## PhyzReference: Conversion Factors

Conversion factors may be read directly from the tables.
Units shown in capital letters are standard SI units.
Length

|  | cm | METER | km | in | ft | mi |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 centimeter = <br> 1 METER = <br> 1 kilometer = <br> 1 inch = <br> 1 foot = <br> 1 mile = | 1 | $1 \mathrm{E}-02=0.01$ | 1E-05 | 0.3937 | $3.281 \mathrm{E}-02$ | $6.214 \mathrm{E}-06$ |
|  | 100 | 1 | 1E-03 | 39.37 | 3.281 | $6.214 \mathrm{E}-04$ |
|  | 10,000 | 1000 | 1 | $3.94 \mathrm{E}+04$ | 3281 | 0.6214 |
|  | 2.54 | $2.54 \mathrm{E}-02$ | $2.54 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1 | $8.333 \mathrm{E}-02$ | $1.578 \mathrm{E}-05$ |
|  | 30.48 | 0.3048 | $3.048 \mathrm{E}-04$ | 12 | 1 | $1.894 \mathrm{E}-04$ |
|  | $1.609 \mathrm{E}+05$ | 1609 | 1.609 | $6.34 \mathrm{E}+04$ | 5280 | 1 |

1 micron $=1 \mathrm{E}-06 \mathrm{~m}$
1 ångström $=1 \mathrm{E}-10 \mathrm{~m}$
1 fermi $=1 \mathrm{E}-15 \mathrm{~m}$

1 light-year $=9.460 \mathrm{E}+12 \mathrm{~km}$
1 parsec $=3.084 \mathrm{E}+13 \mathrm{~km}$
1 fathom $=6 \mathrm{ft}$

Time

|  | $\mathbf{y}$ | $\mathbf{d}$ | $\mathbf{h}$ | $\mathbf{m i n}$ | SECOND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ year $=$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\boldsymbol{1}$ day $=$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ hour $=$ | 1 | 365.25 | $8.77 \mathrm{E}+03$ | $5.26 \mathrm{E}+05$ | $3.16 \mathrm{E}+07$ |
| $\mathbf{1}$ minute $=$ | $2.738 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 1 | 24 | 1440 | $8.64 \mathrm{E}+04$ |
| $\mathbf{1}$ SECOND $=$ | $1.141 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $4.167 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 1 | 60 | 3600 |
|  | $1.901 \mathrm{E}-06$ | $6.944 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.667 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 1 | 60 |
|  | $3.0169 \mathrm{E}-08$ | $1.157 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $2.778 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.667 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 1 |

## Mass

|  | $\mathbf{g}$ | KILOGRAM | lb* $^{*}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ gram $=$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ KILOGRAM $=$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ pound* $=$ | 1 | 0.001 | $2.205 \mathrm{E}-03$ |
|  | 1000 | 1 | 2.205 |
|  | 453.6 | 0.4536 | 1 |

1 metric ton $=1000 \mathrm{~kg} \quad 1$ ton $*=2000 \mathrm{lb}^{*}$
1 ounce ${ }^{*}=6.250 \mathrm{E}-02 \mathrm{lb}^{*}$
*These are not units of mass but are often used as such.
1 kilogram of mass weighs 2.205 pounds under standard gravity conditions.

Speed

| Complete this table based on information |  |  | METER/ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| given in the length and time tables. | ft/s | $\mathbf{k m} / \mathbf{h}$ | SECOND | $\mathbf{m i} / \mathbf{h}$ |
| $\mathbf{1}$ foot per second = |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ kilometer per hour $=$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ METER per SECOND $=$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ mile per hour $=$ |  |  |  |  |

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