

Formulas and Conversions

Unit Conversions

LENGTH

1 inch = 2.54 cm
 1 metre = 3.281 feet
 1 cm = .3937 inches
 1 mm = 0.039 inches

VOLUME

1 Imperial Gallon = 4.546 Litres
 1 US Gallon = 3.786 Litres

MASS

1 kg = 2.205 lb
 1 imperial tonne = 1.016 metric tonne

FORCE

1 N = 10dyn = 0.2248 lbf = 0.10197 kgf

ENERGY

1 KJ = 10⁵ Nm = 0.2388 kcal = 0.9478 Btu
 = 737.6 ft lbf

FLOW

1 cfm = 28.317 Litres/Min
 1 Litre/Min = 0.3532 cfm

PRESSURE

1 psi = 0.07Kp/Sq cm
 1 bar = 14.5 psi
 1 bar = 100,000/m² (Pa)
 1 bar = 750 mm Hg = 10.20 m H₂O

POWER

1kW=1.341hp = 3.41 x 10³ Btu/h
 1 hp = 0.7457 kW

TEMPERATURE

Centigrade = (Fahrenheit -32)*0.5555
 Fahrenheit = (1.8 * Centigrade)+ 32

Useful Hydraulic Formulas

GEOMETRICAL FLOW RATE (pumps and motors)

$$l/mm = \frac{\text{Geometric displacement (cm}^3/\text{rev)} \times \text{shaft speed (rpm)}}{1000}$$

$$gpm = \frac{\text{Geometric displacement (in}^3/\text{rev)} \times \text{shaft speed (rpm)}}{231}$$

HYDRAULIC POWER

$$kW = \frac{\text{Flow rate (l/mm)} \times \text{pressure (bar)}}{600}$$

$$hp = \frac{\text{Flow rate (gpm)} \times \text{pressure (psi)}}{1714}$$

SHAFT POWER

$$kW = \frac{\text{Torque at shaft (Nm)} \times \text{shaft speed (rpm)}}{9550}$$

$$hp = \frac{\text{Torque at shaft (lb-in)} \times \text{shaft speed (rpm)}}{63025}$$

GEOMETRIC FLOW RATE (cylinders)

$$l/mm = \frac{\text{Effective area (cm}^2) \times \text{piston speed (in/min)}}{10}$$

$$gpm = \frac{\text{Effective area (in}^2) \times \text{piston speed (in/min)}}{231}$$

THEORETICAL THRUST (cylinders)

$$N = \text{Effective area (cm}^2) \times \text{pressure (bar)} \times 10$$

$$Lb = \text{Effective area (in}^2) \times \text{pressure (psi)}$$

VELOCITY OF FLUID IN PIPE

$$\text{Misc} = \frac{\text{Flow rate (l/mm)} \times 21.22}{D^2}$$

Where D = inside diameter of pipe in mm

$$\text{Ft/sec} = \frac{\text{Flow rate (gpm)} \times .408}{D^2}$$

Where D = inside diameter of pipe in inch