

# Conversions *within* the USC System and *between* the USC and SI

## Length

1 mile (mi)	$\equiv 5280$ feet (ft)	1 yard (yd)	$\equiv 3$ feet (ft)
1 foot (ft)	$\equiv 12$ inches (in)	1 inch (in)	$= 2.54$ centimeters (cm)
1 meter (m)	$= 3.281$ feet (ft) $= 39.37$ inches (in)	1 mile (mi)	$= 1609$ meters (m) $= 1.609$ kilometers (km)
1 light year (lt yr)	$= 9.454 \times 10^{15}$ meters (m) $= 5.876 \times 10^{12}$ miles (mi)		

## Area = length squared

1 acre	$\equiv 43,560$ square feet (ft <sup>2</sup> ) $= 4048$ square meters (m <sup>2</sup> )	1 hectare	$\equiv 10,000$ square meters (m <sup>2</sup> ) $= 2.4704$ acres
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## Volume = length cubed

1 gallon (gal)	$= 3.785$ liters (l)	1 fluid ounce (fl oz)	$= 1.804$ cubic inches (in <sup>3</sup> )
1 cubic meter (m <sup>3</sup> )	$\equiv 1000$ liters (l) $= 264.2$ gallons (gal)	1 liter (l)	$\equiv 1000$ cubic centimeters (cm <sup>3</sup> ) $= 1.057$ quarts (qt)
1 pint (pt)	$\equiv 2$ cups $\equiv 16$ fluid ounces (fl oz)	1 barrel of petroleum	$\equiv 42$ gallons (gal) $= 0.159$ cubic meter (m <sup>3</sup> )
1 quart (qt)	$\equiv 2$ pints (pt)	1 gallon (gal)	$\equiv 4$ quarts (qt)

## Mass/Weight

1 kilogram (kg)	$= 2.205$ pounds (lb) (on the surface of the earth)
1 pound (lb)	$\equiv 16$ ounces avoirdupois (oz) $= 453.6$ grams (g) (on the surface of the earth)

## Energy

1 joule (J)	$\equiv 1 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$ $\equiv 1$ watt-second (Ws) $= 0.2390$ calories (cal) $= 2.390 \times 10^{-4}$ food calories (Kcal) $= 9.484 \times 10^{-4}$ British thermal units (Btu) $= 6.242 \times 10^{18}$ electron volts (eV) $= 0.7375$ foot pounds (ft lb)
1 kiloton of TNT	$= 4.2 \times 10^{12}$ joules (J)

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time}}$$

$$1 \text{ Watt (W)} \quad \equiv 1 \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{second}}$$

$$1 \text{ horsepower (hp)} = 0.7457 \text{ kilowatts (kW)}$$

### Time

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ year (yr)} &= 3.1558 \times 10^7 \text{ seconds (s)} & 1 \text{ day} &\equiv 24 \text{ hours (hr)} \\ &= 8.766 \times 10^3 \text{ hours (hr)} & &\equiv 1440 \text{ minutes (min)} \\ & & &\equiv 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ seconds (s)} \end{aligned}$$

### Temperature equations

$$\text{Celsius Temp (}^\circ\text{C)} \quad \equiv \frac{5}{9} (\text{}^\circ\text{F} - 32)$$

$$\text{Fahrenheit Temp (}^\circ\text{F)} \quad \equiv \frac{9}{5} (\text{}^\circ\text{C}) + 32$$

$$\text{Kelvin Temp (K)} \quad = (\text{}^\circ\text{C}) + 273.15$$

### Prefixes for Conversion *within* the Metric System (SI)

$10^1$	deka (da)	$10^{-1}$	deci (d)
$10^2$	hecto (h)	$10^{-2}$	centi (c)
$10^3$	kilo (k)	$10^{-3}$	milli (m)
$10^6$	mega (M)	$10^{-6}$	micro ( $\mu$ )
$10^9$	giga (G)	$10^{-9}$	nano (n)
$10^{12}$	tera (T)	$10^{-12}$	pico (p)
$10^{15}$	peta (P)	$10^{-15}$	femto (f)
$10^{18}$	exa (E)	$10^{-18}$	atto (a)