

SI Prefixes

Multiplication Factor	Prefix†	Symbol
1 000 000 000 000 = 10^{12}	tera	T
1 000 000 000 = 10^9	giga	G
1 000 000 = 10^6	mega	M
1 000 = 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
0.000 001 = 10^{-6}	micro	μ
0.000 000 001 = 10^{-9}	nano	n
0.000 000 000 001 = 10^{-12}	pico	p
0.000 000 000 000 001 = 10^{-15}	femto	f
0.000 000 000 000 000 001 = 10^{-18}	atto	a

† The first syllable of every prefix is accented so that the prefix will retain its identity. Thus, the preferred pronunciation of kilometer places the accent on the first syllable, not the second.

‡ The use of these prefixes should be avoided, except for the measurement of areas and volumes and for the nontechnical use of centimeter, as for body and clothing measurements.

Principal SI Units Used in Mechanics

Quantity	Unit	Symbol	Formula
Acceleration	Meter per second squared	...	m/s^2
Angle	Radian	rad	†
Angular acceleration	Radian per second squared	...	rad/s^2
Angular velocity	Radian per second	...	rad/s
Area	Square meter	...	m^2
Density	Kilogram per cubic meter	...	kg/m^3
Energy	Joule	J	$\text{N} \cdot \text{m}$
Force	Newton	N	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$
Frequency	Hertz	Hz	s^{-1}
Impulse	Newton-second	...	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$
Length	Meter	m	‡
Mass	Kilogram	kg	‡
Moment of a force	Newton-meter	...	$\text{N} \cdot \text{m}$
Power	Watt	W	J/s
Pressure	Pascal	Pa	N/m^2
Stress	Pascal	Pa	N/m^2
Time	Second	s	‡
Velocity	Meter per second	...	m/s
Volume, solids	Cubic meter	...	m^3
Liquids	Liter	L	10^{-3} m^3
Work	Joule	J	$\text{N} \cdot \text{m}$

† Supplementary unit (1 revolution = 2π rad = 360°).

‡ Base unit.