

# *Symbols, Units, and Conversion Factors*

**Table C.1 Symbols and Units**

Parameter or Variable Name	Symbol	SI	English
Acceleration, angular	$\alpha(t)$	rad/s <sup>2</sup>	rad/s <sup>2</sup>
Acceleration, translational	$a(t)$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	ft/s <sup>2</sup>
Friction, rotational	$b$	$\frac{Nm}{rad/s}$	$\frac{ft-lb}{rad/s}$
Friction, translational	$b$	$\frac{N}{m/s}$	$\frac{lb}{ft/s}$
Inertia, rotational	$J$	$\frac{Nm}{rad/s^2}$	$\frac{ft-lb}{rad/s^2}$
Mass	$M$	kg	slugs
Position, rotational	$\theta(t)$	rad	rad
Position, translational	$x(t)$	m	ft
Speed, rotational	$\omega(t)$	rad/s	rad/s
Speed, translational	$v(t)$	m/s	ft/s
Torque	$T(t)$	Nm	ft-lb

**Table C.2 Conversion Factors**

To Convert	Into	Multiply by	kg	lb	2.205
Btu	ft-lb	778.3	kg	slugs	$6.852 \times 10^{-2}$
Btu	J	1054.8	<b>To Convert</b>	<b>Into</b>	<b>Multiply by</b>
Btu/hr	ft-lb/s	0.2162	kW	Btu/min	56.92
Btu/hr	W	0.2931	kW	ft-lb/min	$4.462 \times 10^4$
Btu/min	hp	0.02356	kW	hp	1.341
Btu/min	kW	0.01757			
Btu/min	W	17.57	miles (statute)	ft	5280
			mph	ft/min	88
cal	J	4.182	mph	ft/s	1.467
cm	ft	$3.281 \times 10^{-2}$	mph	m/s	0.44704
cm	in.	0.3937	mils	cm	$2.540 \times 10^{-3}$
cm <sup>3</sup>	ft <sup>3</sup>	$3.531 \times 10^{-5}$	mils	in.	0.001
			min (angles)	deg	0.01667
deg (angle)	rad	0.01745	min (angles)	rad	$2.909 \times 10^{-4}$
deg/s	rpm	0.1667			
dynes	g	$1.020 \times 10^{-3}$	Nm	ft-lb	0.73756
dynes	lb	$2.248 \times 10^{-6}$	Nm	dyne-cm	$10^7$
dynes	N	$10^{-5}$	Nms	W	1.0
ft/s	miles/hr	0.6818	oz	g	28.349527
ft/s	miles/min	0.01136	oz-in.	dyne-cm	70,615.7
ft-lb	g-cm	$1.383 \times 10^4$	oz-in <sup>2</sup>	g-cm <sup>2</sup>	$1.829 \times 10^2$
ft-lb	oz-in.	192	oz-in.	ft-lb	$5.208 \times 10^{-3}$
ft-lb/min	Btu/min	$1.286 \times 10^{-3}$	oz-in.	g-cm	72.01
ft-lb/s	hp	$1.818 \times 10^{-3}$			
ft-lb/s	kW	$1.356 \times 10^{-3}$	lb(force)	N	4.4482
ft-lb	oz-in.	20.11	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.01602
rad/s	rpm		lb-ft-s <sup>2</sup>	oz-in <sup>2</sup>	$7.419 \times 10^4$
g	dynes	980.7	rad	deg	57.30
g	lb	$2.205 \times 10^{-3}$	rad	min	3438
g-cm <sup>2</sup>	oz-in <sup>2</sup>	$5.468 \times 10^{-3}$	rad	s	$2.063 \times 10^5$
g-cm	oz-in.	$1.389 \times 10^{-2}$	rad/s	deg/s	57.30
g-cm	ft-lb	$1.235 \times 10^{-5}$	rad/s	rpm	9.549
			rad/s	rps	0.1592
hp	Btu/min	42.44	rpm	deg/s	6.0
hp	ft-lb/min	33,000	rpm	rad/s	0.1047
hp	ft-lb/s	550.0			
hp	W	745.7	s (angle)	deg	$2.778 \times 10^{-4}$
			s (angle)	rad	$4.848 \times 10^{-6}$
in.	meters	$2.540 \times 10^{-2}$	slugs (mass)	kg	14.594
in.	cm	2.540	slug-ft <sup>2</sup>	km <sup>2</sup>	1.3558
J	Btu	$9.480 \times 10^{-4}$	W	Btu/hr	3.413
J	ergs	$10^7$	W	Btu/min	0.05688
J	ft-lb	0.7376	W	ft-lb/min	44.27
J	W-hr	$2.778 \times 10^{-4}$	W	hp	$1.341 \times 10^{-3}$
			W	Nm/s	1.0
			Wh	Btu	3.413

gram (g), joule (J), watt (W), newton (N), watt-hour (Wh)