

Appendix 1 Summary Measurement Fundamentals

SI base units

Quantity	Name	Symbol
Length	Meter	m
Mass	Kilogram	kg
Time	Second	s
Electric current	Ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	Kelvin	K
Amount of matter	Mole	mol
Luminous intensity	Candela	cd

SI supplemental units

Quantity	Name	Symbol	Expression
Frequency	Hertz	Hz	1/s
Force	Newton	N	kg·m/s ²
Pressure, stress	Pascal	Pa	N/m ² = kg/m·s ²
Energy, work	Joule	J	N·m = kg·m ² /s ²
Power, radiant flux	Watt	W	J/s = kg·m ² /s ³
Electric charge	Coulomb	C	A·s
Voltage, electric potential	Volt	V	W/A = kg·m ² /A·s ³
Capacitance	Farad	F	C/V = s ⁴ A ² /m ² kg
Electric resistance	Ohm	Ω	V/A = m ² kg/s ³ A ²
Conductance	Siemens or mho	S or	1/Ω = s ³ A ² /m ² kg
Magnetic field	Tesla	T	N/A·m = kg/s ² A
Magnetic flux	Weber	Wb	T·m ² = m ² kg/s ² A
Inductance	Henry	H	V·s/A = m ² kg/s ² A ²

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Mega	M	10^6
Kilo	k	10^3
Hecto	h	10^2
Deca	da	10
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Centi	c	10^{-2}
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Useful English to SI conversion factors

Physical quantity	English unit	SI unit
Length	1 in.	2.540 cm
	1 ft	0.3048 m
	1 mi (mile)	1.609 km
Mass	1 lbm (pound mass)	0.4536 kg
Force	1 lbf (pound force)	4.448 N
Temperature	Fahrenheit temperature (T_F)	$T_K = 5/9 \cdot (T_F - 32) + 273.15$
Pressure	1 lb/in ² (psi)	6.895 x 10 ³ Pa
	1 atm	1.013 x 10 ⁵ Pa
Power	1 Btu/h	0.2929 W
	1 hp	745.7 W
Magnetic field	1 gauss	1.000 x 10 ⁻⁴ tesla

Statistics:

average:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$

geometric mean:

$$GM = \sqrt[N]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_N}$$

variance:

$$v = \sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N-1}$$

standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{v} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N-1}}$$

Error analysis:

total error:

$$E = \Delta X = \left| \frac{\partial X}{\partial v_1} \Delta v_1 \right| + \left| \frac{\partial X}{\partial v_2} \Delta v_2 \right| + \dots + \left| \frac{\partial X}{\partial v_n} \Delta v_n \right|$$

rms error:

$$E_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial v_1} \Delta v_1 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial v_2} \Delta v_2 \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial v_n} \Delta v_n \right)^2}$$