

## Reciprocal System Natural Units versus Conventional Units

| Natural Units     | Conventional      | Symbol                | Name                     | Measures                                            | Equivalents |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| $\frac{s}{t}$     | $A$               | MKS A                 | ampere                   | electric current                                    |             |
| $\frac{1}{t}$     | $\frac{A}{m}$     | MKS A/m               | Ampere per metre         | magnetization<br>magnetic field strength<br>H-field |             |
| $\frac{1}{st}$    | $\frac{A}{m^2}$   | MKS A/m <sup>2</sup>  | Ampere per square metre  | electric current density                            |             |
| $\frac{s}{t}$     | $A$               | MKS A.rad             | ampere radian            | magnetomotive force                                 |             |
| $\frac{t}{s^4}$   | $\frac{kg}{ms^2}$ | CGS Ba                | Barye                    | pressure<br>stress                                  | dyn/cm      |
| $\frac{1}{t}$     | $\frac{1}{s}$     | MKS Bq                | Becquerel                | radioactivity                                       | 1/s         |
| $\frac{1}{s}$     | cd                | MKS cd                | candela                  | luminous intensity                                  |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{cd}{m^2}$  | MKS cd/m <sup>2</sup> | candela per square metre | luminance                                           |             |
| $\frac{s}{1}$     | $m$               | CGS cm                | centimeter               | length                                              |             |
| $\frac{s}{1}$     | $sA$              | MKS C                 | Coulomb                  | electric charge or quantity of electricity          | s.A<br>F.V  |
| $\frac{1}{s^2}$   | $\frac{sA}{m^3}$  | MKS C/m <sup>3</sup>  | Coulomb per cubic metre  | electric charge density                             |             |
| $\frac{s^4}{t^3}$ | $\frac{sA}{kg}$   | MKS C/kg              | Coulomb per kilogram     | exposure                                            |             |
| 1                 | $\frac{sA}{m}$    | MKS C/m               | Coulomb per metre        | linear charge density                               |             |
| $\frac{1}{s}$     | $\frac{sA}{m^2}$  | MKS C/m <sup>2</sup>  | Coulomb per square metre | electric displacement field<br>polarization density |             |
| $\frac{s^3}{1}$   | $m^3$             | MKS m <sup>3</sup>    | cubic metre              | volume                                              |             |

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| $\frac{m^3}{t^3}$ | $\frac{m^3}{kg}$          | MKS m <sup>3</sup> /kg    | cubic metre per kilogram    | specific volume        |                     |
| $\frac{s^3}{1}$   | $\frac{m^3}{mol}$         | MKS m <sup>3</sup> /mol   | cubic metre per mole        | molar volume           |                     |
| $\frac{s^3}{t}$   | $\frac{m^3}{s\ mol}$      | MKS $\frac{m^3}{(mol.s)}$ | cubic metre per mole second | catalytic efficiency   |                     |
| $\frac{s^3}{t}$   | $\frac{m^3}{s}$           | MKS m <sup>3</sup> /s     | cubic metre per second      | volumetric flow        |                     |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $K$                       | MKS °C                    | degree Celsius              | temperature            | K                   |
| $\frac{t}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m\ kg}{s^2}$       | CGS dyn                   | dyne                        | force                  |                     |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2\ kg}{s^2}$     | CGS erg                   | erg                         | energy<br>work<br>heat | dyn.cm              |
| $\frac{s^3}{t}$   | $\frac{s^4 A^2}{m^2\ kg}$ | MKS F                     | Farad                       | electrical capacitance | C/V<br>s/           |
| $\frac{s^2}{t}$   | $\frac{s^4 A^2}{m^3\ kg}$ | MKS F/m                   | Farad per metre             | permittivity           |                     |
| $\frac{s}{t^2}$   | $\frac{m}{s^2}$           | CGS Gal                   | Galileo                     | acceleration           | dyn/g               |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^3}$ | kg                        | CGS g                     | gram                        | mass                   |                     |
| $\frac{s^2}{t^2}$ | $\frac{m^2}{s^2}$         | MKS Gy                    | Gray                        | absorbed dose          | J/kg                |
| $\frac{s^2}{t^3}$ | $\frac{m^2}{s^3}$         | MKS Gy/s                  | Gray per second             | absorbed dose rate     |                     |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^3}$ | $\frac{m^2\ kg}{s^2 A^2}$ | MKS H                     | Henry                       | electrical inductance  | V.s/A<br>.s<br>Wb/A |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^4}$ | $\frac{m\ kg}{s^2 A^2}$   | MKS H/m                   | Henry per metre             | magnetic permeability  |                     |
| $\frac{1}{t}$     | $\frac{1}{s}$             | MKS Hz                    | Hertz                       | frequency              | 1/s                 |
| $\frac{1}{t^2}$   | $\frac{1}{s^2}$           | MKS Hz/s                  | Hertz per second            | frequency drift        |                     |

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| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2}$               | MKS J                     | Joule                            | energy<br>work<br>heat                     | N.m<br>C.V<br>W.s |
| $\frac{t}{s^4}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms^2}$                   | MKS J/m <sup>3</sup>      | Joule per cubic metre            | energy density                             |                   |
| 1                 | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2 K}$             | MKS J/K                   | Joule per kelvin                 | heat capacity<br>entropy                   |                   |
| 1                 | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2 K \text{ mol}}$ | MKS J/(K.mol)             | Joule per Kelvin mole            | molar heat capacity<br>molar entropy       |                   |
| $\frac{s^2}{t^2}$ | $\frac{m^2}{s^2}$                          | MKS J/kg                  | Joule per kilogram               | specific energy                            |                   |
| $\frac{s^9}{t^7}$ | $\frac{m^2}{\text{kg}^2 K}$                | MKS J/(K.kg)              | Joule per kilogram<br>Kelvin     | specific heat capacity<br>specific entropy |                   |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2 \text{ mol}}$   | MKS J/mol                 | Joule per mole                   | molar energy                               |                   |
| $\frac{t}{s^3}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{s^2}$                    | MKS J/m <sup>2</sup>      | Joule per square<br>metre        | radiant exposure                           |                   |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{s^3}$                    | MKS J/(m <sup>2</sup> .s) | Joule per square<br>metre second | energy flux density                        |                   |
| $\frac{s^3}{t}$   | $m^2 A$                                    | MKS J/T                   | Joule per Tesla                  | magnetic dipole moment                     |                   |
| $\frac{t^2}{s}$   | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s}$                 | MKS J.s                   | Joule second                     | action                                     |                   |
| $\frac{1}{t}$     | $\frac{\text{mol}}{s}$                     | MKS kat                   | katal                            | catalytic activity                         | mol/s             |
| $\frac{1}{s}$     | $\frac{1}{m}$                              | CGS K                     | Kayser                           | wave number                                |                   |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $K$                                        | MKS K                     | Kelvin                           | thermodynamic pressure                     |                   |
| $\frac{t}{s^2}$   | $\frac{K}{m}$                              | MKS K/m                   | Kelvin per metre                 | temperature gradient                       |                   |
| $\frac{t}{1}$     | $\frac{s^3 K}{m^2 \text{ kg}}$             | MKS K/W                   | Kelvin per Watt                  | thermal resistance                         |                   |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^3}$ | kg                                         | MKS kg                    | kilogram                         | mass                                       |                   |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^6}$ | $\frac{\text{kg}}{m^3}$                    | MKS kg/m <sup>3</sup>     | kilogram per cubic<br>meter      | density<br>mass density                    |                   |

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| $\frac{t^3}{s^4}$ | $\frac{kg}{m}$          | MKS kg/m               | kilogram per metre        | linear mass density                           |             |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^3}$ | $\frac{kg}{mol}$        | MKS kg/mol             | kilogram per mole         | molar mass                                    |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^3}$ | $\frac{kg}{s}$          | MKS kg/s               | kilogram per second       | mass flow rate                                |             |
| $\frac{t^3}{s^5}$ | $\frac{kg}{m^2}$        | MKS kg/m <sup>2</sup>  | kilogram per square metre | area density                                  |             |
| $\frac{t^3}{s}$   | $m^2 kg$                | MKS kg.m <sup>2</sup>  | kilogram square metre     | moment of inertia                             |             |
| $\frac{1}{s}$     | cd                      | MKS lm                 | lumen                     | luminous flux                                 | cd.sr       |
| 1                 | $\frac{s^3 cd}{m^2 kg}$ | MKS lm/W               | lumen per Watt            | luminous efficacy                             |             |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | s cd                    | MKS lm.s               | lumen second              | luminous energy                               |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{cd}{m^2}$        | MKS lx                 | lux                       | illuminance                                   | lm/m        |
| $\frac{t}{s^3}$   | $\frac{s cd}{m^2}$      | MKS lx.s               | lux second                | luminous exposure                             |             |
| $\frac{s}{1}$     | $m$                     | MKS m                  | metre                     | length                                        |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^2}$   | $\frac{1}{m^2}$         | MKS m/m <sup>3</sup>   | metre per cubic metre     | fuel efficiency                               |             |
| $\frac{s^4}{t^3}$ | $\frac{s^2 A^2}{m kg}$  | MKS m/H                | metre per Henry           | magnetic susceptibility                       |             |
| $\frac{s}{t}$     | $\frac{m}{s}$           | MKS m/s                | metre per second          | speed<br>velocity                             |             |
| $\frac{s}{t^3}$   | $\frac{m}{s^3}$         | MKS m/s <sup>3</sup>   | metre per second cubed    | jerk<br>jolt                                  |             |
| $\frac{s}{t^2}$   | $\frac{m}{s^2}$         | MKS m/s <sup>2</sup>   | metre per second squared  | acceleration                                  |             |
| 1                 | mol                     | MKS mol                | mole                      | amount of substance                           |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{mol}{m^3}$       | MKS mol/m <sup>3</sup> | mole per cubic metre      | molarity<br>amount of substance concentration |             |

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| $\frac{s^3}{t^3}$ | $\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$   | MKS mol/kg             | mole per kilogram                  | molarity                           |             |
| $\frac{t}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^2}$       | MKS N                  | Newton                             | force<br>weight                    | kg.m/s      |
| $\frac{t}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2}$     | MKS N.m                | Newton metre                       | torque<br>moment of force          | J/rad       |
| $\frac{t^2}{s}$   | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s}$       | MKS N.m.s              | Newton metre second                | angular momentum                   |             |
| $\frac{s^2}{t}$   | $\frac{m^2}{s}$                  | MKS N.m.s/kg           | Newton metre second<br>per kilogra | specific angular momentum          |             |
| $\frac{t}{s^3}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{s^2}$          | MKS N/m                | Newton per metre                   | surface tension<br>stiffness       | J/m         |
| $\frac{1}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^3}$       | MKS N/s                | Newton per second                  | yank                               |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^2}$ | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s}$         | MKS N.s                | Newton second                      | momentum<br>impulse                |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^3}$ | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^3 A^2}$ | MKS $\Omega$           | ohm                                | electrical resistance<br>impedance | 1/S<br>V/A  |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^2}$ | $\frac{m^3 \text{ kg}}{s^3 A^2}$ | MKS $\Omega.m$         | ohm metre                          | resistivity                        |             |
| $\frac{t}{s^4}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms^2}$         | MKS Pa                 | Pascal                             | pressure<br>stress                 | N/m         |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^4}$ | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms}$           | MKS Pa.s               | Pascal second                      | dynamic viscosity                  | N.s/m       |
| 1                 | 1                                | CGS ph                 | phot                               | illuminance                        |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^4}$ | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms}$           | CGS P                  | Poise                              | dynamic viscosity                  | Ba.s        |
| 1                 | 1                                | MKS rad                | radian                             | angle                              | m/m         |
| $\frac{1}{t}$     | $\frac{1}{s}$                    | MKS rad/s              | radian per second                  | angular velocity                   |             |
| $\frac{1}{t^2}$   | $\frac{1}{s^2}$                  | MKS rad/s <sup>2</sup> | radian per second<br>squared       | angular acceleration               |             |
| $\frac{s^3}{t^3}$ | $\frac{s^2 A^2}{m^2 \text{ kg}}$ | MKS H <sup>-1</sup>    | reciprocal Henry                   | magnetic reluctance                |             |
| $\frac{s}{t}$     | $\frac{1}{K}$                    | MKS K <sup>-1</sup>    | reciprocal Kelvin                  | thermal expansion<br>coefficient   |             |

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| $\frac{1}{s}$     | $\frac{1}{m}$            | MKS $m^{-1}$              | reciprocal metre                 | wavenumber<br>optical power<br>curvature<br>spatial frequency        |                          |
| $\frac{s^4}{t}$   | $\frac{ms^2}{kg}$        | MKS $Pa^{-1}$             | reciprocal Pascal                | compressibility                                                      |                          |
| $\frac{t}{1}$     | S                        | MKS s                     | second                           | time                                                                 |                          |
| $\frac{s^3}{t^2}$ | $\frac{s^3 A^2}{m^2 kg}$ | MKS S                     | Siemens                          | electrical conductance                                               | 1/<br>A/V                |
| $\frac{s^2}{t^2}$ | $\frac{s^3 A^2}{m^3 kg}$ | MKS S/m                   | Siemens per metre                | electric conductivity                                                |                          |
| $\frac{s^5}{t^2}$ | $\frac{s^3 A^2 mol}{kg}$ | MKS S.m <sup>2</sup> /mol | Siemens square metre<br>per mole | molar conductivity                                                   |                          |
| $\frac{s^2}{t^2}$ | $\frac{m^2}{s^2}$        | MKS Sv                    | Sievert                          | equivalent dose                                                      | J/kg                     |
| $\frac{s^2}{1}$   | $m^2$                    | MKS m <sup>2</sup>        | square metre                     | area                                                                 |                          |
| $\frac{s^2}{t}$   | $\frac{m^2}{s}$          | MKS m <sup>2</sup> /s     | square metre per<br>second       | kinematic viscosity<br>thermal diffusivity<br>diffusion coefficient  |                          |
| $\frac{s^4}{t^2}$ | $\frac{s^2 A}{kg}$       | MKS m <sup>2</sup> /(V.s) | square metre per volt<br>second  | electron mobility                                                    |                          |
| 1                 | 1                        | MKS sr                    | steradian                        | solid angle                                                          | m                        |
| 1                 | 1                        | CGS sb                    | stilb                            | luminance                                                            |                          |
| $\frac{s^2}{t}$   | $\frac{m^2}{s}$          | CGS St                    | Stokes                           | kinematic viscosity                                                  |                          |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^4}$ | $\frac{kg}{s^2 A}$       | MKS T                     | Tesla                            | magnetic field strength<br>magnetic flux density<br>B-field          | V.s/m<br>Wb/m<br>N/(A.m) |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^3}$ | $\frac{m kg}{s^2 A}$     | MKS T.m                   | Tesla metre                      | magnetic rigidity                                                    |                          |
| $\frac{t}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m^2 kg}{s^3 A}$   | MKS V                     | Volt                             | voltage<br>electrical potential<br>difference<br>electromotive force | W/A<br>J/C               |
| $\frac{t}{s^3}$   | $\frac{m kg}{s^3 A}$     | MKS V/m                   | Volt per metre                   | electric field strength                                              |                          |

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| $\frac{1}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^3}$   | MKS W                      | Watt                               | power<br>radiant flux                | J/s<br>V.A  |
| $\frac{1}{s^4}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms^3}$       | MKS W/m <sup>3</sup>       | Watt per cubic metre               | spectral irradiance<br>power density |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^3}$     | MKS W/m                    | Watt per metre                     | spectral power                       |             |
| $\frac{1}{st}$    | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^3 K}$   | MKS W/(m.K)                | Watt per metre Kelvin              | thermal conductivity                 |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{s^3}$        | MKS W/m <sup>2</sup>       | Watt per square metre              | heat flux density<br>irradiance      |             |
| $\frac{1}{s}$     | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^3}$   | MKS W/sr                   | Watt per steradian                 | radiant intensity                    |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^4}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{ms^3}$       | MKS W/(sr.m <sup>3</sup> ) | Watt per steradian<br>cubic metre  | spectral radiance                    |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^2}$   | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^3}$     | MKS W/(sr.m)               | Watt per steradian<br>metre        | spectral intensity                   |             |
| $\frac{1}{s^3}$   | $\frac{\text{kg}}{s^3}$        | MKS W/(sr.m <sup>2</sup> ) | Watt per steradian<br>square metre | radiance                             |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^2}$ | $\frac{m^2 \text{ kg}}{s^2 A}$ | MKS Wb                     | Weber                              | magnetic flux                        | J/A<br>T.m  |
| $\frac{t^2}{s}$   | $\frac{m^3 \text{ kg}}{s^2 A}$ | MKS Wb.m                   | Weber metre                        | magnetic moment                      |             |
| $\frac{t^2}{s^3}$ | $\frac{m \text{ kg}}{s^2 A}$   | MKS Wb/m                   | Weber per metre                    | magnetic vector potential            |             |

The Reciprocal System has JUST TWO units: space (s) and time (t). All conventional units can be expressed in exponents of space-time relationships. Note that "s" in the MKS/CGS system is "seconds," not "space." This table uses MathML to render the Natural Units and Conventional symbols columns. If they are not displaying correctly, then your browser may not support MathML.