

ATOMIC UNITS AND THEIR SI EQUIVALENTS

Quantity	Atomic unit	SI equivalent
Mass	$m = 1$ (electron mass)	9.1091×10^{-31} kg
Charge	$ e = 1$ (electron charge)	1.6021×10^{-19} C
Angular momentum	$\hbar = 1$	1.0545×10^{-34} J·s
Permittivity	$\kappa_0 = 4\pi\epsilon_0 = 1$	1.1126×10^{-10} C ² ·J ⁻¹ ·m ⁻¹
Length	$\kappa_0\hbar^2/me^2 = a_0 = 1$ (bohr) (Bohr radius)	5.29177×10^{-11} m
Energy	$me^4/\kappa_0^2\hbar^2 = e^2/\kappa_0a_0 = 1$ (hartree) (twice the ionization energy of atomic hydrogen)	4.35944×10^{-18} J
Time	$\kappa_0^2\hbar^3/me^4 = 1$ (period of an electron in the first Bohr orbit)	2.41889×10^{-17} s
Speed	$e^2/\kappa_0\hbar = 1$ (speed of an electron in the first Bohr orbit)	2.18764×10^6 m·s ⁻¹
Electric potential	$me^3/\kappa_0^2\hbar^2 = e/\kappa_0a_0 = 1$ (potential energy of an electron in the first Bohr orbit)	27.211 V
Magnetic dipole moment	$eh/m = 1$ (twice a Bohr magneton)	1.85464×10^{-23} J·T ⁻¹

Fraction	Prefix	Symbol	Prefix	Multiple	Symbol
10 ⁻¹	deci	d	deka	10	da
10 ⁻²	centi	c	hecto	10 ²	h
10 ⁻³	milli	m	kilo	10 ³	k
10 ⁻⁶	micro	μ	mega	10 ⁶	M
10 ⁻⁹	nano	n	giga	10 ⁹	G
10 ⁻¹²	pico	p	tera	10 ¹²	T
10 ⁻¹⁵	femto	f	peta	10 ¹⁵	P
10 ⁻¹⁸	atto	a	exa	10 ¹⁸	E

Greek alphabet

Alpha	A	α	Iota	I	ι	Rho	ρ	Ρ
Beta	B	β	Kappa	K	κ	Sigma	σ	Σ
Gamma	Γ	γ	Lambda	Λ	λ	Tau	τ	Τ
Delta	Δ	δ	Mu	Μ	μ	Upsilon	υ	Υ
Epsilon	E	ε	Nu	Ν	ν	Phi	φ	Φ
Zeta	Z	ζ	Xi	Ξ	ξ	Chi	χ	Χ
Eta	H	η	Omicron	Ο	ο	Psi	ψ	Ψ

SI BASE UNITS

Physical quantity	Name of unit	Symbol
Length	meter	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	kélvín	K
Luminous intensity	candela	cd
Amount of substance	mole	mol

NAMES AND SYMBOLS FOR SOME SI DERIVED UNITS

Physical quantity	Name of SI unit	Symbol for SI unit	Definition of SI unit
Energy	joule	J	kg·m ² ·s ⁻²
Force	newton	N	kg·m·s ⁻²
Power	watt	W	kg·m ² ·s ⁻³ (= J·s ⁻¹)
Electric charge	coulomb	C	A·s
Electric potential	volt	V	kg·m ² ·s ⁻³ ·A ⁻¹ (= J·A ⁻¹ ·s ⁻¹)
Magnetic flux density	tesla	T	kg·s ⁻² ·A ⁻¹ (= V·s·m ⁻²)
Frequency	hertz	Hz	s ⁻¹ (cycle per second)

SOME COMMONLY USED NON-SI UNITS

Unit	Symbol	SI value
Angstrom	Å	10 ⁻¹⁰ m
Micron	μ	10 ⁻⁶ m
Calorie	cal	4.184 J
Gauss	G	10 ⁻⁴ T
Debye	D	3.3356 × 10 ⁻³⁰ C·m