

Figure 2-3 shows the combination of fundamental units used to obtain derived units. Some combination units are given their own names. For example, pressure expressed in base units is the pascal (Pa). The unit for energy is the joule (J).

$$\text{kg/m}\cdot\text{s}^2$$

The name *pascal*, Pa, is given to this combination. You will learn more about pressure in Chapter 10. Prefixes can also be added to express derived units. Pressure can be expressed in cm^2 , square centimeters, m^2 , square millimeters.

Volume

Volume is the amount of space occupied by an object. The derived SI unit for volume is cubic meters, m^3 . One cubic meter is equal to the volume of a cube whose edges are 1 m long. Such a large unit is inconvenient for measuring the volume of materials in a chemistry laboratory. Instead, a smaller unit, the cubic centimeter, cm^3 , is often used. There are 100 centimeters in a meter, so a cubic meter contains 1 000 000 cm^3 .

$$1 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} = 1 \text{ 000 000 cm}^3$$

When chemists measure the volumes of liquids and gases, they often use a non-SI unit called the liter. The liter is equivalent to one cubic decimeter. Thus, a liter, L, is also equivalent to 1000 cm^3 . Another non-SI unit, the milliliter, mL, is used for smaller volumes. There are 1000 mL in a liter. Because there are also 1000 cm^3 in a liter, the two units—milliliter and cubic centimeter—are interchangeable.

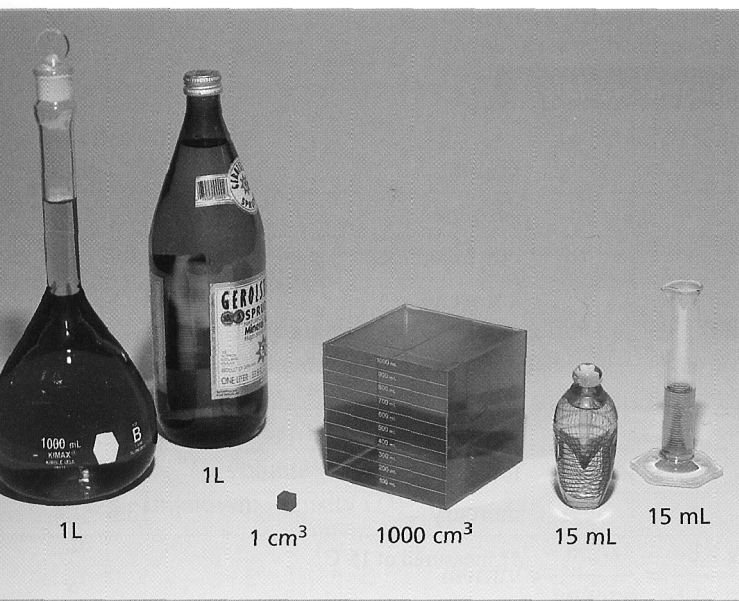


FIGURE 2-6 The relationships between various volumes are shown here. One liter contains 1000 mL of liquid, and 1 mL is equivalent to 1 cm^3 . A small perfume bottle contains about 15 mL of liquid. The volumetric flask and graduated cylinder are used for measuring liquid volumes in the lab.

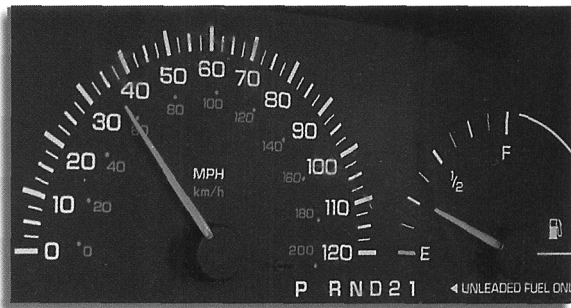


FIGURE 2-5 The speed that registers on a speedometer represents distance traveled per hour and is expressed in the derived units kilometers per hour or miles per hour.