = (5/9) [T(^{\circ}\text{F}) - 32]$
- $T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = (5/9) [T(^{\circ}\text{R}) - 491.67]$
- $T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = T(^{\circ}\text{K}) - 273.15$
- $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = (9/5) T(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$
- $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = (9/5) [T(^{\circ}\text{K}) - 273.15] + 32$
- $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = T(^{\circ}\text{R}) - 459.67$

## A.3 Gases and Liquids

### A.3.1 Standard Values for Air at Sea Level

- $p_0 = 2116.22 \text{ psi} = 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 29.92 \text{ in. Hg} = 760 \text{ mm Hg}$
- $T_0 = 518.67^\circ\text{R} = 59.0^\circ\text{F} = 288.15^\circ\text{K} = 15.0^\circ\text{C}$
- $g_0 = 32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2 = 9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2$
- $\rho_0 = 0.002377 \text{ slug/ft}^3 = 0.12492 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^2/\text{m}^4$
- $\nu_0 = 1.5723 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s} = 1.4607 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
- $\mu_0 = 1.2024 \times 10^{-5} \text{ lb/ft}\cdot\text{s} = 1.7894 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m}\cdot\text{s}$
- $\mu_0 = 3.737 \times 10^{-7} \text{ slug}/(\text{ft}\cdot\text{s})$

### A.3.2 Specific Weights of Other Gases at One Atmosphere and 0°C

- Carbon dioxide =  $0.12341 \text{ lb/ft}^3$
- Helium =  $0.01114 \text{ lb/ft}^3$
- Hydrogen =  $0.005611 \text{ lb/ft}^3$
- Nitrogen =  $0.07807 \text{ lb/ft}^3$
- Oxygen =  $0.089212 \text{ lb/ft}^3$

### A.3.3 Specific Weights (Specific Gravity) of Some Liquids at 0°C

- Alcohol (methyl) =  $50.5 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.810)
- Gasoline =  $44.9 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.72)
- JP1 =  $49.7 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.80)
- JP3 =  $48.2 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.775)
- JP4 =  $49.0 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.785)
- JP5 =  $51.1 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.817)
- JP7 =  $48.6\text{--}50.3 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.779–0.806)
- JP8 =  $55.81 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.894)
- JP10 =  $58.62 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.939)
- Kerosene =  $51.2 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (0.82)
- Sea water =  $63.99 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (1.025)
- Water =  $62.43 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  (1.000)