
UNIT CONVERSION FACTORS

Length

1 m = 100 cm = 1000 mm = 10^6 μm = 10^9 nm
1 km = 1000 m = 0.6214 mi
1 m = 3.281 ft = 39.37 in.
1 cm = 0.3937 in.
1 in. = 2.540 cm
1 ft = 30.48 cm
1 yd = 91.44 cm
1 mi = 5280 ft = 1.609 km
1 Å = 10^{-10} m = 10^{-8} cm = 10^{-1} nm
1 nautical mile = 6080 ft
1 light year = 9.461×10^{15} m

Area

1 cm² = 0.155 in.²
1 m² = 10^4 cm² = 10.76 ft²
1 in.² = 6.452 cm²
1 ft = 144 in.² = 0.0929 m²

Volume

1 liter = 1000 cm³ = 10^{-3} m³ = 0.03531 ft³ = 61.02 in.³
1 ft³ = 0.02832 m³ = 28.32 liters = 7.477 gallons
1 gallon = 3.788 liters

Time

1 min = 60 s
1 h = 3600 s
1 d = 86,400 s
1 y = 365.24 d = 3.156×10^7 s

Angle

1 rad = 57.30° = $180^\circ/\pi$
1° = 0.01745 rad = $\pi/180$ rad
1 revolution = 360° = 2π rad
1 rev/min (rpm) = 0.1047 rad/s

Speed

1 m/s = 3.281 ft/s
1 ft/s = 0.3048 m/s
1 mi/min = 60 mi/h = 88 ft/s
1 km/h = 0.2778 m/s = 0.6214 mi/h
1 mi/h = 1.466 ft/s = 0.4470 m/s = 1.609 km/h
1 furlong/fortnight = 1.662×10^{-4} m/s

Acceleration

1 m/s² = 100 cm/s² = 3.281 ft/s²
1 cm/s² = 0.01 m/s² = 0.03281 ft/s²
1 ft/s² = 0.3048 m/s² = 30.48 cm/s²
1 mi/h · s = 1.467 ft/s²

Mass

1 kg = 10^3 g = 0.0685 slug
1 g = 6.85×10^{-5} slug
1 slug = 14.59 kg
1 u = 1.661×10^{-27} kg
1 kg has a weight of 2.205 lb when $g = 9.80$ m/s²

Force

1 N = 10^5 dyn = 0.2248 lb
1 lb = 4.448 N = 4.448×10^5 dyn

Pressure

1 Pa = 1 N/m² = 1.450×10^{-4} lb/in.² = 0.209 lb/ft²
1 bar = 10^5 Pa
1 lb/in.² = 6895 Pa
1 lb/ft² = 47.88 Pa
1 atm = 1.013×10^5 Pa = 1.013 bar
= 14.7 lb/in.² = 2117 lb/ft²
1 mm Hg = 1 torr = 133.3 Pa

Energy

1 J = 10^7 ergs = 0.239 cal
1 cal = 4.186 J (based on 15° calorie)
1 ft · lb = 1.356 J
1 Btu = 1055 J = 252 cal = 778 ft · lb
1 eV = 1.602×10^{-19} J
1 kWh = 3.600×10^6 J

Mass–Energy Equivalence

1 kg ↔ 8.988×10^{16} J
1 u ↔ 931.5 MeV
1 eV ↔ 1.074×10^{-9} u

Power

1 W = 1 J/s
1 hp = 746 W = 550 ft · lb/s
1 Btu/h = 0.293 W

NUMERICAL CONSTANTS

Fundamental Physical Constants*

Name	Symbol	Value
Speed of light	c	2.99792458×10^8 m/s
Magnitude of charge of electron	e	$1.60217653(14) \times 10^{-19}$ C
Gravitational constant	G	$6.6742(10) \times 10^{-11}$ N·m ² /kg ²
Planck's constant	h	$6.6260693(11) \times 10^{-34}$ J·s
Boltzmann constant	k	$1.3806505(24) \times 10^{-23}$ J/K
Avogadro's number	N_A	$6.0221415(10) \times 10^{23}$ molecules/mol
Gas constant	R	8.314472(15) J/mol·K
Mass of electron	m_e	$9.1093826(16) \times 10^{-31}$ kg
Mass of proton	m_p	$1.67262171(29) \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Mass of neutron	m_n	$1.67492728(29) \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ Wb/A·m
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 1/\mu_0 c^2$ $1/4\pi\epsilon_0$	$8.854187817 \dots \times 10^{-12}$ C ² /N·m ² $8.987551787 \dots \times 10^9$ N·m ² /C ²

Other Useful Constants*

Mechanical equivalent of heat		4.186 J/cal (15° calorie)
Standard atmospheric pressure	1 atm	1.01325×10^5 Pa
Absolute zero	0 K	−273.15°C
Electron volt	1 eV	$1.60217653(14) \times 10^{-19}$ J
Atomic mass unit	1 u	$1.66053886(28) \times 10^{-27}$ kg
Electron rest energy	$m_e c^2$	0.510998918(44) MeV
Volume of ideal gas (0°C and 1 atm)		22.413996(39) liter/mol
Acceleration due to gravity (standard)	g	9.80665 m/s ²

*Source: National Institute of Standards and Technology (<http://physics.nist.gov/cuu>). Numbers in parentheses show the uncertainty in the final digits of the main number; for example, the number 1.6454(21) means 1.6454 ± 0.0021 . Values shown without uncertainties are exact.

Astronomical Data[†]

Body	Mass (kg)	Radius (m)	Orbit radius (m)	Orbit period
Sun	1.99×10^{30}	6.96×10^8	—	—
Moon	7.35×10^{22}	1.74×10^6	3.84×10^8	27.3 d
Mercury	3.30×10^{23}	2.44×10^6	5.79×10^{10}	88.0 d
Venus	4.87×10^{24}	6.05×10^6	1.08×10^{11}	224.7 d
Earth	5.97×10^{24}	6.38×10^6	1.50×10^{11}	365.3 d
Mars	6.42×10^{23}	3.40×10^6	2.28×10^{11}	687.0 d
Jupiter	1.90×10^{27}	6.91×10^7	7.78×10^{11}	11.86 y
Saturn	5.68×10^{26}	6.03×10^7	1.43×10^{12}	29.45 y
Uranus	8.68×10^{25}	2.56×10^7	2.87×10^{12}	84.02 y
Neptune	1.02×10^{26}	2.48×10^7	4.50×10^{12}	164.8 y
Pluto [‡]	1.31×10^{22}	1.15×10^6	5.91×10^{12}	247.9 y

[†]Source: NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Dynamics Group (<http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov>), and P. Kenneth Seidelmann, ed., *Explanatory Supplement to the Astronomical Almanac* (University Science Books, Mill Valley, CA, 1992), pp. 704–706. For each body, “radius” is its radius at its equator and “orbit radius” is its average distance from the sun (for the planets) or from the earth (for the moon).

[‡]In August 2006, the International Astronomical Union reclassified Pluto and other small objects that orbit the sun as “dwarf planets.”