

SECTION 01420 UNITS OF MEASURE

1.1 THE REQUIREMENT

A. General

1. The International System of Units, also referred to as SI or the metric system, is the principal measurement system in these specifications and shall be used for construction, unless otherwise stated in the Contract documents. U.S. Standard Measures, also called U.S. Customary System, are included in parenthesis. SI units and U.S. Standard Measures in parenthesis may or may not be exactly equivalent. If U.S. Standard Measures are specified for us in the contract documents, then all values used for construction shall be U.S. Standard Measures shown in parenthesis. However, certain material specifications and test requirements contained herein use SI units specifically and conversions to U.S. Standard Measure have not been included in these circumstances. When U.S. Standard Measures are not included in parenthesis, then the SI units shall control.
2. Reference is also made to ASTM E 380 for definitions of various units of the SI system and a more extensive set of conversion factors.

B. Units of Measure and Their Abbreviations (abbreviations noted within parentheses):

U.S. Customary Unit (Abbreviations)	Equal to	SI Unit (Abbreviations)
1 mil (= 0.001 in)	=	25.4 micrometer (μm)
1 inch (in)	=	25.4 millimeter (mm)
1 inch (in)	=	2.54 centimeter (cm)
1 foot (ft)	=	0.3048 meter (m)
1 yard (yd)	=	0.9144 meter (m)
1 mile (mi)	=	1.6093 kilometer (km)
1 square foot (ft^2)	=	0.0929 square meter (m^2)
1 square yard (yd^2)	=	0.8361 square meter (m^2)
1 cubic foot (ft^3)	=	0.0283 cubic meter (m^3)
1 cubic yard (yd^3)	=	0.7646 cubic meter (m^3)
1 acre	=	0.4047 hectare (ha)
1 U.S. gallon (gal)	=	3.7854 Liter (L)
1 fluid ounce (fl. oz.)	=	29.5735 milliliter (mL)
1 pound mass (lb) (avoirdupois)	=	0.4536 kilogram (kg)
1 ounce mass (oz)	=	28.3495 kilogram (kg)
1 Ton (= 2,000 lb avoirdupois)	=	0.9072 Tonne (= 1,000 kg)
1 Poise	=	0.1 pascal \cdot second (Pa \cdot s)
1 centistoke (cs)	=	1 square millimeters per second (mm^2/s)
1 pound force (lbf)	=	4.4482 Newton (N)
1 pound per square inch (psi)	=	6.8948 Kilopascal (kPa)
1 pound force per foot (lbf/ft)	=	1.4594 Newton per meter (N/m)
1 foot-pound force (ft-lbf)	=	1.3558 Joules (J)

1 foot-pound force per second (ft-lbf/s)	=	1.3558 Watt (W)
1 part per million (ppm)	=	1 milligram/liter (mg/L)

- C. Temperature Units and Their Abbreviations (abbreviations noted within parentheses):

Degree Fahrenheit (Abbreviation: °F)	Degree Celsius (Abbreviation: °C)
$^{\circ}\text{F} = (1.8 \times ^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$	$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)/1.8$

- D. SI Units Commonly Used in Both Systems and their Abbreviations (abbreviations noted within parentheses):

1 Ampere (A)
1 Volt (V)
1 Candela (cd)
1 Lumen (lm)
1 second (s)

- E. Common Metric Prefixes and Their Abbreviations (abbreviations noted within parentheses):

kilo (k)	10^3
centi (c)	10^{-2}
milli (m)	10^{-3}
micro (μ)	10^{-6}
nano (n)	10^{-9}
pico (p)	10^{-12}

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