

TECHNICAL GUIDE

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

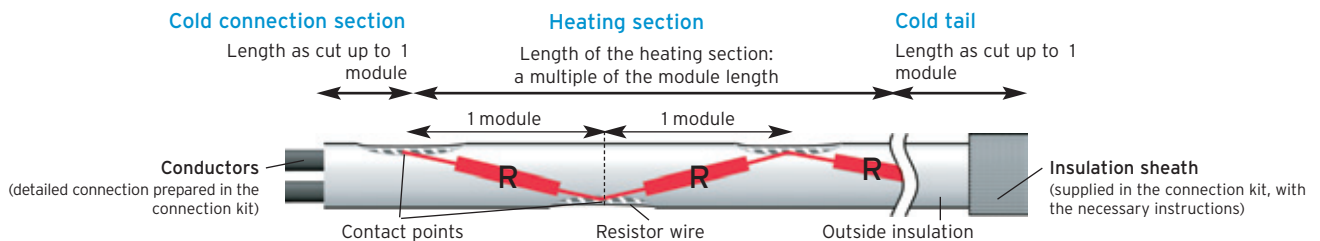


CONSTANT POWER CABLES

A constant power cable is a succession of identical resistors R connected in parallel, which makes it possible to have the same power dissipation on each of these sections.

These resistors are made up of a heating wire coiled around insulated conductor cables, with which it comes into contact at each contact point. These sections, between 2 consecutive contact points, are known as modules.

This is why the cable can only heat between 2 contact points, as shown in the following diagram:

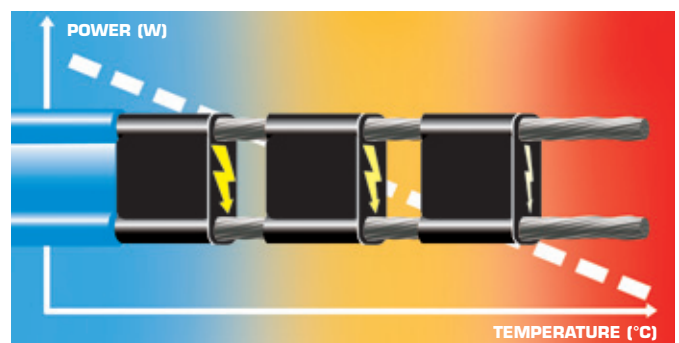


SELF-REGULATING CABLES

Between the conductors, the dark material which makes up the heating element is a polymer enriched with carbon as a conductor. The resistivity of this material varies with temperature because of the dilation of the internal structures which reduce the space available for the current to pass.

Consequently, when the temperature rises, the power dissipated by the cable decreases. This is the phenomenon referred to as **self-regulation**. This prevents overheating which could damage the cable and allows the part of the cable placed in a colder environment to produce more energy in that zone.

When in operation, the cable will therefore always reach a balance between the power it dissipates and the losses due to the outside environment. However, it is impossible to accurately determine at what temperature the surface of the cable will stabilise, because of the complexity and variability of its environment. Similarly, in order to keep control over the installation and to make significant energy savings, it is always recommended to adjust these cables by means of a thermostat.



NB: unlike the other heating elements, it is impossible to check that a self-regulating cable is operating correctly by measuring resistance with an ohmmeter. This can be done instead by measuring the voltage/current.

SERIES RESISTORS

A series resistor is an element with an electric current running between its two ends. It dissipates an amount of power governed by Ohm's law (cf. formula). As a result, any change in length, voltage or current is extremely tricky and means that we have to perform a new, in-depth study.

For series resistors sold by their Ohm/m rating (semi-finished products ordered by the metre or kilometre), a prior study is absolutely essential to at least be sure that the final cut length will produce a maximum power level that is in keeping with the recommendations of our technical documentation.

For finished products sold by their wattage (ordered individually), the power supply voltage must be strictly respected and the length never modified.

TECHNICAL FORMULAE

OHM'S LAW:

The formulae linking the electrical variables of a purely resistive element are as follows:

$$U = R \times I = P/I = \sqrt{P \times R}$$

$$I = U/R = \sqrt{P/R} = P/U$$

$$R = U/I = P/I^2 = U^2/P$$

$$P = U \times I = I^2 \times R = U^2/R$$

where:

U: voltage in Volts (V)

I: current in Amps (A)

R: resistance in Ohms (Ω)

P: power in Watts (W)

WINDING PITCH:

The winding pitch is the distance between two successive turns of a cable wound round a cylindrical support. This winding should be used when the linear power obtained by straight tracing is insufficient or when very uniform heating is required.

$$P = \frac{\pi \times D \times L}{\sqrt{T^2 - L^2}}$$

$$T = \frac{(\pi \times D \times L)^2}{P^2} + L^2$$

where:

P: winding pitch in mm

D: outside diameter of the support

L: total length of the piping

T: total length of the cable

USUAL METAL PIPE DIAMETERS

Nominal diameter DN (inches)	1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	2	2 ^{1/2}	3	3 ^{1/2}	4	5	6	8	10	12
Outside diameter D (mm)	13.71	17.14	21.34	26.67	33.4	42.16	48.26	60.32	73.02	88.9	101.6	114.3	141.3	168.27	219.07	273.05	323.85

LOSSES PER m OF PIPING: HEAT LOSSES TO BE COMPENSATED FOR IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A TEMPERATURE

$$Q = \frac{\pi \times (T_m - T_a)}{2 \times \lambda \times \ln\left(\frac{D + 2 \times e}{D}\right)}$$

where:

Ambient temperature	T _a	°C
Maintenance temperature	T _m	°C
Outside dia. of piping	D	mm
Thickness of heat lagging	e	mm
Heat lagging lambda	λ	W/m.K
Theoretical losses	Q	W/m

IMPORTANT: this is a theoretical calculation and must be weighted using a safety coefficient which depends on how the installation will be used. Please consult us to evaluate this coefficient.

LOSSES in W/m FOR INSULATED PIPING

Thermal insulation thickness (mm)	dT in degC	Dimension of the piping																			
		ND (mm)	8	15	20	25	32	40	50	65	80	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600
		Ext. D (mm)	14	21	27	34	42	48	60	76	89	114	168	219	273	324	356	406	457	508	610
10	20		6.2	7.2	8.5	10	12	14	16	19	23	28.8	41.1	52.6	64.7	76.1	83.3	94.6	106	117	140
	30		9.4	11	13	15	19	21	25	29	35	43.8	62.5	80	98.5	116	127	144	161	178	213
	40		13	15	18	21	25	28	34	40	47.3	59.2	84.5	108	133	157	171	195	218	241	287
20	20		4	4.6	5.3	6.2	7.3	8	9.5	11	13	16	22.5	28.5	34.9	40.9	44.7	50.7	56.7	62.6	74.6
	30		6.2	7	8.1	9.4	11	12	15	17	19.8	24.4	34.2	43.4	53.2	62.3	68	77.1	86.2	95.3	113
	40		8.3	9.5	11	13	15	17	20	23	26.7	33	46.3	58.7	71.9	84.2	92	104	117	129	153
	60		13	15	17	20	23	26	30	35	41.2	50.9	71.4	90.5	111	130	142	161	180	199	237
25	20		3.6	4.1	4.6	5.3	6.2	6.9	8.1	9.3	10.9	13.4	18.6	23.5	28.7	33.5	36.5	41.4	46.2	51.1	60.7
	30		5.4	6.2	7.1	8.1	9.5	10	12	14	16.6	20.3	28.3	35.7	43.6	51	55.6	63	70.3	77.7	92.4
	40		7.4	8.4	9.5	11	13	14	17	19	22.4	27.5	38.2	48.3	59	69	75.2	85.2	95.1	105	125
	60		11	13	15	17	20	22	26	30	34.5	42.4	59	74.5	90.9	106	116	131	147	162	193
	80		16	18	20	23	27	30	35	41	47.4	58.2	81	102	125	146	159	180	201	222	265
	100		20	23	26	32	30	39	45	53	61.2	75.2	105	132	161	189	206	233	260	287	342
30	20		3.3	3.7	4.2	4.8	5.5	6.1	7.1	8.1	9.5	11.6	15.9	20.1	24.4	28.5	31	35.1	39.2	43.2	51.3
	30		5	5.6	6.3	7.3	8.4	9.2	11	12	14.4	17.6	24.3	30.5	37.1	43.3	47.2	53.4	59.6	65.8	78.1
	40		6.7	7.6	8.6	9.8	11	13	15	17	19.5	23.8	32.8	41.3	50.2	58.6	63.8	72.2	80.6	88.9	106
	60		10	12	13	15	18	19	23	26	30	36.6	50.6	63.6	77.4	90.4	98.4	111	124	137	163
	80		14	16	18	21	24	26	31	36	41.2	50.3	69.4	87.3	106	124	135	153	171	188	224
	100		18	21	23	27	31	34	40	46	53.2	65	89.7	113	137	160	175	197	220	243	289
	120		23	26	29	33	39	42	49	57	65.9	80.4	111	140	170	198	216	244	273	301	358
	140		27	31	35	40	46	51	59	68	79.3	96.8	134	168	204	239	260	294	328	362	430
	160		32	36	41	47	55	60	70	80	93.3	114	157	198	241	281	306	346	386	426	506
180		37	42	48	55	63	69	81	93	108	132	182	229	279	325	354	401	447	494	586	
40	20		2.8	3.2	3.6	4	4.6	5	5.8	6.6	7.6	9.2	12.6	15.7	19	22.1	24	27.1	30.2	33.3	39.4
	30		4.3	4.8	5.4	6.1	7	7.7	8.9	10	11.6	14.1	19.1	23.9	28.9	33.6	36.6	41.3	45.9	50.6	60
	40		5.8	6.5	7.3	8.3	9.5	10	12	14	15.7	19	25.9	32.3	39.1	45.5	49.4	55.8	62.1	68.5	81.1
	60		9	10	11	13	15	16	19	21	24.3	29.3	39.9	49.8	60.3	70.1	76.2	86	95.8	106	125
	80		12	14	16	18	20	22	25	29	33.3	40.2	54.8	68.4	82.7	96.2	105	118	132	145	172
	100		16	18	20	23	26	28	33	37	43	52	70.8	88.3	107	124	135	152	170	187	222
	120		20	22	25	28	32	35	41	46	53.3	64.4	87.6	109	132	154	167	189	210	232	275
	140		24	27	30	34	39	42	49	56	64.1	77.4	105	132	159	185	201	227	253	279	330
	160		28	31	35	40	46	50	57	66	75.4	91.1	124	155	187	218	237	267	298	328	339
180		32	36	41	46	53	58	67	76	87.3	106	144	179	217	252	274	310	345	380	450	
50	20		2.6	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.4	5	5.7	6.5	7.8	10.5	13.1	15.7	18.2	19.8	22.3	24.7	27.2	32.2
	30		3.9	4.3	4.8	5.4	6.2	6.7	7.7	8.7	9.9	11.9	16	19.9	23.9	27.7	30.1	33.9	37.6	41.4	48.9
	40		5.3	5.9	6.5	7.3	8.4	9.1	10	12	13.4	16.1	21.7	26.9	32.3	37.5	40.7	45.8	50.9	56	66.2
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	160		25	28	31	35	40	43	50	56	64.4	77.2	104	129	155	180	195	220	244	268	317
180		29	33	36	41	46	50	58	65	74.6	89.4	120	149	179	208	226	254	282	311	367	
80	20		2.1	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.7	7.4	9	10.7	12.3	13.3	14.9	16.4	18	21.1
	30		3.2	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.8	6.5	7.3	8.6	11.3	13.7	16.3	18.7	20.2	22.6	25	27.4	32.1
	40		4.4	4.8	5.2	5.8	6.5	7	7.9	8.8	9.9	11.6	15.2	18.5	22	25.3	27.3	30.6	33.8	37	43.5
	60		6.7	7.4	8.1	9	10	11	12	14	15.3	17.9	23.5	28.6	34	39	42.1	47.1	52.1	57.1	67
	80		9.2	10	11	12	14	15	17	19	20.9	24.6	32.2	39.2	46.6	53.5	57.8	64.7	71.5	78.3	92
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	160		21	23	25	28	31	33	38	42	47.4	55.7	72.9	88.8	106	121	131	146	162	177	208
180		24	27	29	32	36	39	44	49	54.9	64.5	84.4	103	122	140	152	170	188	205	241	

CONVERTING BETWEEN THE METRIC SYSTEM AND THE IMPERIAL SYSTEM

Multiply	by	to obtain	Multiply	by	to obtain
Unit	x	Coefficient =	Unit	x	Coefficient =
millimetres	x	0.03937 =	inches	x	0.3048 =
millimetres	x	39.37 =	mils	x	3.281 =
metres	x	39.37 =	inches	x	1.488 =
metres	x	3.28 =	feet	x	645.2 =
inches	x	25.4 =	millimetres	x	1.273 =
feet	x	0.3048 =	metres	x	1973.5 =
mils	x	0.0254 =	millimetres	x	1.273 =
kilograms	x	2.205 =	pounds	x	1550 =
pounds	x	0.4536 =	kilograms	x	0.7854 =

BEHAVIOUR WITH COMMON CHEMICALS

	PTFE		Silicon elastomer	Chemical	Behaviour		
	Fluoropolymer	PVC			A	D	B
				Cresylic acid	A	D	D
				Cyclohexane	A	D	D
				Cyclohexanone	A	D	D
				Diacetone alcohol	A	B1	D
				Dichlorobenzene	A	D	D
				Diethylamine	D	D	B
				Diethyleneglycol	A2	C1	B1
				Diethylether	A	D	D
				Dimethylaniline	A	D	D
				Dimethylformamide	D	D	C
				Diphenyloxide	A1	D	C
				Distilled water	A	A2	C
				Ethane	A	A1	D
				Ethanol	A	C	B
				Ethanolamine	A1	D	B
				Ether	A	D	D
	20%			Ethyl alcohol	A	C	B
	80%			Ethyl bromide	A	D	D
	glacial			Ethyl chloride	A	D	D
Acetic anhydride				Ethylene chlorhydrine	A	D	C
Acetone				Ethylene diamine	A	D	A
Acetylene		A1		Ethylene dichloride	A	D	D
Aluminium fluoride		A2		Ethylene glycol	A	A	A
Aluminium hydroxide		A2		Ethylene oxide	A	D	D
Aluminium sulphate		A2		Fatty acids	A	A	C
Alums		A	A1	Ferric chloride	A	A	B
Ammonia	10%	B1		Ferric sulphate	A	A	B
Ammonia anhydrous		A2	C	Ferrous chloride	A	A	-
Ammonia liquid		A1		Ferrous sulphate	A	A	-
Ammonium carbonate		A2	C	Formaldehyde			
Ammonium chloride		A	C				
Ammonium hydroxide		A	A				
Ammonium nitrate		A2	C		40%	A	A
Ammonium phosphate dibasic		A2	A	Formic acid	100%	A	A
Ammonium sulphate		A2	A	Freon 11		A1	B
Ammonium thioisulphate		-	-	Freon 113		A2	D
Amyl alcohol		A2	D	Freon 12		A	B
Amyl chloride		A	D	Freon 22		A2	D
Aniline		A	C1	Freon TF		A	D
Aqua regal		A	C1	Fuel oil		B	D
(80 % HCl + 20 % HNO3)		A	C1	Furane (resin)		A2	D
Arsenic acid		A	A1	Furfural		A	D
Arsenic salts		-	A	Gasoline		B	A
Asphalt		A1	A2	Gelatine		A	B
ASTM n°1 oil		-	-	Glucose		A2	A
ASTM n°2 oil		-	-	Glycerine		A	A
ASTM n°3 oil		-	-	Grease		A	A
Barium carbonate		A2	-	Hexane		B1	D
Barium chloride		A1	A	Hexyl alcohol		A2	B
Barium hydroxide		A2	A	Hydraulic oil		A	B
Barium sulphate		A	B1	Hydrobromic acid			
Barium sulfide		A2	A		20%	-	B2
Beer		A2	A		100%	A	A1
Beet sugar liquids		A1	A2	Hydrochloric acid			
Benzaldehyde		A1	D		20%	A	A2
Benzen		A	C1		37%	A	B
Benzyl chloride		-	-		100%	A	D
Borax (Sodium borate)		A1	B	Hydrocyanic acid		A	C
Boric acid		A2	A	Hydrofluoric acid			
Bromine		A	C1		20%	A	B
Butane		A	C1		50%	A	B1
Butyl alcohol		A2	C1		75%	A	C
Butyl ether		A1	A2		100%	A	C
Butyric acid		A2	B1	Hydrogen		A	A2
Calcium bisulfate		A	B	Hydrogen (dry)		A	A2
Calcium chloride		A	C	Hydrogen gas		A	A2
Calcium hydroxide		A	B	Hydrogen peroxide			
Calcium hypochlorite		A	B1		10%	A	A1
	< 20%	A	A		30%	A	A1
		A	D		50%	A	A1
Carbolic acid		A	D		100%	A	A
Carbon dioxide		A	A1				
Carbon monoxide		A2	A2		10%	A	A1
Carbon oxide		A2	A2		30%	A	A1
Carbon tetrachloride		A	-		50%	A	A1
Carbon tetrachloride dry		A	-		100%	A	A
Caustic potash		A	A1				
Caustic soda				Hydrogen sulphide		A	B1
	20%	A	A	Isobutyl alcohol		A2	A1
	50%	A	A	Isooctane		A	A1
	80%	A1	A	Isopropyl ether		A1	B
Chloracetic acid		A	B1	Isopropyl alcohol		A2	A1
Chlorine		A	A2	Jet fuel		A	C
Chlorine anhydrous liquid		A	D	Kerosene		A2	D
Chlorine dry		A	D	Lacquers		A	D
Chlorobenzene		B	D	Lactic acid		A	B1
Chlorobromomethane		A	D	Lard		A	A1
Chloroform		A1	D	Lead nitrate		A1	A2
Chlorosulfonic acid		A	D	Lead sulfamate		B	B
Chromic acid				Linseed oil		A2	A
	5%	A	A2	Magnesium Carbonate		A1	B
	10%	A	A2	Magnesium chloride		A	B
	30%	A	A1	Magnesium hydroxide		A	A2
	50%	A	D	Magnesium nitrate		A	A2
Citric acid		A	B2	Magnesium sulphate		A	A1
Coconut oil		A	A1	Malic acid		A	A2
Cod liver oil		A	A1	Manganese sulphate		A	C
Copper chloride		A	A1	Mercureic chloride		A	A
Copper cyanide		A	A2	Mercureic cyanide		B	A
Copper nitrate		A	A2	Mercury		A	A
Copper sulphate				Methane		A	B
	5%	A	A2	Methyl alcohol		A	A1
	> 5 %	A	A2	Methyl chloride		A	D
Corn oil		A	B	Methyl ethyl ketone		A	D
Cottonseed oil		A	B2	Methyl methacrylate		-	A
				Methylene chloride		A	D
				Methylisobutylketone		A	D
				Milk		A2	A
				Mineral oils		A	B
				Monobasic		A	A
				Monochlorobenzene		B	D
				Monoethanolamine		A1	D
				Mustard		A	B
				Naphta		B	A1
				Naphtalene		A	D
				Natural gas		A	A
				Nickel chloride		A	A
				Nickel nitrate		A2	A
				Nickel sulphate		A	A
				Nitric Acid			
	5 - 10 %	A	A1				
	20%	A	A1				
	50%	A	B1				
	concentrated	A	B1				
				Nitrobenzene		A	D
				Oelic Acid		A	C2
				Olive oil		A1	C
				Oxalic acid		A1	B
				Ozone		A	B
				Palmic acid		A2	B1
				Paraffin		A	B
				Peanut oil		A	A1
				Pentane		A	A
				Petrol		A	B
				Petroleum		A2	-
				Phenol		A	D
					10%	A	C1
				Phosphoric acid			
					≤ 40 %	A	B
					> 40 %	A	B
				Phosphorus trichloride		A2	D
				Phthalic anhydride		A	D
				Pine oil		A	D
				Pitric acid		A	D
				Potassium bichromate		A	A
				Potassium bromide		A	A
				Potassium carbonate		-	A
				Potassium chloride		A	A
				Potassium cyanide solutions		A	A
				Potassium hydroxide		A	A1
				Potassium nitrate		A	A
				Potassium permanganate		A	A1
				Potassium sulphate		A	A2
				Propane liquid		A	A1
				Propyl alcohol		A	A1
				Propylene glycol		A	C1
				Pyridine		A	D
				Salted water		A	B
				Salicylic acid		A2	B1
				Sea water		A	A2
				Silicone oil		A	A
				Silver nitrate		A	A1
				Soap solutions		A	A
				Soda (sodium carbonate)		A	A2
				Sodium bicarbonate		A	A2
				Sodium carbonate		A	A2
				Sodium chloride		A	A2
				Sodium cyanide		A	A2
				Sodium fluoride		A1	A2
				Sodium hydroxide			
					20%	A	A
					50%	A	A
					80%	A1	A
				Sodium hypochlorite		A	B
				Sodium nitrate		A	A2
				Sodium peroxide		A	B2
				Sodium phosphate		A	A1
				Sodium silicate		A	A2
				Sodium sulphate		A	A2
				Sodium sulfide		A	A2
				Sodium thioisulphate		A	A2
				Soybean oil		A	A1
				Stéaric acid		A	B2
				Styrene		A	D
				Sugar liquids		A	-
				Sulphuric acid			
					< 10 %	A	A1
					10 - 75 %	A	A1
					75 - 100 %	A	D
				concentrated cold		A	D
				concentrated hot		A	D
				Sulfurous acid		A	A2
				Sulphur chloride		A	C1
				Sulphur trioxide		A	A
				Synthetic hydraulic oil		A	A
				Tannic acid		A	A1
				Tartric acid		A	A1
				Tetrachloroethylene		A	D
				Toluene		A	D
				Tribasic		A	A
				Trichloroethylene		A	D
				Tricresilphosphate		A	D
				Triethylamine		A	B
				Turpentine		A	D
				Unleaded petrol		A	C2
				Vinegar		A	B
				Vinyl chloride		A2	D
				Water	<80°C	A	B

Variables		Unit	Customary units		
Names	Symbols	Names and symbols	Names and symbols	SI value	
GEOMETRY	Length	ℓ	metre (m)		
	Wavelength	λ	metre (m)		
	Wavenumber	σ	metre to the power minus one (m ⁻¹)		
	Surface area	A	square metre (m ²)	are (a) 10 ² hectare (ha) 10 ⁴	
	Cross section	σ	square metre (m ²)	barn (b) 10 ²⁸	
	Volume	V	cubic metre (m ³)	litre (L ou l) 10 ⁻³	
	Plane angle	α	radian (rad)		
	Solid angle	Ω	steradian (sr)		
	MASS	Mass	m	kilogram (kg)	tonne (t) 10 ³
		Atomic mass	m_a	kilogram (kg)	
Mass per unit length		ρ_ℓ	kilograms per metre (kg/m)	tex (tex) 10 ⁻⁶	
Surface density		ρ_A	kilograms per square metre (kg/m ²)		
Density		ρ	kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m ³)		
Volume per unit mass		v	cubic metres per kilogram (m ³ /kg)		
Concentration		ρ_B	kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m ³)		
TIME	Time	t	second (s)		
	Frequency	f	hertz (Hz)		
MECHANICS	Velocity	v	metres per second (m/s)		
	Angular velocity	ω	radians per second (rad/s)		
	Acceleration	a	metres per second squared (m/s ²)	gal (Gal) 10 ⁻²	
	Angular acceleration	α	radians per second squared (rad/s ²)		
	Force	F	newton (N)		
	Moment of force	M	newton-metre (N.m)		
	Surface voltage	γ	newtons per metre (N/m)		
	Work, energy, quantity of heat	W	joule (J)		
	Radiant intensity	I	watts per steradian (W/sr)		
	Power, radiant flux	P	watt (W)		
	thermal flux	Φ			
	Strain	σ	pascal (Pa)	bar (bar) 10 ⁵	
	Pressure	p			
	Dynamic viscosity	η	pascal-second (p.s) or poiseuille	poise (P) 10 ⁻¹	
Kinetic viscosity	ν	square metres per second (m ² /s)	stockes (St) 10 ⁻⁴		

Variables		Unit	Customary units	
Names	Symbols	Names and symbols	Names and symbols	SI value
ELECTRICITY	Electric current	I	ampere (A)	biot (bi) 10
	Electromotive force	E	volt (V)	
	Potential difference voltage	U		
	Electrical resistance	R	ohm (Ω)	
	Electric field strength	E	volts per metre (V/m)	
	Electrical conductance	G	siemens (S)	mho 1
	Amount of electricity, electrical charge	Q	coulomb (C)	
	Electrical capacity	C	farad (F)	
	Self-induction	L	henry (H)	
	Magnetic flux induction	Φ	weber (Wb)	maxwell (Mx, M) 10 ⁴
	Magnetic induction	B	tesla (T)	Gamma (γ) 10 ⁻⁹ Gauss (Gs, G) 10 ⁻⁴
	Magnetic field strength	H	amperes per metre (A/m)	
	Magnetomotive force	F	ampere (A)	
	HEAT	Temperature	T	kelvin (K) degree Celsius ($^{\circ}$ C)
Heat capacity, entropy		C S	joules per kelvin (J/K)	
Specific heat capacity, specific entropy		c s	joules per kilogram kelvin (J/(kg.K))	
Thermal conductivity		λ	watts per metre-kelvin (W/(m.K))	
IONISING RADIATION		Activity	A	becquerel (Bq)
	Exposure	X	coulomb par kilogram (C/kg)	
	Absorbed dose	D	gray (Gy)	rad (rd) 10 ⁻²
	Dose equivalent	H	sievert (Sv)	rem (rem) 10 ⁻²
PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY	Quantity of matter	n	mole (mol)	
	Light intensity	I	candela (cd)	
	Luminous flux	Φ	lumen (lm)	
OPTICS	Illuminance	E	lux (lx)	
	Luminance	L	candelas per square metre (cd/m ²)	
	Optical system vergence		metres to the power minus one (m ⁻¹)	

MAIN CONVERSION FACTORS

Unit	Conversion factor	Unit	Conversion factor
Length (conversion into metres)			
angstrom (Å)	1 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	mile	1.609344 x 10 ³
fermi (fm)	1 x 10 ⁻¹⁵	mile (nautical mile)	1.852 x 10 ³
foot (ft)	3.048 x 10 ⁻¹	pica	4.2175 x 10 ⁻³
inch (in)	2.54 x 10 ⁻²	point (US)	3.515 x 10 ⁻⁴
light year	9.46073 x 10 ¹⁵	rod	5.029 2
micron (μ)	1 x 10 ⁻⁶	sigma(σ)	1 x 10 ⁻¹²
mil	2.54 x 10 ⁻⁵	yard (yd)	9.144 x 10 ⁻¹
Area (conversions into square metres)			
acre	4.04686 x 10 ³	circular mil	5.067075 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
are (a)	1 x 10 ²	rood	1.01171 x 10 ³
Volume (conversion into cubic metres)			
barrel (US)	1.58987 x 10 ⁻¹	gill (UK)	1.42065 x 10 ⁻⁴
board foot	2.36 x 10 ⁻³	gill [US](gi)	1.18294 x 10 ⁻⁴
bushel (UK)	3.63687 x 10 ⁻²	liquid pint [US](liq pt)	4.73176 x 10 ⁻⁴
bushel [US](bu)	3.52391 x 10 ⁻²	liquid quart [US](liq qt)	9.46352 x 10 ⁻⁴
dry barrel [US](bbl)	1.15627 x 10 ⁻¹	litre (L, l)	1 x 10 ⁻³
dry pint [US](dry pt)	5.50610 x 10 ⁻⁴	minim [UK](min)	5.91939 x 10 ⁻⁸
dry quart [US](dry qt)	1.10122 x 10 ⁻³	minim [US](min)	6.16115 x 10 ⁻⁸
fluid ounce [UK](fl oz)	2.84130 x 10 ⁻⁵	peck (UK)	9.0922 x 10 ⁻³
fluid ounce [US](fl oz)	2.95735 x 10 ⁻⁵	peck (US)	8.809768 x 10 ⁻³
gallon [UK](gal)	4.54609 x 10 ⁻³	quart [UK](qt)	1.13652 x 10 ⁻³
gallon [US](gal)	3.78541 x 10 ⁻³		
plane angle (conversion into radians)			
degree ($^{\circ}$)	1.745329 x 10 ⁻²	minute ($'$)	2.908882 x 10 ⁻⁴
grade (gr)	1.570796 x 10 ⁻²	second ($''$)	4.848137 x 10 ⁻⁶
Time (conversion into seconds)			
day	8.64 x 10 ⁴	minute (min)	60
hour	3.6 x 10 ³		
Mass (conversion into kilograms)			
atomic mass		quintal (q)	1 x 10 ²
unit (u)	1.66054 x 10 ⁻²⁷	short ton (sh tn)	9.07185 x 10 ²
cental	4.53592 x 10	ton (ton)	1.016047 x 10 ³
long ton (US)	1.016047 x 10 ³	tonne (t)	1 x 10 ³
ounce (oz)	2.834952 x 10 ⁻²	troy ounce	3.11035 x 10 ⁻²
pound (lb)	4.535924 x 10 ⁻¹	troy pound	3. 73242 x 10 ⁻¹
Velocity (conversion into metres per second)			
international knot,			
knot	5.144 44 x 10 ⁻¹		

Unit	Conversion factor	Unit	Conversion factor
Force (conversion into newtons)			
dyne (dyn)	1 x 10 ⁻⁵	pound-force (lbf)	4.44822
kilogram-force (kgf)	9.80665	poundal (pdl)	1.38255 x 10 ⁻¹
pound (p)	9.80665 x 10 ⁻³		
Work, energy (conversion into joules)			
British thermal unit (Btu) (Intern Table)	1.055056 x 10 ³	kilogramtre (kgm)	9.80665
calorie I.T. (cal I.T)	4.186 8	therm	1.055056 x 10 ⁹
calorie 15 $^{\circ}$ C (cal15)	4.185 5	thermie (th)	4.1855 x 10 ⁶
electronvolt (eV)	1.60218 x 10 ⁻¹⁹	thermochemical calorie (calth)	4.184
frigorie (fg)	- 4.1855 x 10 ³	watthour (Wh)	3.6 x 10 ³
Power (conversion into watts)			
mechanical horsepower [UK]	7.457 0 x 10 ²	var (var)	
metric horsepower	7.354 99 x 10 ²		
Strain and pressure (conversion into pascals)			
bar (bar)	1 x 10 ⁵	millimetre of water (mmH ₂ O)	9.806 65
foot of water (ftH ₂ O)	2.989 07 x 10 ³	normal atmosphere	1.013 25 x 10 ⁵
inch of mercury (inHg)	3.386 39 x 10 ³	pound-force per square inch (psi)	6.894 757 x 10 ³
inch of water (inH ₂ O)	2.490 89 x 10 ²	technical atmosphere	9.806 65 x 10 ⁴
millimetre of mercury (mmHg)	1.333224 x 10 ²	torr (Torr)	1.333 224 x 10 ²
Magnetomotive force (conversion into amperes)			
gilbert (Gb)	7.957 7 x 10 ⁻¹		
Quantity of electricity, electrical charge (conversion into coulombs)			
ampere-hour (Ah)	3.6 x 10 ³	franklin (Fr)	3.335 64 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
faraday (F)	9.648 70 x 10 ⁴		
Activity (conversion into becquerels)			
curie (Ci)	3.7 x 10 ¹⁰		
Exposure (conversion into coulombs per kilogram)			
röntgen (R)	2.58 x 10 ⁻⁴		

LIQUIDS HEATING (NOTES AND FORMULAE)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MAIN LIQUIDS

LIQUIDS	DENSITY	Solidific. TEMP.	Boiling TEMP.	Cp	Heat of vaporis.
Acetone	0,814	- 95	57	0,53	124,5
Acetic acid	1,07	17	118	0,51	117
Ammonia	0,82	-78	-33,4	1,1	327
Beer	1	2		1	
Benzene	0,87	5	80	0,45	-94
Bromine	3	-7	58,8	0,11	43,7
Carbon disulphide	1,27	-108	46	0,23	90
Carbon tetrachloride	1,63	-23	76,8	0,21	45
Castor oil	0,96			0,43	68
Chloroform	1,48	-63	61	0,23	60
Ether	0,74	-117	35	0,54	90
Ethyl alcohol	0,80	-130	78	0,68	210
Formic acid	1,23	8,4	100,7	0,39	120
Freon 12	1,33		-30	0,20	40
Glycerine	1,27	17	290	0,58	
Hydrochloric acid	1,2	-114	83	0,60	97,5
Mercury	13,6	-39	358	0,033	73
Methacrylate	0,9			0,25	
Methyl alcohol	0,80	-97,8	65	0,60	269
Methyl chloride	1,33	-96	40	0,60	95
Mineral oil	0,84			0,50	
Milk	1,03			0,94	
Nitric acid	1,52	-42	86	0,66	115
Paraffin	0,8			0,45	
Paraffin oil	0,88			0,52	
Petroleum	0,89			0,50	
Phenol	1,08	41	182	0,56	
Sulphuric acid at 66° B	1,80	10	330	0,33	123
Tetrachlorethylene	1,6	-20	120	0,22	52
Toluene	0,87	-95	110,6	0,39	
Trichlorethylene	1,49	-73	87	0,23	57,3
Turpentine	0,86			0,42	
Vinegar	1,02			0,92	
Water	1	0	100	1	539
Wine	0,99			0,90	
Honey	1,395 to 1,445			0,6 to 0,65 (liquid) 0,65 to 0,70 (solid)	
UNITS	kg/dm ³	Degrees C	Degrees C	K.Cal/kg /°C	Kg.cal/kg

Notes

Aqueous solutions have a specific heat that varies between that of water for very weak concentrations and the specific heat of the substance for strong concentrations.

All oils have a specific heat of approximately 0.5.

Boiling temperature and solidification temperature vary with pressure.

Heat of vaporisation varies with temperature.

For water, Régnault's formula is applied:

$L = 606,5 - 0,695 T$, which gives for $T = 100^\circ$: 537 Kcal/kg.

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AND SPECIFIC HEAT

Metals, liquids, air

	TEMP. °C	Thermal conductivity coefficient λ		Average specific heat	
		Kcal./h m°C	W m°C	Kcal./Kg °C	J/Kg°C
Metals					
Pure aluminium	20°	197	228	0,22	921
Steel(c ≈ 1,5)	20°	45	52	0,115	481
Pure copper	20°	332	385	0,094	393
Brass	20°	63	73	0,092	385
Zinc					
Various materials					
Asbestos	20°	0,13	0,15	0,20	837
Asphalt	20°	0,80	0,93	0,22	921
Concrete (2000 Kg/m ³)	20°	0,80	0,93	0,22	921
Bitumen	20°	0,14	0,16	0,15	628
Solid bricks	20°	0,42 at 0,60	0,49 at 0,70	0,215	900
Cement mortar	20°	0,44	0,51	0,22	921
Plaster rendering (1200 Kg/m ³)	20°	0,37	0,43	0,273	1143
Liquids					
Alcohol	20°	0,15 at 0,20	0,17 at 0,23	0,56	2344
Benzol	20°	0,12	0,14	0,42	1758
Heavy fuel oil	20°	0,116	0,135	0,48	2010
Petroleum	20°	0,13	0,15	0,50	2093
Water	0°	0,477	0,553	1,005	4207
	20°	0,505	0,586	0,999	4182
	60°	0,562	0,652	0,998	4177
Light fuel oil (domestic) d = 0,846					
	20°			0,48	
Steam					
Saturated water at constant pressure	100 to 270°	-	-	0,4639	1942
	100 to 440°	-	-	0,4713	1973
	110 to 620°	-	-	0,4717	1975
Superheated steam					
1 bar	150°	-	-	0,16	1925
1 bar	250°	-	-	0,468	1959
1 bar	350°	-	-	0,477	1997
1 bar	450°	-	-	0,486	2034
1 bar	550°	-	-	0,495	2072
4 bar	150°	-	-	0,524	2193
4 bar	350°	-	-	0,490	2051
4 bar	550°	-	-	0,518	2168
Air					
Air at	20°	0,0216	0,025	0,240	1005
	50°	0,0232	0,027	0,241	1008
	100°	0,0259	0,030	0,242	1013
	200°	0,0314	0,036	0,244	1021
	250°	0,0336	0,039	0,245	1026
Polyol d = 1,1				0,525	2200
Isocyanate d = 1,1				0,332	1390

SPECIFIC WEIGHTS AND DENSITIES OF GASES

in g/dm³, AS COMPARED WITH AIR AT 0°C and 760 mm Hg

GAS	Specific weight	Density	GAS	Specific weight	Density	GAS	Specific weight	Density
Acetylene	1,173	0,906	Ethyl chloride	2,87	2,219	n-Butane	2,5985	2,01
Air*	1,2928	1	Ethylzine	1,264	0,975	Neon	0,8713	0,674
Allylene	1,786	1,381	Fluorine	1,635	1,264	Nitric oxide	1,34	1,036
Ammonia	0,7718	0,597	Helium	0,1768	0,1368	Nitrogen	1,2515	0,968
Argon	1,7828	1,38	Hydrobromic acid	3,5035	2,71	Nitrogen dioxide	1,3402	1,0367
Arsine	3,484	2,695	Hydrochloric acid	1,6393	1,268	Nitrogen protoxide	1,9779	1,53
Bromine	7,5887	5,87	Hydrofluoric acid	0,922	0,713	Nitrosyl chloride	2,9863	2,31
Carbon dioxide*	1,9779	1,53	Hydrogen	0,08982	0,06948	Nitrous oxide	1,9781	1,53
Carbon disulphide	3,4	2,63	Hydrogen phosphide	1,529	1,18	Oxygen	1,4289	1,1053
Carbon monoxide	1,2514	0,968	Hydride-silicon	1,44	1,11	Ozone	2,1434	1,658
Carbon oxygen sulphide	2,71	2,1	Hydrogen sulphide	1,5378	1,1895	Phosgene	4,5313	3,505
Carbonyl chloride	4,47	3,46	Hydriodic acid	5,688	4,4	Producer gas	1,141	0,893
Chlorine	3,219	2,49	Hydroselenic acid	3,67	2,84	Propane	1,966	1,52
Chlorine dioxide	3,01	2,33	Krypton	3,6431	2,818	Silicon tetrafluoride	4,684	3,62
Cyanogen	2,3348	1,806	Methane	0,7168	0,554	Sulphur dioxide	2,9269	2,264
Dimethylamine	0,6804	0,526	Methyl chloride	0,991	0,766	Xenon	5,8564	4,53
Ethane	1,3566	1,057	Natural gas (processed)	0,74	0,57			