

Multiples and Prefixes for Metric Units*

Multiple	Prefix (and Abbreviation)	Pronunciation
10^8	exa- (E)	ex a (a as in about)
10^5	peta- (P)	pet'a (as in <i>petal</i>)
10^{12}	tera- (T)	ter'a (as in <i>terrace</i>)
10^9	giga- (G)	ji'ga (a as in about)
10^6	mega- (M)	meg'a (as in <i>megaphone</i>)
10^3	kilo- (k)	kil'o (as in <i>kilowatt</i>)
10^2	hecto- (h)	hek'to (<i>heck-toe</i>)
10	deka- (da)	dek'a (<i>deck</i> plus a as in about)
10^{-1}	deci- (d)	des'i (as in <i>decimal</i>)
10^{-2}	centi- (c)	sen'ti (as in <i>sentimental</i>)
10^{-3}	milli- (m)	mil'li (as in <i>military</i>)
10^{-6}	micro- (μ)	mi'kro (as in <i>microphone</i>)
10^{-9}	nano- (n)	nan'oh (<i>an</i> as in <i>ant</i>)
10^{-12}	pico- (p)	pe'ko (<i>peek-oh</i>)
10^{-15}	femto- (f)	fem'toe (<i>fern</i> as in <i>feminine</i>)
10^{-18}	atto- (a)	at'to (as in <i>anatomy</i>)

* For example, 1 gram (g) multiplied by 1000 (10^3) is 1 kilogram (kg), or multiplied by 1/1000 (10^{-3}) is 1 milligram (mg).

Conversion Factors

Mass	$1 \text{ g} = 10^{-3} \text{ kg} = 6.55 \times 10^{-5} \text{ slug}$ $1 \text{ kg} = 10^3 \text{ g} = 6.85 \times 10^{-2} \text{ slug}$ $1 \text{ slug} = 1.46 \times 10^4 \text{ g} = 14.6 \text{ kg}$ $1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $1 \text{ metric ton} = 1000 \text{ kg}$
Length	$1 \text{ cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 0.394 \text{ in.}$ $1 \text{ m} = 10^{-3} \text{ km} = 3.28 \text{ ft} = 39.4 \text{ in.}$ $1 \text{ km} = 10^3 \text{ m} = 0.62 \text{ mi}$ $1 \text{ in.} = 2.54 \text{ cm} = 2.54 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ $1 \text{ ft} = 12 \text{ in.} = 30.48 \text{ cm} = 0.3048 \text{ m}$ $1 \text{ mi} = 5280 \text{ ft} = 1609 \text{ m} = 1.609 \text{ km}$ $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$
Area	$1 \text{ cm}^2 = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 = 0.1550 \text{ in.}^2 = 1.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2$ $1 \text{ m}^2 = 10^4 \text{ cm}^2 = 10.76 \text{ ft}^2 = 1550 \text{ in.}^2$ $1 \text{ in.}^2 = 6.94 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2 = 6.45 \text{ cm}^2 = 6.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ $1 \text{ ft}^2 = 144 \text{ in.}^2 = 9.29 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2 = 929 \text{ cm}^2$