

US-American and British units

Conversion of usual measuring units

Units for cables and wires

In the US the measurements are mainly used in AWG-numbers (AWG = American Wire Gauge). The AWG-numbers conform the british B&S-numbers (B&S = Brown & Sharp).

AWG No.	Cross-section mm ²	Dia-meter mm	Conductor resistance Ohm/km	AWG No.	Cross-section mm ²	Dia-meter mm	Conductor resistance Ohm/km
1000 MCM*	507	25,4	0,035	14	2,08	1,63	8,79
750	380	22,0	0,047	15	1,65	1,45	11,20
600	304	19,7	0,059	16	1,31	1,29	14,70
500	254	20,7	0,07	17	1,04	1,15	17,80
400	203	18,9	0,09	18	0,8230	1,0240	23,0
350	178	17,3	0,10	19	0,6530	0,9120	28,3
300	152	16,0	0,12	20	0,5190	0,8120	34,5
250	127	14,6	0,14	21	0,4120	0,7230	44,0
4/0	107,20	11,68	0,18	22	0,3250	0,6440	54,8
3/0	85,00	10,40	0,23	23	0,2590	0,5730	70,1
2/0	67,50	9,27	0,29	24	0,2050	0,5110	89,2
0	53,40	8,25	0,37	25	0,1630	0,4550	111,0
1	42,40	7,35	0,47	26	0,1280	0,4050	146,0
2	33,60	6,54	0,57	27	0,1020	0,3610	176,0
3	26,70	5,83	0,71	28	0,0804	0,3210	232,0
4	21,20	5,19	0,91	29	0,0646	0,2860	282,0
5	16,80	4,62	1,12	30	0,0503	0,2550	350,0
6	13,30	4,11	1,44	31	0,0400	0,2270	446,0
7	10,60	3,67	1,78	32	0,0320	0,2020	578,0
8	8,366	3,26	2,36	33	0,0252	0,1800	710,0
9	6,63	2,91	2,77	34	0,0200	0,1600	899,0
10	5,26	2,59	3,64	35	0,0161	0,1430	1125,0
11	4,15	2,30	4,44	36	0,0123	0,1270	1426,0
12	3,30	2,05	5,41	37	0,0100	0,1130	1800,0
13	2,62	1,83	7,02	38	0,00795	0,1010	2255,0
				39	0,00632	0,0897	2860,0

4/0 is also stated: 0000; 1 mil = 0,001 inch = 0,0254 mm
* for bigger cross-section the sizes in MCM (circular mils)

1 CM = 1 Circ. mil. = 0,0005067 mm²
1 MCM = 1000 Circ. mils = 0,5067 mm²

General measuring units

Length

1 mil	= 0,0254 mm
1 in (inch)	= 25,4 mm
1 ft (foot)	= 0,3048 m
1 yd (yard)	= 0,9144 m
1 ch (chain)	= 20,1 m
1 mile (land mile)	= 1,609 km
	= 1760 yards
1 mile (nautic mile)	= 1,852 km
1 mm	= 0,039370 inches
1 m	= 39,370079 inches

Area

1 CM (circ. mil)	= 0,507 · 10 ⁻³ mm ²
1 MCM	= 0,5067 mm ²
1 sq. inch (sq. inch)	= 645,16 mm ²
1 sq. ft. (sq. foot)	= 0,0929 m ²
1 square yard	= 0,836 m ²
1 acre	= 4047 m ²
1 square mile	= 2,59 km ²

Density

1 cu. in. (cubic inch)	= 16,39 cm ³
1 cu. ft. (cubic foot)	= 0,0283 m ³
1 cu. yd. (cubic yard)	= 0,7646 m ³
1 gal. (US gallon)	= 3,785 l
1 gal. (brit. gallon)	= 4,546 l
1 US pint	= 0,473 l
1 US quart	= 0,946 l
1 US barrel	= 158,8 l

Temperature

F (Fahrenheit)	= (1,8 · C) + 32°
C (Celsius)	= 0,5556 · (F - 32°)

Weight

1 grain	= 64,8 mg
1 dram	= 1,77 g
1 oz (ounce)	= 28,35 g

1 lb (pound)	= 0,4536 Kp
1 stone	= 6,35 Kp
1 qu (quarter)	= 12,7 Kp
1 US-cwt (hundred-weight)	= 45,36 Kp
1 US ton (short ton)	= 0,907t
1 brit. ton (long ton)	= 1,016 t

Force

1 lb	= 4,448 N
1 brit. ton	= 9954 N
1 pdl (Poundal)	= 0,1383 N
1 kp	= 9,81 N
1 N	= 1,02 kp

Velocity

1 mile/h	= 1,609 km/h
1 Knoten	= 1,852 km/h
1 ft/s	= 0,305 m/s
1 ft/min	= 5,08 · 10 ⁻³ m/s

Energy

1 lb/mile	= 0,282 kg/m
1 lb/yard	= 0,496 kg/m
1 lb/foot	= 1,488 kg/m

Radiation absorbed dose

1 Gray	= 1 J/kg
1 rad	= 10 ⁻² J/kg = 1 CentiGy
	= 0,01 Gy
	= 100 Joule
1 Centi	= cJ/kg = 0,01 Gy
1 rad	= 1 · 10 ⁶ cJ/kg

Energy

1 kcal	= 1,16 · 10 ³ kWh
1 kWh	= 360 kcal

Pressure

1 psi (lb/sq.)	= 68,95 mbar
	= 6,895 · 10 ⁻³ Nmm ²

1 lb/sq. ft.	= 0,478 mbar
1 pdl/sq. ft.	= 1,489 N/m ²
1 in Hg	= 33,86 mbar
1 ft H ₂ O	= 29,89 mbar
1 in H ₂ O	= 2,491 mbar
1 N/mm ²	= 145 psi
	= 10 bar

1 kp/mm ²	= 1422 psi
1 at	= 736 Torr
	= 1 kp/cm ²
1 Torr	= 1 mm Hg
1 bar	= 0,1 H Pa
1 Pa	= 1 N/m ²

Density

1 lb/cu. ft.	= 16,02 kg/m ³
1 lb/cu. in.	= 27,68 t/m ³

Horse power

1 hp · h	= 1,0139 PS · h
	= 2,684 · 10 ⁶ Joule
	= 746 W · h
1 BTU (brit. therm. unit)	= 1055 Joule

Electrical units

1 ohm/1000 yd	= 1,0936 Ω/km
1 ohm/1000 ft	= 3,28 Ω/km
1 μF/mile	= 0,62 μF/km
1 megohm/mile	= 1,61 MΩ/km
1 μμf/foot	= 3,28 pF/m
1 decibel/mile	= 71,5 mN/m

Power rate

1 PS	= 0,736 kW
1 kW	= 1,36 PS
1 hp	= 0,7457 kW
1 kW	= 1,31 hp