

ME 201

Thermodynamics

Dimension and Units

Physical Quantity	SI Unit	USCS Unit	Other
mass	kilogram (kg) 1 kg = 2.20 lb _m	pound-mass (lb _m) 1 lb _m = 0.45 kg	1 gm = 0.001 kg = 0.0022 lb _m 1 slug = 14.59 kg = 32.17 lb _m 1 ton = 907.18 kg = 2000 lb _m
length	meter (m) 1 m = 3.28 ft	foot(ft) 1 ft = 0.305 m	1 km = 1000 m = 3280 ft 1 cm = 0.01 m = 0.0328 ft 1 in = 0.0254 m = 0.083 ft 1 mile = 1609.3 m = 5280 ft
time	second(s)	second(s)	1 min = 60 s 1 hr = 3600 s
temperature	Kelvins (K) T(K) = 0.56·T(R)	Rankine (R) T(R) = 1.8·T(K)	T(°C) = T(K) - 273.15 = 0.56·T(R) - 273.15 T(°F) = 1.8·T(K) - 459.67 = T(R) - 459.67
temperature change	ΔT(K) = 0.56·ΔT(R)	ΔT(K) = 1.8·ΔT(R)	ΔT(°C) = ΔT(K) = 0.56·ΔT(R) ΔT(°F) = 1.8·ΔT(K) = ΔT(R)
force	Newton (N) 1 N = 0.2248 lb _f	pound-force (lb _f) 1 lb _f = 4.448 N	1 dyne = 10 ⁻⁵ N = 2.248 x 10 ⁻⁶ lb _f
work, energy, heat	Joule (J) 1 J = 0.737 lb _f ·ft	foot-pound (lb _f ·ft) 1 lb _f ·ft = 1.357 J	1 Btu = 1055 J = 778.169 lb _f ·ft 1 cal = 4.184 J = 0.00397 Btu 1 kJ = 1000 J = 0.9478 Btu 1 kW·hr = 3600 kJ = 3412 Btu
specific energy	1 J/kg = 1.62 lb _f ·ft/lb _m	1 lb _f ft/lb _m = 0.617 J/kg	1 Btu/lb _m = 2.326 kJ/kg
specific kinetic energy	1 m ² /s ² = 10.76 ft ² /s ²	1 ft ² /s ² = 0.093 m ² /s ²	1 Btu/lb _m = 25057 ft ² /s ² 1 kJ/kg = 1000 m ² /s ²

pressure	Pascal (Pa) $1 \text{ Pa} = 1.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ psia}$	$1 \text{ psia} = 6.895 \text{ kPa}$	$1 \text{ atm} = 101.33 \text{ kPa}$ $= 14.696 \text{ psia}$ $1 \text{ in of Hg} = 3.387 \text{ kPa}$ $= 0.49 \text{ psia}$ $1 \text{ bar} = 100 \text{ kPa}$ $= 14.50 \text{ psia}$ $1 \text{ mm of Hg} = 0.133 \text{ kPa}$ $= 0.019 \text{ psia}$
power	Watt (W) $1 \text{ W} = 0.737 \text{ lb}_f\text{-ft/s}$	$1 \text{ lb}_f \text{ ft/s} = 1.357 \text{ W}$	$1 \text{ kW} = 1000 \text{ W}$ $= 3412.4 \text{ Btu/hr}$ $1 \text{ Btu/hr} = 0.293 \text{ W}$ $1 \text{ hp} = 0.7457 \text{ kW}$ $= 2544.5 \text{ Btu/hr}$
volume	$1 \text{ m}^3 = 35.315 \text{ ft}^3$	$1 \text{ ft}^3 = 0.0283 \text{ m}^3$	$1 \text{ liter} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ $= 0.0353 \text{ ft}^3$ $1 \text{ gallon} = 0.00379 \text{ m}^3$ $= 0.134 \text{ ft}^3$
velocity	$1 \text{ m/s} = 3.2808 \text{ ft/s}$	$1 \text{ ft/s} = 0.3048 \text{ m/s}$	$1 \text{ km/hr} = 0.278 \text{ m/s}$ $= 0.911 \text{ ft/s}$ $1 \text{ mph} = 0.447 \text{ m/s}$ $= 1.467 \text{ ft/s}$
specific volume	$1 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} = 16.02 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}_m$	$1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}_m = 0.062 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$	$1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm} = 0.001 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$ $= 0.016 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lb}_m$
density	$1 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 0.062 \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3$	$1 \text{ lb}_m/\text{ft}^3 = 16.02 \text{ kg/m}^3$	