

## Conversion Factors

### length

1 ft = **0.3048** meters

### mass

1 lb<sub>m</sub> = **0.45359237** kg  
**16** ounces (avoir.)  
14.583333 ounces (troy)  
**7000** grains  
0.03108095 slugs  
**5.0x10<sup>-4</sup>** tons (short, U.S.)  
4.4642857x10<sup>-4</sup> tons (long, UK)  
**4.5359237x10<sup>-4</sup>** tonnes (1000 kg)

### temperature

°F = **1.8 \* °C + 32**  
**°R - 459.67**  
**1.8 \* °K - 459.67**

### pressure

1 psi = 0.068947573 bar  
0.0068947573 MPa  
6.8947573 kPa  
0.068045964 atm  
0.070306958 kg<sub>f</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>  
2.0360 in Hg<sub>(32°F)</sub><sup>1</sup>  
2.0418 in Hg<sub>(60°F)</sub><sup>1</sup>  
2.0360207 in Hg<sub>conv</sub>  
51.714933 mm Hg<sub>conv</sub> (torr)  
51,714.933 μm Hg<sub>conv</sub> (microns)  
27.681 in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(39.2°F)</sub><sup>1</sup>  
27.708 in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(60°F)</sub><sup>1</sup>  
27.679905 in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>conv</sub>  
703.06958 mm H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>conv</sub>

### volume

1 ft<sup>3</sup> = 0.028316847 m<sup>3</sup>  
28.316847 litre  
7.4805195 gal (liq. U.S.)

### specific volume

1 ft<sup>3</sup>/lb<sub>m</sub> = 0.062427961 m<sup>3</sup>/kg  
62.427961 cm<sup>3</sup>/g  
7.4805195 gal (liq. U.S.)/lb<sub>m</sub>

### density

1 lb<sub>m</sub>/ft<sup>3</sup> = 16.018463 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
0.016018463 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
0.13368056 lb<sub>m</sub>/gal (liq. U.S.)

### energy (work)

1 Btu<sub>IT</sub><sup>2</sup> = 778.16926 ft-lb<sub>f</sub>

1055.0559 Joule (watt-sec)  
 0.29307107 watt-hr  
 251.99576 cal<sub>IT</sub>  
 251.82723 cal<sub>th</sub>  
 1.0550559×10<sup>10</sup> ergs  
 0.99933123 Btu<sub>th</sub>  
 1.0007717 Btu<sub>(mean)</sub>  
 1.0043734 Btu<sub>(39°F)</sub>  
 0.9997575 Btu<sub>(59°F)</sub>  
 0.9996438 Btu<sub>(60°F)</sub>

**power**

1 ton, refrigeration<sup>3</sup> = **12,000** Btu/hr  
                                   **200** Btu/min  
                                   3.5168528 kW  
                                   4.7161772 hp (550 ft-lb<sub>f</sub>/sec)  
                                   4.7142798 hp, electric  
                                   4.7815890 hp, metric (75 m-k<sub>f</sub>/sec)

**specific enthalpy**

1 Btu<sub>IT</sub>/lb<sub>m</sub> = **2.326** kJ/kg

**specific entropy**

1 Btu<sub>IT</sub>/lb<sub>m</sub>-°R = **4.1868** kJ/kg-°K

**viscosity (absolute)**

1 lb<sub>f</sub>-sec/ft<sup>2</sup> = 47.88026 Pa-sec (N-sec/m<sup>2</sup>)  
                                   478.8026 poise (dyne-sec/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
                                   47,880.26 centipoise (mPa-sec)  
                                   32.17405 lb<sub>m</sub>/ft-sec

<sup>1</sup>Conversion factors for mercury and water manometer pressure units are calculated using standard acceleration of gravity at the stated temperature. Additional digits are not justified as the definitions of the units do not take into account compressibility and changes in density caused by the revised temperature scale, ITS-90. Conversion factors for conventional mercury and water manometer pressure units, noted on this chart with subscript "conv", Hg<sub>conv</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>conv</sub>, are based on ISO Standard 31-3:1992.

<sup>4</sup>The Fifth International Conference on the Properties of Steam (London, July 1956) defined the International Table calorie as 4.1868 J. Therefore, the exact conversion for the International Table Btu is **1.05505585262** kJ. The notation of International Table on this chart is subscript "IT", and the notation for thermochemical is subscript "th". The thermochemical Btu, Btu<sub>th</sub>, is based on the thermochemical calorie, cal<sub>th</sub>, where cal<sub>th</sub> is defined as **4.184** J.

<sup>3</sup>Ton, refrigeration is defined as the rate of cooling provided by melting a ton of ice in one day, with the latent heat of fusion for water defined as 144 Btu/lb<sub>m</sub>. A slightly more accurate value for the latent heat of fusion for water is 333.6 kJ/kg (143.4 Btu<sub>IT</sub>/lb<sub>m</sub>). For conversion to other units, 1 ton refrigeration = 12,000 Btu<sub>IT</sub>/hr is used.

Note: conversions in **bold** are exact