

International System of Units

International system of unit (SI) and its usage.

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1. Scope of application	This standard defines the international system of unit (SI), recommends use of some specifically-selected units for general use from among units in the table for integral power of ten units, further specifies other units that may be used with the SI and provides the definition of SI basic unit.
2. Reference standards	Standards listed below constitute the provisions of this standard by being referenced herein. The latest version of the reference standards applies. IEC 27-1: 1971, Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology - Part 1: General The name international system of unit (SI) and its internationally-used abbreviation "SI" were officially adopted in the 11th CGPM (Conference General des Poides et Mesures) in 1960. This unit system consists of the following units to constitute a consistent unit system. - Basic units - Derived units
3. SI unit	
3.1 Basic units	There are 7 basic international units as indicated in Table 1.

● Table 1 SI basic units

Basic amount	SI basic units	
Name	Symbol	
Length	m	m
Mass	kg	kg
Time	Second	s
Current	Ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	Kelvin	K
Substance quantity	Mol	mol
Brightness	Candela	cd

● Table 2 SI derived units with specific names

Derived amount	SI derived units		
	Specific name	Symbol	Indications by SI basic units and SI derived units
Plane angle	Radian	rad	1 rad=1 m/m=1
Solid angle	Steradian	sr	1 sr=1 m ² /m ² =1
Frequency	Herz	Hz	1 Hz=1 s ⁻¹
Force	Newton	N	1 N=1 kg·m/s ²
Pressure and stress	Pascal	Pa	1 Pa=1 N/m ²
Energy, work and heat quantity	Joule	J	1 J=1 N·m
Power and flux	Watt	W	1 W=1 J/s
Charge and electric quantity	Coulomb	C	1 C=1 A·s
Electric potential, electric potential difference, voltage and electromotive force	Bolt	V	1 V=1 W/A
Capacitance	Farad	F	1 F=1 C/V
Electric resistance	Ohm	Ω	1 Ω=1 V/A
Conductance	Siemens	S	1 S=1 Ω ⁻¹
Magnetic flux	Weber	Wb	1 Wb=1 V·s
Magnetic flux density	Tesla	T	1 T=1 Wb/m ²
Inductance	Henry	H	1 H=1 Wb/A
Celsius temperature	Celsius degree*	°C	t °C=t+273.15 K
Beam	Lumen	lm	1 lm=1 cd · sr
Illuminance	Lux	lx	1 lx=1 lm/m ²

* Celsius degree is a specific name that replaces the Kelvin unit to indicate the Celsius temperature value.

● Table 3 SI derived units with specific names appreciated to protect human health

Derived amount	SI derived units		
	Specific name	Symbol	Indications by SI basic units and SI derived units
Radioactivity (of radionuclide)	Becquerel	Bq	1 Bq=1 s ⁻¹
Absorbed dose mass energy allocation, kerma, absorbed dose rate	Gray	Gy	1 Gy=1 J/kg
Dose equivalent	Sievert	Sv	1 Sv=1 J/kg

● Table 4 SI prefix

Multiples applied to unit	Prefix	
	Name	Symbol
10 ²⁴	Yotta	Y
10 ²¹	Zetta	Z
10 ¹⁸	Exa	E
10 ¹⁵	Peta	P
10 ¹²	Tera	T
10 ⁹	Giga	G
10 ⁶	Mega	M
10 ³	Kilo	k
10 ²	Hecto	h
10	Deca	da
10 ⁻¹	Deci	d
10 ⁻²	Centi	c
10 ⁻³	Milli	m
10 ⁻⁶	Micro	μ
10 ⁻⁹	Nano	n
10 ⁻¹²	Pico	p
10 ⁻¹⁵	Femto	f
10 ⁻¹⁸	Atto	a
10 ⁻²¹	Zepto	z
10 ⁻²⁴	Yocto	y

4. Integral power of ten units for SI units

Names and symbols of integral power of ten units for SI units are indicated with prefixes indicated in Table 4. Prefix symbols are to be jointed with main symbols to which they are directly connected. Therefore, this coupling forms the integral power of ten units and this new symbol may have positive/negative power index. Further, this may constitute derived units formed by coupling with other unit symbols. The prefixes may not be combined. For example, nanometer should be represented as nm, not m⁻²μm.

Table of conversion rate to primary SI units

Force	N	dyn	kgf	Viscosity	Pa·s	cP	P
	1	1×10 ⁵	1.019 72×10 ⁻¹		1	1×10 ³	1×10

• 1 P = 1 dyn·s/cm² = 1 g/cm·s, 1 Pa·s = 1 N·s/m², 1 cP = 1 mPa·s

Stress	Pa or N/m ²	MPa or N/mm ²	kgf/mm ²	kgf/cm ²	Kinetic viscosity	m ² /s	cSt	St
	1	1×10 ⁻⁶	1.019 72×10 ⁻⁷	1.019 72×10 ⁻⁵		1	1×10 ⁶	1×10 ⁴

• 1 Pa = 1 N/m², 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²

Pressure	Pa	kPa	MPa	bar	kgf/cm ²	atm	mmH ₂ O	mmHg or Torr
	1	1×10 ⁻³	1×10 ⁻⁶	1×10 ⁻⁵	1.019 72×10 ⁻⁵	9.869 23×10 ⁻⁶	1.019 72×10 ⁻¹	7.500 62×10 ⁻³

• 1 Pa = 1 N/m²

Work, energy and heat quantity	J	kW·h	kgf·m	kcal	Heat thermal conductivity	W/(m·K)	kcal/(h·m·°C)
	1	2.777 78×10 ⁻⁷	1.019 72×10 ⁻¹	2.388 89×10 ⁻⁴		1	8.600 0×10 ⁻¹

• 1 J = 1 W·s, 1 J = 1 N·m

Power (advantage and power heat current)	W	kgf·m/s	PS	kcal/h	Thermal conductivity factor	W(m ² ·K)	kcal/(h·m ² ·°C)
	1	1.019 72×10 ⁻¹	1.359 62×10 ⁻³	8.600 0×10 ⁻¹		1	8.600 0×10 ⁻¹

• 1 W = 1 J/s, PS: French horse-power

Specific heat	J/(kg·K)	kcal/(kg·°C)
	1	2.388 89×10 ⁻⁴

• 1 J/(kg·K) = 1 cal/(g·°C)