## Highway Engineering

## Field Formulas

## Metric (SI) or US Units

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## Significant Digits

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## Nomenclature For Circular Curves

| POT | Point On Tangent outside the <br> effect of any curve |
| :--- | :--- |
| POC | Point On a circular Curve |
| POST | Point On a Semi-Tangent (within <br> the limits of a curve) |
| PI | Point of Intersection of a back <br> tangent and forward tangent |
| PC | Point of Curvature - Point of <br> change from back tangent to <br> circular curve |
| PT | Point of Tangency - Point of <br> change from circular curve to <br> forward tangent |
| PCC | Point of Compound Curvature - <br> Point common to two curves in the <br> same direction with different radii |
| PRC | Point of Reverse Curve - Point <br> common to two curves in opposite <br> directions and with the same or <br> different radii |
| L | Total Length of any circular curve <br> measured along its arc |$\quad$| Length between any two points on |
| :--- |
| a circular curve |

## Nomenclature For Circular Curves (Cont.)

DC Deflection angle for full circular curve measured from tangent at PC or PT
dc Deflection angle required from tangent to a circular curve to any other point on a circular curve
C Total Chord length, or long chord, for a circular curve
C' Chord length between any two points on a circular curve
T Distance along semi-Tangent from the point of intersection of the back and forward tangents to the origin of curvature (From the PI to the PC or PT)
tx Distance along semi-tangent from the PC (or PT) to the perpendicular offset to any point on a circular curve. (Abscissa of any point on a circular curve referred to the beginning of curvature as origin and semi-tangent as axis)
ty The perpendicular offset, or ordinate, from the semi-tangent to a point on a circular curve
E External distance (radial distance) from PI to midpoint on a simple circular curve

## Circular Curve Equations

| Equations | Units |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{R}=\frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{L}{\Delta}$ | m or ft. |
| $\Delta=\frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{L}}{\mathbf{R}}$ | degree |
| $\mathbf{L}=\frac{\pi}{180} \cdot \mathbf{R} \Delta$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{R} \tan \frac{\Delta}{2}$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathbf{E}=\frac{\mathbf{R}}{\cos \frac{\Delta}{2}}-\mathbf{R}$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathrm{C}=2 \mathrm{R} \sin \frac{\Delta}{2}, \text { or }=2 \mathrm{R} \sin \mathrm{DC}$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathbf{M O}=\mathbf{R}\left(1-\cos \frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$ | m or ft. |
| DC $=\frac{\Delta}{2}$ | degree |
| $\mathbf{d c}=\frac{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{c}}}{\mathbf{L}}\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$ | degree |
| $\mathbf{C l}^{\prime}=2 \mathrm{R} \sin (\mathbf{d c})$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathrm{C}=2 \mathrm{R} \sin (\mathrm{DC})$ | m or ft. |
| $\mathbf{t x}=\mathrm{R} \boldsymbol{\operatorname { s i n }}(2 \mathrm{dc})$ | m or ft. |
| $t y=R[1-\cos (2 d c)]$ | m or ft. |

## Simple Circular Curve



Constant for $\pi=3.14159265$

## Degree of Curvature for

 Various Lengths of Radii

Exact for Arc Definition

$$
D=\frac{100\left(\frac{180}{\pi}\right)}{R}=\frac{18000}{\pi R}
$$

Where $D$ is Degree of Curvature

## Length of Radii for Various <br> Degrees of Curvature



$$
R=\frac{100\left(\frac{180}{\pi}\right)}{D}=\frac{18000}{\pi D}
$$

Where R is Radius Length

## Nomenclature For Vertical Curves

| \& $\mathrm{G}_{2}$ | Tangent Grade in percent |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | The absolute of the Algebraic difference in grades in percent |
| BVC | Beginning of Vertical Curve |
| EVC | End of Vertical Curve |
| VPI | Vertical Point of Intersection |
| L | Length of vertical curve |
| D | Horizontal distance to any point on the curve from BVC or EVC |
| E | Vertical distance from VPI to curve |
| e | Vertical distance from any point on the curve to the tangent grade |
| K | Distance required to achieve a 1 percent change in grade |
| $\mathrm{L}_{1}$ | Length of a vertical curve which will pass through a given point |
| $\mathrm{D}_{0}$ | Distance from the BVC to the lowest or highest point on curve |
| X | Horizontal distance from P' to VPI |
| H | A point on tangent grade $G_{1}$ to vertical position of point $P^{\prime}$ |
| $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathrm{P}^{\prime}$ | ' Points on tangent grades |

# Symmetrical Vertical Curve Equations 



$$
\mathbf{A}=\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)-\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{1}}\right)
$$

$$
E=\frac{A L}{800}
$$

$$
\mathbf{E}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\text { Elev.BVC }+ \text { Elev.EVC }}{2}-\text { Elev. VPI }\right)
$$

$$
e=\frac{4 E D^{2}}{L^{2}}
$$

Notes: All equations use units of length (not stations or increments)
The variable $\mathbf{A}$ is expressed as an absolute in percent (\%)

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Example: } & \text { If } \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{1}}=+4 \% \text { and } \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{2}}=-2 \% \\
& \text { Then } \mathbf{A}=6
\end{array}
$$

## Symmetrical Vertical Curve Equations (cont.)


$e=\frac{\mathrm{AD}^{2}}{200 \mathrm{~L}}$
$L_{1}=\frac{2\left(A X+200 e+20 \sqrt{A X e+100 e^{2}}\right)}{A}$
$D_{0}=\left|G_{1}\right| \frac{L}{A}$
$X=\frac{100\left(E \operatorname{ElevH}-\text { ElevP }^{\prime}\right)}{A}$
$\mathbf{K}=\frac{\mathbf{L}}{\mathbf{A}}$

## Nomenclature For Nonsymmetrical Vertical Curves

|  | Grades in percent |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | The absolute of the Algebraic difference in grades in percent |
| BVC | Beginning of Vertical Curve |
| EVC | End of Vertical Curve |
| VPI | Vertical Point of Intersection |
| $\mathrm{I}_{1}$ | Length of first section of vertical curve |
| $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ | Length of second section of vertical curve |
| L | Length of vertical curve |
| $\mathrm{D}_{1}$ | Horizontal distance to any point on the curve from BVC towards the VPI |
| $\mathrm{D}_{2}$ | Horizontal distance to any point on the curve from EVC towards the VPI |
| $\mathbf{e l}_{1}$ | Vertical distance from any point on the curve to the tangent grade between BVC and VPI |
| $\mathrm{e}_{2}$ | Vertical distance from any point on the curve to the tangent grade between EVC and VPI |
| E | Vertical distance from VPI to curve |

## Nonsymmetrical Vertical

 Curve Equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A=\left(G_{2}\right)-\left(G_{1}\right) \\
& L=l_{1}+l_{2} \\
& E=\frac{I_{1} l_{2}}{200\left(l_{1}+I_{2}\right)} A \\
& e_{1}=m\left\{\frac{D_{1}}{I_{1}}\right\}^{2} \\
& e_{2}=m\left\{\frac{D_{2}}{I_{2}}\right\}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Determining Radii of Sharp Curves by Field Measurements



Note: Points A and C may be any two points on the curve

## Example:

Measure the chord length from $A$ to $C$

$$
A C=18.4 \text { then } B C=9.2
$$

Measure the middle ordinate length $B$ to $D$

$$
\begin{gathered}
B D=3.5 \\
\mathbf{R}=\frac{\mathbf{9 . 2 ^ { 2 }}}{\mathbf{7 . 0}}+\frac{\mathbf{3 . 5}}{\mathbf{2}}=\mathbf{1 3 . 8}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Distance From Finished

 Shld. to Subgrade ShId. and Slope Equivalents

Equation: $\mathrm{x}=\frac{\mathbf{1 0 0 B}}{\mathrm{A}}$
A = Algebraic difference in \% between shld. slope and subgrade slope
$\mathbf{B}=$ Depth of surfacing at finished shoulder
$\mathbf{x}=$ Distance from finished shld. to subgrade shld.

| Shoulder <br> Slope | Equivalent <br> Rate of Grade | Equivalent <br> Vertical Angle |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $1: 1.5$ | $66.67 \%$ | $33^{\circ} 41^{\prime} 24^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 1.75$ | $57.14 \%$ | $29^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 42^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 2$ | $50.00 \%$ | $26^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 54^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 2.5$ | $40.00 \%$ | $21^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 05^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 3$ | $33.33 \%$ | $18^{\circ} 26^{\prime} 06^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 4$ | $25.00 \%$ | $14^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 5$ | $20.00 \%$ | $11^{\circ} 18^{\prime} 36^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 6$ | $16.67 \%$ | $9^{\circ} 27^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 8$ | $12.50 \%$ | $7^{\circ} 07^{\prime} 30^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $1: 10$ | $10.00 \%$ | $5^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 38^{\prime \prime}$ |


| Subgrade <br> Slope | Equivalent <br> Rate of Grade | Equivalent <br> Vertical Angle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $.020 / 1$ | $2.00 \%$ | $1^{\circ} 08^{\prime} 45^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $.025 / 1$ | $2.50 \%$ | $1^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 56^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $.030 / 1$ | $3.00 \%$ | $1^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 06^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $.035 / 1$ | $3.50 \%$ | $2^{\circ} 00^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $.040 / 1$ | $4.00 \%$ | $2^{\circ} 17^{\prime} 26^{\prime \prime}$ |
| $.050 / 1$ | $5.00 \%$ | $2^{\circ} 51^{\prime} 45 "$ |

## Areas of Plane Figures

Nomenclature

$$
\mathbf{A}=\text { Area } \quad \mathbf{h}=\text { Height }
$$

$$
\mathbf{R}=\text { Radius } \quad \mathbf{P}=\mathbf{P}
$$

$$
A=\frac{b h}{2}
$$

$$
\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}
$$



## Areas of Plane Figures



$$
A=\pi R^{2} \frac{\Delta}{360^{0}}-\frac{R^{2} \operatorname{Sin} \Delta}{2}
$$

$\mathrm{A}=\pi \mathrm{R}^{2} \frac{\Delta}{360^{0}}$
$\mathrm{P}=2 \mathrm{R}+\frac{\Delta}{360^{0}}(2 \pi \mathrm{R})$

Fillet

$\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{R T}-\left(\frac{\Delta}{\mathbf{3 6 0}}\right) \pi \mathbf{R}^{2}$
When: $\Delta=90^{0}, \mathrm{~A}=\mathbf{0} .2146 \mathrm{R}^{2}$


## Areas of Plane Figures

Annulus<br>(Circular Ring)



$$
A=\frac{\pi}{4}\left(D^{2}-d^{2}\right)
$$

Irregular Figure


$$
\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{L}\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{j}}{\mathbf{2}}+\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{d}+\mathbf{e}+\mathbf{f}+\mathbf{g}+\mathbf{h}+\mathbf{i}\right)
$$

## Surfaces\Volumes of Solids

## Nomenclature

S Lateral surface area
V Volume
A Area of section perpendicular to sides
B Area of base
P Perimeter of base
$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{A}}$ Perimeter of section perpendicular to its sides
R Radius of sphere or circle
L Slant height or lateral length
H Perpendicular Height
C Circumference of circle or sphere


Pyramid or Cone
Right or Regular


$$
S=\frac{1}{2} P L \quad V=\frac{1}{3} B H
$$

## Surfaces\Volumes of Solids

Pyramid or Cone, Right or
Oblique, Regular or Irregular


$$
\mathrm{V}=\frac{1}{3} \mathrm{BH}
$$



## Surfaces\Volumes of Solids

Frustum of any Prism or Cylinder


$$
\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{B H} \quad \mathbf{V}=\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}\left(\mathbf{L}_{2}+\mathbf{L}_{1}\right)
$$

Frustum of Pyramid or Cone Right and Regular, Parallel Ends


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{S}=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{P}+\mathbf{p}) \quad \mathbf{V}=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{b}+\sqrt{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{b}}) \\
& \mathbf{p}=\text { perimeter of top } \quad \mathbf{b}=\text { area of top }
\end{aligned}
$$

Frustum of any Pyramid or Cone, with Parallel Ends

$\mathbf{V}=\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{b}+\sqrt{\mathbf{B b}})$
b = area of top
Surfaces\Volumes of Solids


$$
S=4 \pi R^{2} \quad V=\frac{4}{3} \pi R^{3}
$$



## Surfaces\Volumes of Solids <br> Spherical Zone <br>  <br> $S=2 \pi R H$ <br> $$
V=\frac{1}{24} \pi H\left(3 C_{1}^{2}+3 C^{2}+4 H^{2}\right)
$$



Prismoidal Formula

$V=\frac{H}{6}(B+b+4 M)$
$\mathbf{M}=$ Area of section parallel to bases, Midway between them
$\mathbf{b}=$ area of top

## Signs of Trigonometric Functions for All Quadrants



Note:
When using a calculator to compute trigonometric functions from North Azimuths, the correct sign will be displayed

## Trigonometric Functions



| Sine | $\operatorname{Sin} \theta=\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{r}}=\frac{\text { opposite }}{\text { hypotenuse }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cosine | $\cos \theta=\frac{x}{r}=\frac{\text { adjacent }}{\text { hypotenuse }}$ |
| Tangent | $\boldsymbol{\operatorname { t a n }} \theta=\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{x}}=\frac{\text { opposite }}{\text { adjacent }}$ |
| Cotangent | $\cot \theta=\frac{x}{y}=\frac{\text { adjacent }}{\text { opposite }}$ |
| Secant | $\sec \theta=\frac{\mathbf{r}}{\mathbf{x}}=\frac{\text { hypotenuse }}{\text { adjacent }}$ |
| Cosecant | $\csc \theta=\frac{\mathbf{r}}{\mathbf{y}}=\frac{\text { hypotenuse }}{\text { opposite }}$ |
| Reciprocal Relations | $\begin{gathered} \sin \theta=\frac{1}{\csc } \quad \tan \theta=\frac{1}{\cot \theta} \\ \cos \theta=\frac{1}{\sec } \end{gathered}$ |
| Rectangular | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{r} \cdot \cos \theta \\ & \mathbf{y}=\mathbf{r} \cdot \sin \theta \end{aligned}$ |
| Polar | $\begin{gathered} r=\sqrt{\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)} \\ \theta=\arctan \frac{y}{x} \end{gathered}$ |

## Right Triangles



| $A+B+C=180$ |  | K=Area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pythagorean <br> Theorem |  | $\mathrm{a}^{2}+\mathrm{b}^{2}=\mathrm{c}^{2}$ |
| $A$ and $B$ are complementary angles |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{clc} \sin A=\cos B & \tan A=\cot B & \sec A=\csc B \\ \cos A=\sin B & \cot A=\tan B & \csc A=\sec B \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Given | To <br> Find | Equation |
| a, c | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \\ \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{K} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \sin A=\frac{a}{c} & \cos B=\frac{a}{c} \\ b=\sqrt{c^{2}-a^{2}} & K=\frac{a}{2} \sqrt{c^{2}-a^{2}} \end{array}$ |
| a, b | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \\ \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{K} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \tan A=\frac{a}{b} & \tan B=\frac{b}{a} \\ c=\sqrt{a^{2}+b^{2}} & K=\frac{a b}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| A, $\mathbf{a}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{B}, \mathrm{b}, \\ & \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{~K} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} B=90^{0}-A & b=a \cdot \cot A \\ \mathbf{c}=\frac{a}{\sin A} & k=\frac{a^{2} \cdot \cot A}{2} \end{array}$ |
| A, b | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{a} \\ & \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{K} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} B=90^{\circ}-A & a=b \cdot \tan A \\ c=\frac{b}{\cos A} & K=\frac{b^{2} \cdot \tan A}{2} \end{array}$ |
| A, c | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{a}, \\ & \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{K} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} B=90^{0}-A & a=c \cdot \sin A \\ b=c \cdot \cos A & K=\frac{c^{2} \cdot \sin 2 A}{4} \end{array}$ |

## Oblique Triangles



| Law of Sines |  | $\frac{a}{\sin A}=\frac{b}{\sin B}=\frac{c}{\sin C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Law of Cosines |  | $\begin{aligned} a^{2} & =b^{2}+c^{2}-2 b c \cdot \cos A \\ b^{2} & =a^{2}+c^{2}-2 a c \cdot \cos B \\ c^{2} & =a^{2}+b^{2}-2 a b \cdot \cos C \end{aligned}$ |
| Sum of Angles |  | $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C}=180{ }^{\text {0 }}$ |
| K = Area |  | $\mathbf{s}=\frac{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}+\mathbf{c}}{2}$ |
| Given | To <br> Find | Equation |
| a, b, c | A | $\begin{gathered} \sin \frac{A}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{b c}} \\ \cos \frac{A}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{b c}} \\ \tan \frac{A}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}} \end{gathered}$ |

## Oblique Triangles

| Given | To Find | Equation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a, b, c | B | $\begin{aligned} & \sin \frac{B}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{a c}} \\ & \cos \frac{B}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{a c}} \\ & \tan \frac{B}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{s(s-b)}} \end{aligned}$ |
| a, b, c | C | $\begin{aligned} & \sin \frac{C}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{a b}} \\ & \cos \frac{C}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{a b}} \\ & \tan \frac{C}{2}=\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s(s-c)}} \end{aligned}$ |
| a, b, c | K | $K=\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ |
| a, A, B | b, c | $b=\frac{a \cdot \sin B}{\sin A} \quad \mathbf{c}=\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \sin (A+B)}{\sin A}$ |
| a, A, B | K | $K=\frac{a b \cdot \sin C}{2}=\frac{a^{2} \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C}{2 \cdot \sin A}$ |
| a, b, A | B | $\sin B=\frac{b \cdot \sin A}{a}$ |
| $\mathbf{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{A}$ | c | $\begin{gathered} c=\frac{a \cdot \sin C}{\sin A}=\frac{b \cdot \sin C}{\sin B} \\ c=\sqrt{\left(\mathbf{a}^{2}+b^{2}-2 a b \cdot \cos C\right)} \end{gathered}$ |
| a, b, A | K | $K=\frac{a b \cdot \sin C}{2}$ |
| a, b, C | A | $\tan A=\frac{a \cdot \sin C}{b-a \cdot \cos C}$ |
| a, b, C | c | $\begin{aligned} & c=\frac{a \cdot \sin (A+B)}{\sin A} \\ & c=\sqrt{\left(a^{2}+b^{2}-2 a b \cdot \cos C\right)} \end{aligned}$ |
| a, b, C | K | $K=\frac{a b \cdot \sin C}{2}$ |

## Conversion Factors

| Class | multiply: | by: | to get: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | in | 0.0833 | ft |
|  | in | 0.028 | yd |
|  | $f t$ | 12 | in |
|  | ft | 0.33 | yd |
|  | ft | 0.06 | rods |
|  | yd | 36 | in |
|  | yd | 3 | ft |
|  | yd | 0.18 | rods |
|  | rods | 198 | in |
|  | rods | 16.5 | ft |
|  | rods | 5.5 | yd |
|  | mi | 5280 | ft |
|  | mi | 1760 | yd |
|  | mi | 320 | rods |
| Area | $i n^{2}$ | 0.007 | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ | 144 | $i n^{2}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ | 0.11 | $\mathrm{yd}^{2}$ |
|  | $y d^{2}$ | 1296 | $\mathrm{in}^{2}$ |
|  | $y d^{2}$ | 9 | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
|  | $y d^{2}$ | 0.03 | rods ${ }^{2}$ |
|  | rods ${ }^{2}$ | 272.25 | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
|  | rods ${ }^{2}$ | 30.25 | $\mathrm{yd}^{2}$ |
|  | acres | 43560 | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
|  | acres | 4840 | $\mathrm{yd}^{2}$ |
|  | acres | 160 | rods ${ }^{2}$ |

## Conversion Factors

| Class | multiply: | by: | to get: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Volume | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ | 1728 | $\mathrm{in}^{3}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ | 0.04 | $\mathrm{yd}^{3}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ | 7.48 | gallons |
|  | $\mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 27 | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 202 | gallons |
|  | quarts | 2 | pints |
|  | quarts | 0.25 | gallons |
|  | gallons | 8 | pints |
|  | gallons | 4 | quarts |
|  | gallons | 0.13 | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ |
| Force | ounces | 0.06 | pounds |
|  | pounds | 16 | ounces |
|  | tons <br> (short) | 2000 | pounds |
|  | tons <br> (metric) | 2205 | pounds |
|  |  |  |  |
| Velocity | miles/hr | 88 | $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{min}$ |
|  | miles/hr | 1.47 | $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ |

## Metric Conversion Factors

| Class | multiply: | by: | to get: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | in | 25.40 | mm |
|  | in | 2.540 | cm |
|  | in | 0.0254 | m |
|  | ft | 0.3048 | m |
|  | yd | 0.9144 | m |
|  | mi | 1.6093 | km |
| Area | $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ | 0.0929 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{yd}^{2}$ | 0.8361 | $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ |
|  | $m i^{2}$ | 2.590 | $\mathrm{km}^{2}$ |
| Volume | in ${ }^{3}$ | 16.387 | $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ | 0.0283 | $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
|  | $y d^{3}$ | 0.7646 | $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
|  | gal | 3.785 | L |
|  | gal | 0.0038 | $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
|  | fl oz | 29.574 | mL |
|  | acre ft | 1233.48 | $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Mass | OZ | 28.35 | g |
|  | lb | 0.4536 | kg |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { kip } \\ (1000 \mathrm{lb}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.4536 | metric ton $(1000 \mathrm{~kg})$ |
|  | short ton 2000 lb | 907.2 | kg |
|  | short ton | 0.9072 | metric ton |

## Land Surveying <br> Conversion Factors

| Class | multiply: | by: | to get: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area | acre | 4046.8726 | $\mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
|  | acre | 0.40469 | ha <br> $10000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Length | ft | $12 / 39.37^{*}$ | m |

* Exact, by definition of the U.S. Survey foot


## Steel Tape Temperature Corrections

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{C}=11.66 \cdot 10^{-6}\left(\mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{C}}-20\right) \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{m}} \\
\text { or } \\
\mathrm{C}=6.45 \cdot 10^{-6}\left(\mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{F}}-68\right) \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{f}} \\
\text { Where: }
\end{gathered}
$$

C = Correction
$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{C}}=$ Temperature in degrees Celsius
$\mathrm{L}_{\mathbf{M}}=$ Length in meters
$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{F}}=$ Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit
$L_{f}=$ Length in feet

## Temperature Conversion

Fahrenheit to Celsius $\quad \frac{5}{9}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}-32\right)$
Celsius to Fahrenheit $\left(\frac{9}{5}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)+32$

## Less Common Conversion Factors

| Class | multiply: | by: | to get: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Density | $\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ | 16.0185 | $\mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{yd}^{3}$ | 0.5933 | $\mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Pressure | psi | 6894.8 | Pa |  |
|  | ksi | 6.8948 | MPa |  |
|  | ${\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{ft}^{2}}$ | 47.88 | Pa |  |
|  | $\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}$ | 0.3048 | $\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ |  |
| Velocity | mph | 0.4470 | $\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ |  |
|  | mph | 1.6093 | $\mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Freezing point of water $=0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$
Boiling point of water under pressure of one atmosphere $=100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(212^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$
The mass of one cu. meter of water is 1000 kg The mass of one liter of water is 1 kg (2.20 lbs)
$1 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}$. of water @ $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=62.37 \mathrm{lbs}(28.29 \mathrm{~kg})$
1 gal of water @ $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=8.3377 \mathrm{lbs}(3.78 \mathrm{~kg})$

## Cement Constants

1 sack of cement (appx.) $=1 \mathrm{ft}^{3}=0.028 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
1 sack of cement $=94 \mathrm{lbs} .=42.64 \mathrm{~kg}$
1 gallon water $=8.3453 \mathrm{lbs} . @ 39.2^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
1 gallon water $=3.7854 \mathrm{~kg} @ 4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## Multiplication Factor Table

| Multiple | Prefix | Symbol |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1000000000=10^{9}$ | giga | G |
| $1000000=10^{6}$ | mega | M |
| $1000=10^{3}$ | kilo | k |
| $100=10^{2}$ | *hecto | h |
| $10=10^{1}$ | *deka | da |
| $0.1=10^{-1}$ | *deci | d |
| $0.01=10^{-2}$ | *centi | c |
| $0.001=10^{-3}$ | milli | m |
| $0.000001=10^{-6}$ | micro | $\mu$ |
| $0.000000001=10^{-9}$ | nano | n |

* Avoid when possible

Recommended
Pronunciations

| Prefix | Pronunciation |
| :--- | ---: |
| giga | jig'a (i as in jig, a as in a-bout |
| mega | as in mega-phone |
| kilo | kill' oh |
| hecto | heck' toe |
| deka | deck' a (a as in a-bout |
| centi | as in centi-pede |
| milli | as in mili-tary |
| micro | as in micro-phone |
| nano | nan' oh |

## Reinforcing Steel

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bar } \\ & \text { Size } \end{aligned}$ | Nominal Diameter | Nominal Area | Unit Weight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | $\begin{gathered} 9.5 \mathrm{~mm} \\ {[0.375 \mathrm{in}]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 71 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[0.110 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $0.560 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ <br> [0.376 lb\ft] |
| \#4 | $\begin{aligned} & 12.7 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[0.500 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 127 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[0.197 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.994 \mathrm{~kg} \backslash \mathrm{~m} \\ & {[0.668 \mathrm{lb} \backslash \mathrm{ft}]} \end{aligned}$ |
| \#5 | $\begin{aligned} & 15.9 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[0.625 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 199 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[0.309 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $1.552 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ <br> [ $1.043 \mathrm{lb} \backslash \mathrm{ft}]$ |
| \#6 | $\begin{aligned} & 19.1 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[0.750 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 287 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[0.445 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $2.235 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ <br> [1.502 lb\|ft] |
| \#7 | $\begin{aligned} & 22.2 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[0.875 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 387 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ & {\left[0.600 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{aligned}$ | $3.045 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ <br> [2.044 lb\|ft] |
| \#8 | $\begin{aligned} & 25.4 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[1.000 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 507 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[0.786 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $3.973 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ <br> [2.670 lb\ft] |
| \#9 | $\begin{aligned} & 28.7 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[1.128 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 647 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[1.003 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $5.060 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$ [3.400 lb\ft] |
| \#10 | $\begin{aligned} & 32.3 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[1.270 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 819 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ {\left[1.270 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | 6.404 kg lm <br> [4.303 lb\|ft] |
| \#11 | $\begin{aligned} & 35.8 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[1.410 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1007 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ & {\left[1.561 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.907 \mathrm{~kg} \backslash \mathrm{~m} \\ & {[5.313 \mathrm{lb} \backslash \mathrm{ft}]} \end{aligned}$ |
| \#14 | $\begin{aligned} & 43.0 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[1.693 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1452 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ & {\left[2.251 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{aligned}$ | $11.384 \mathrm{~kg} \backslash \mathrm{~m}$ [7.650 lb\ft] |
| \#18 | $\begin{aligned} & 57.3 \mathrm{~mm} \\ & {[2.257 \mathrm{in}]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2579 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \\ & {\left[3.998 \mathrm{in}^{2}\right]} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.239 \mathrm{~kg} \backslash \mathrm{~m} \\ & {[13.600 \mathrm{lb} \backslash \mathrm{ft}]} \end{aligned}$ |

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