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# INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM (SI) OF UNITS IN HYDROGEOLOGY

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## INTRODUCTION

In 1970 the White Paper on Metric Conversion proposed that Canada adopt the International System of Units (SI). The proposal was accepted and the Metric Commission was established in 1971 to implement the conversion to SI.

The switch to SI means a complete revision of units used in hydrogeology. This report aims to familiarize Canadian hydrogeologists with SI units and to encourage standard use of units early in the changeover.

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## STRUCTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS

The metric system known as the Système International d'Unités (SI) is based on seven base units and two supplementary units which are purely geometrical and will not be discussed here (Table 1). The Canada Standards Association (1973) defines the base units as:

### *length*

The metre is the length equal to 1 650 763.73 wavelengths in vacuum of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the levels  $2p_{10}$  and  $5d_5$  of the krypton -86 atom.

### *mass*

The kilogram is a unit of mass equal to the mass of the international prototype of the kilogram.

### *time*

The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the caesium -133 atom.

### *electric current*

The ampere is that constant current which, if maintained in two straight parallel conductors of infinite length, of

negligible circular cross-section, and placed 1 metre apart in a vacuum, would produce between these conductors a force equal to  $2 \times 10^{-7}$  newtons per metre of length.

### *thermodynamic temperature*

The kelvin is the fraction 1/273.16 of the thermodynamic temperature of the triple point of water. In everyday situations temperature is expressed in degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

### *amount of substance*

The mole is the amount of substance of a system which contains as many elementary entities as there are atoms in 0.012 of a kilogram of  $\text{C}^{12}$ .

### *luminous intensity*

The candela is the luminous intensity, in the perpendicular direction, of a surface of 1/600 000 square metres of a black body at the temperature of freezing platinum under a pressure of 101 325 newtons per square metre.

The base units are convenient and acceptable units from which derived units are formed. Derived units are base units expressed algebraically using symbols for multiplication and division.

SI has two major advantages over the traditional imperial system.

- (1) Each physical quantity has only one unit and the product or quotient of any two SI units yields the unit of the resulting quantity.
- (2) All multiples and submultiples of a quantity are related by a factor of ten (i.e.,  $10^n$  or  $10^{-n}$ ). Greek and Latin prefixes indicate denary steps (Table 2).

## RULES OF STYLE

SI is an unambiguous system governed by strict rules of style, some of which are mentioned below. Detailed information about the system may be found in the references on page 4.

## THE DECIMAL

In Canada the decimal marker is represented by a point on a line (e.g., 20.5).

The decimal is always preceded by a zero in numbers less than one.

The use of the comma to separate groups of digits should be avoided, since in some countries the comma is used as a decimal point.

Numbers should be written and listed in groups of three with each group separated by a space (the use of a half-space is not incorrect and is useful for listing numbers) (e.g., 5 000 000 and 0.050 345).

A solitary four digit number in text does not require a space.

**TABLE 1**  
SI Base and Supplementary Units

| Quantity                   | Unit      | Symbol |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>Base Units</b>          |           |        |
| length                     | metre     | m      |
| mass                       | kilogram  | kg     |
| time                       | second    | s      |
| electric current           | ampère    | A      |
| thermodynamic temperature  | kelvin    | K      |
| amount of substance        | mole      | mol    |
| luminous intensity         | candela   | cd     |
| <b>Supplementary Units</b> |           |        |
| plane angle                | radian    | rad    |
| solid angle                | steradian | sr     |

## SYMBOLS

Symbols are not followed by a period.

Exponents are used for units which are squared or cubed.

Symbols should not be pluralized.

Compound symbols formed by dividing units contain a virgule or solidus (/) to indicate division and compound units formed by multiplying units contain a dot (·) to indicate multiplication.

When a quantity is expressed, a prefix should be chosen so that the numerical value lies between 0.1 and 1000 (e.g., 0.0001 m is better expressed as 1 mm).

Spelling out unit names should be avoided. In the conversion tables (Appendix B), unit names are spelled out for clarification since they are mixed with other units.

**TABLE 2**  
Denary Steps of SI

| Prefix | Symbol | Factor By Which Unit is Multiplied |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|
| peta   | P      | $10^{15}$                          |
| tera   | T      | $10^{12}$                          |
| giga   | G      | $10^9$                             |
| mega   | M      | $10^6$                             |
| kilo   | k      | $10^3$                             |
| hecto  | h      | $10^2$                             |
| deca   | da     | $10^1$                             |
| deci   | d      | $10^{-1}$                          |
| centi  | c      | $10^{-2}$                          |
| milli  | m      | $10^{-3}$                          |
| micro  | μ      | $10^{-6}$                          |
| nano   | n      | $10^{-9}$                          |
| pico   | p      | $10^{-12}$                         |
| femto  | f      | $10^{-15}$                         |

## HYDROGEOLOGICAL SI UNITS

After looking at the proposals of the USA Federal Metric Panel for Hydrogeology and after corresponding with the Hydrology Division of Fisheries and Environment Canada, a proposed SI list was circulated among the staff of the Groundwater Division of the Alberta Research Council. Appendix A contains the list of suggested SI units to be used in hydrogeology.

Appendix B contains tables for converting SI units to other systems of measurement. When converting measurements, approximate values should be converted to approximate not to exact values; if the average hydraulic conductivity of an aquifer is 500 igpd/ft<sup>2</sup>, the correct conversion to SI would be 0.03 cm/s rather than 0.0283 cm/s. Conversion should also be made to coherent units, that is, those units derived by multiplying or dividing the base units (Martinek, 1977).

## PUMP TEST FORMULAS

Pump testing formulas, listed below, are also modified to make them compatible with SI units. For additional information about these formulas or other methods of pump test analysis, refer to Kruseman and De Ridder (1970).

### FORMULAS

#### *Steady state flow in semi-confined aquifers*

##### Hantush-Jacob Method

$$T = \frac{2.3Q}{2\pi\Delta s_T}$$

$$C = \frac{(r_0/1.12)^2}{T}$$

#### *Unsteady state flow in semi-confined aquifers*

##### Walton's Method

$$T = \frac{Q}{4\pi s} W(u, r/L)$$

$$S = \frac{4Tt}{r^2} u$$

#### *Steady state flow in confined aquifers*

##### Thiem's Method

drawdown vs time plot

$$T = \frac{Q}{2\pi(s_1 - s_2)} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

1 and 2 refer to observation wells

drawdown vs distance plot

$$T = \frac{2.3Q}{2\pi \Delta s_T}$$

#### *Unsteady state in confined aquifers*

##### Theis's Method

$$T = \frac{Q}{4\pi s} W(u)$$

$$S = \frac{4Tu}{r^2}$$

##### Theis's Recovery Method

$$T = \frac{2.3Q}{4\pi \Delta s'}$$

##### Jacob's Method

drawdown vs time plot

$$T = \frac{2.3Q}{4\pi \Delta s}$$

$$S = \frac{2.25Tt_0}{r^2}$$

#### *Aquifers pumped by a large diameter well*

##### Papadopoulos-Cooper's Method

$$T = \frac{Q}{4\pi s} F(u_w, B)$$

$$S = \frac{4Tu_w}{r_w^2}$$

#### *Calculation of twenty-year safe yield ( $Q_{20}$ )*

$$Q_{20} = \frac{TH}{127}$$

*Symbol definitions and units*

**REFERENCES**

| <u>Symbol</u> |  | <u>Unit</u>           |  |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Q             | discharge rate                                 | $\text{m}^3/\text{d}$ | Canada Standards Association (1973): The International System of Units (SI); Rexdale, Ontario. 29 p.   |
| T             | transmissivity                                 | $\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ | Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (1976): The Metric Guide; Ontario Institute for Studies in Education for the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, Toronto, Ontario, 104 p. |
| S             | storage coefficient                            | dimensionless         |  |
| t             | time   | day                   |  |
| $t_0$         | time at 0 drawdown                             | day                   | Kruseman, G.P. and N.A. De Ridder (1970): Analysis and Evaluation of Pumping Test Data; International Institute for Land Reclamation and Improvement, Bulletin 11, 200 p.                  |
| s             | drawdown                                       | m                     |  |
| $s'$          | residual drawdown                              | m                     | Martinek, A. (1977): Metric System (SI) in Engineering Technology; Waterloo, Ontario, 194 p.   |
| $s_T$         | steady state drawdown                          | m                     |  |
| r             | distance of observation well from pumping well | m                     | Metric Commission Canada (1978): How to Write SI; Metric Commission Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, 8 p.  |
| $r_o$         | radius at 0 drawdown                           | m                     |  |
| $r_w$         | radius of pumping well                         | m                     | Smith, C.F. (1975): The Metric Manual; Coles Publishing Company Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, 69 p.  |
| c             | hydraulic resistance of semi-pervious layer    | day                   |  |
| L             | leakage factor                                 | m                     |  |
| W(u)          |  |                       |  |
| W(u,r/L)      | well functions (from tables)                   |                       |  |
| F( $u_w$ , B) |  |                       |  |
| u             | $\frac{r^2 S}{4 T t}$                          |                       |  |
| $u_w$         | $\frac{r_w^2 S}{4 T t}$                        |                       |  |
| $Q_{20}$      | twenty-year safe yield                         | L/s                   |  |
| H             | total available drawdown                       | m                     |  |

## APPENDIX A. LIST OF RECOMMENDED HYDROGEOLOGICAL SI UNITS

| <u>Quantity</u>                              | <u>Symbol</u>             | <u>Unit</u>                           |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Length</b>                                |                           |                                       |
| precipitation                                | mm                        | millimetre                            |
| evaporation                                  | mm                        | millimetre                            |
| transpiration                                | mm                        | millimetre                            |
| elevation                                    | m                         | metre                                 |
| pipe size                                    | mm                        | millimetre                            |
| geography:                                   |                           |                                       |
| inches                                       | mm                        | millimetre                            |
| feet   | m                         | metre                                 |
| miles  | km                        | kilometre                             |
| drawdown, well depth,<br>depth in well, etc. | m                         | metre                                 |
| aquifer thickness                            | m                         | metre                                 |
| aquifer width, length                        | km                        | (if less than 1 km<br>use m)          |
| <b>Area</b>                                  |                           |                                       |
| stream cross-section                         | $\text{m}^2$              | $\text{metre}^2$                      |
| land area (small)                            | $\text{m}^2$              | $\text{metre}^2$                      |
| land area (large)                            |                           |                                       |
| mile <sup>2</sup>                            | $\text{km}^2$             | $\text{kilometre}^2$                  |
| acre   | ha                        | hectare                               |
| pipes, conduits                              | $\text{m}^2, \text{mm}^2$ | $\text{metre}^2, \text{millimetre}^2$ |
| water area                                   | $\text{km}^2, \text{m}^2$ | $\text{kilometre}^2, \text{metre}^2$  |
| <b>Volume</b>                                |                           |                                       |
| water storage (small)                        | L                         | litre                                 |
| water storage (large)                        | $\text{km}^3, \text{m}^3$ | $\text{kilometre}^3, \text{metre}^3$  |
| <b>Rate of Discharge</b>                     |                           |                                       |
| if rate less than 1000 L/s                   | L/s                       | litre/second                          |
| if rate greater than 1000 L/s                | $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$     | $\text{metre}^3/\text{second}$        |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                         |                           |                                       |
| hydraulic conductivity                       | cm/s                      | centimetre/second                     |
| permeability (intrinsic)                     | $\text{mm}^2$             | $\text{millimetre}^2$                 |
| transmissivity                               | $\text{m}^2/\text{d}$     | $\text{metre}^2/\text{day}$           |
| diffusivity                                  | $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$     | $\text{metre}^2/\text{second}$        |
| velocity                                     | cm/s                      | centimetre/second                     |
| electrical conductivity                      | $\mu\text{s}/\text{m}$    | microsiemens/metre                    |
| temperature                                  | °C                        | degree Celsius                        |
| pressure (head)                              | m                         | metre                                 |
| pressure (barometric)                        | kPa                       | kilopascal                            |
| viscosity (dynamic)                          | $\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}$  | pascal second                         |
| viscosity (kinematic)                        | $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$     | $\text{metre}^2/\text{second}$        |
| specific capacity                            | $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$     | $\text{metre}^2/\text{second}$        |
| density                                      | $\text{g/cm}^3$           | gram/centimetre <sup>3</sup>          |
| solution concentration                       | mol/L                     | mole/litre                            |



## **APPENDIX B. CONVERSION TABLES**

**Most conversion factors in the tables are from various technical papers. Calculations corroborated values extracted from publications, and previously unpublished factors were derived.**

## B 1. LENGTH

|                       | kilometres                                | metres                                   | centimetres                            | miles                                     | yards                                     | feet                                      | inches                                 |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>1 kilometre =</b>  | <b>1</b>                                  | <b><math>1 \times 10^3</math></b>        | <b><math>1 \times 10^5</math></b>      | <b>0.6214</b>                             | <b><math>1.0936 \times 10^3</math></b>    | <b><math>3.2808 \times 10^3</math></b>    | <b><math>3.9370 \times 10^4</math></b> |
| <b>1 metre =</b>      | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>      | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>1 \times 10^2</math></b>      | <b><math>6.2137 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>1.0936</b>                             | <b>3.2808</b>                             | <b>39.3701</b>                         |
| <b>1 centimetre =</b> | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>      | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-2}</math></b>     | <b>1</b>                               | <b><math>6.2137 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>1.0936 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>3.2808 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>0.3937</b>                          |
| <b>1 mile =</b>       | <b>1.6093</b>                             | <b><math>1.6093 \times 10^3</math></b>   | <b><math>1.6093 \times 10^5</math></b> | <b>1</b>                                  | <b><math>1.760 \times 10^3</math></b>     | <b><math>5.280 \times 10^3</math></b>     | <b><math>6.336 \times 10^4</math></b>  |
| <b>1 yard =</b>       | <b><math>9.1440 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>0.9140</b>                            | <b>91.440</b>                          | <b><math>5.6818 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>3</b>                                  | <b>36</b>                              |
| <b>1 foot =</b>       | <b><math>3.0480 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>0.3048</b>                            | <b>30.480</b>                          | <b><math>1.8939 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>0.3333</b>                             | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>12</b>                              |
| <b>1 inch =</b>       | <b><math>2.540 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>  | <b><math>2.540 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>2.540</b>                           | <b><math>1.5783 \times 10^{-5}</math></b> | <b><math>2.7778 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>8.3333 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                               |

## B 2. AREA

|                                   | kilometres <sup>2</sup>                    | metres <sup>2</sup>                       | centimetres <sup>2</sup>                 | miles <sup>2</sup>                         | feet <sup>2</sup>                         | inches <sup>2</sup>                    | hectares                                  | acres                                     |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| <b>1 kilometre<sup>2</sup> =</b>  | <b>1</b>                                   | <b><math>1 \times 10^6</math></b>         | <b><math>1 \times 10^{10}</math></b>     | <b>0.3861</b>                              | <b><math>1.0764 \times 10^7</math></b>    | <b><math>1.550 \times 10^9</math></b>  | <b><math>1 \times 10^2</math></b>         | <b><math>2.4711 \times 10^2</math></b>    |
| <b>1 metre<sup>2</sup> =</b>      | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-6}</math></b>       | <b>1</b>                                  | <b><math>1 \times 10^4</math></b>        | <b><math>3.8610 \times 10^{-7}</math></b>  | <b>10.7637</b>                            | <b><math>1.550 \times 10^3</math></b>  | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>      | <b><math>2.4711 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> |
| <b>1 centimetre<sup>2</sup> =</b> | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-10}</math></b>      | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>      | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>3.8610 \times 10^{-11}</math></b> | <b><math>1.0764 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> | <b>0.1550</b>                          | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>      | <b><math>2.4711 \times 10^{-8}</math></b> |
| <b>1 mile<sup>2</sup> =</b>       | <b>2.590</b>                               | <b><math>2.590 \times 10^6</math></b>     | <b><math>2.590 \times 10^{10}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                                   | <b><math>2.7878 \times 10^7</math></b>    | <b><math>4.0145 \times 10^9</math></b> | <b><math>2.590 \times 10^2</math></b>     | <b><math>6.40 \times 10^2</math></b>      |
| <b>1 foot<sup>2</sup> =</b>       | <b><math>9.2903 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>  | <b><math>9.2903 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>9.2903 \times 10^2</math></b>   | <b><math>3.5870 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>  | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>144</b>                             | <b><math>9.2903 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>2.2957 \times 10^{-5}</math></b> |
| <b>1 inch<sup>2</sup> =</b>       | <b><math>6.4516 \times 10^{-10}</math></b> | <b><math>6.4516 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>6.4516</b>                            | <b><math>2.4910 \times 10^{-10}</math></b> | <b><math>6.9444 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                               | <b><math>6.4516 \times 10^{-8}</math></b> | <b><math>1.5942 \times 10^{-7}</math></b> |
| <b>1 hectare =</b>                | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-2}</math></b>       | <b><math>1 \times 10^4</math></b>         | <b><math>1 \times 10^8</math></b>        | <b><math>3.8610 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>  | <b><math>1.0764 \times 10^5</math></b>    | <b><math>1.550 \times 10^7</math></b>  | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>2.4711</b>                             |
| <b>1 acre =</b>                   | <b><math>4.0468 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>  | <b><math>4.0468 \times 10^3</math></b>    | <b><math>4.0468 \times 10^7</math></b>   | <b><math>1.5625 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>  | <b><math>4.3560 \times 10^4</math></b>    | <b><math>6.2727 \times 10^6</math></b> | <b>0.4047</b>                             | <b>1</b>                                  |

#### B 3. VOLUME

|                             | kilometres <sup>3</sup>  | metres <sup>3</sup>     | centimetres <sup>3</sup> | yards <sup>3</sup>      | feet <sup>3</sup>       | inches <sup>3</sup>     | litres                  | Imperial gallons        | U.S. gallons            | acre-feet                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 kilometre <sup>3</sup> =  | 1                        | $1 \times 10^9$         | $1 \times 10^{15}$       | $1.3079 \times 10^9$    | $3.5314 \times 10^{10}$ | $6.1023 \times 10^{13}$ | $1 \times 10^{12}$      | $2.2008 \times 10^{11}$ | $2.6417 \times 10^{11}$ | $8.1071 \times 10^5$     |
| 1 metre <sup>3</sup> =      | $1 \times 10^{-9}$       | 1                       | $1 \times 10^6$          | 1.3079                  | 35.3137                 | $6.1023 \times 10^4$    | $1 \times 10^3$         | $2.2008 \times 10^2$    | $2.6417 \times 10^2$    | $8.1071 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| 1 centimetre <sup>3</sup> = | $1 \times 10^{-15}$      | $1 \times 10^{-6}$      | 1                        | $1.3079 \times 10^{-6}$ | $3.5314 \times 10^{-5}$ | $6.1023 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1 \times 10^{-3}$      | $2.2008 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.6417 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.1071 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| 1 yard <sup>3</sup> =       | $7.6456 \times 10^{-10}$ | 0.7646                  | $7.6456 \times 10^5$     | 1                       | 27                      | $4.6856 \times 10^4$    | $7.6456 \times 10^2$    | $1.6827 \times 10^2$    | $2.0197 \times 10^2$    | $6.1984 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| 1 foot <sup>3</sup> =       | $2.8317 \times 10^{-11}$ | $2.8317 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.8317 \times 10^4$     | $3.7037 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1                       | $1.7280 \times 10^3$    | 28.317                  | 6.2321                  | 7.4805                  | $2.2957 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| 1 inch <sup>3</sup> =       | $1.6387 \times 10^{-14}$ | $1.6387 \times 10^{-5}$ | 16.3873                  | $2.1433 \times 10^{-5}$ | $5.7870 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1                       | $1.6387 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.6065 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.329 \times 10^{-3}$  | $1.3286 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| 1 litre =                   | $1 \times 10^{-12}$      | $1 \times 10^{-3}$      | $1 \times 10^3$          | $1.3079 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.5314 \times 10^{-2}$ | 61.024                  | 1                       | 0.2201                  | 0.2842                  | $8.1071 \times 10^{-7}$  |
| 1 Imperial gallon =         | $4.5437 \times 10^{-12}$ | $4.5437 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.5437 \times 10^3$     | $5.943 \times 10^{-3}$  | 0.1605                  | $2.7727 \times 10^2$    | 4.5437                  | 1                       | 1.2003                  | $3.6846 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| 1 U.S. gallon =             | $3.7854 \times 10^{-12}$ | $3.7854 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.7854 \times 10^3$     | $4.9512 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.1337                  | $2.310 \times 10^2$     | 3.7854                  | 0.8331                  | 1                       | $3.0697 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| 1 acre-foot =               | $1.2335 \times 10^{-6}$  | $1.2335 \times 10^3$    | $1.2335 \times 10^9$     | $1.6133 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.3560 \times 10^4$    | $7.5272 \times 10^7$    | $1.2335 \times 10^6$    | $2.7140 \times 10^5$    | $3.2576 \times 10^5$    | 1                        |

#### B 4. DISCHARGE RATE

|                                | litres/second          | metres <sup>3</sup> /second | metres <sup>3</sup> /day | imperial gallons/minute | U.S. gallons/minute | feet <sup>3</sup> /second | acre-feet/day          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 litre/second =               | 1                      | $1 \times 10^{-3}$          | 86.40                    | 13.201                  | 15.852              | $3.531 \times 10^{-2}$    | $7.005 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 1 metre <sup>3</sup> /second = | $1 \times 10^3$        | 1                           | $8.640 \times 10^4$      | $1.320 \times 10^4$     | $1.585 \times 10^4$ | $35.313$                  | 70.045                 |
| 1 metre <sup>3</sup> /day =    | $1.157 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.157 \times 10^{-5}$      | 1                        | 0.153                   | 0.184               | $4.088 \times 10^{-4}$    | $8.107 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| 1 imperial gallon/minute =     | $7.575 \times 10^{-2}$ | $7.576 \times 10^{-5}$      | 6.546                    | 1                       | 1.201               | $2.675 \times 10^{-3}$    | $5.307 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 1 U.S. gallon/minute =         | $6.308 \times 10^{-2}$ | $6.308 \times 10^{-5}$      | 5.450                    | 0.833                   | 1                   | $2.228 \times 10^{-3}$    | $4.421 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 1 foot <sup>3</sup> /second =  | 28.321                 | $2.832 \times 10^{-2}$      | $2.446 \times 10^3$      | $3.738 \times 10^2$     | $4.488 \times 10^2$ | 1                         | 1.984                  |
| 1 acre-foot/day =              | 14.276                 | $1.428 \times 10^{-2}$      | $1.234 \times 10^3$      | $1.884 \times 10^2$     | $2.262 \times 10^2$ | 0.504                     | 1                      |

## B 5. HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

|   | centimetres/second     | metres/day             | imperial gallons/<br>day/foot <sup>2</sup> | U.S. gallons/<br>day/foot <sup>2</sup> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 1 centimetre/second =                         | 1                      | 864                    | $1.766 \times 10^4$                        | $2.121 \times 10^4$                    |
| 1 metre/day =                                 | $1.157 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1                      | 20.44                                      | 24.54                                  |
| 1 imperial gallon/<br>day/foot <sup>2</sup> = | $5.663 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.893 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1  | 1.201                                  |
| 1 U.S. gallon/<br>day/foot <sup>2</sup> =     | $4.716 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.075 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.8327                                     | 1                                      |

## B 6. PERMEABILITY

$$1 \text{ metre}^2 = 1.013 \times 10^{12} \text{ darcy}$$

$$1 \text{ darcy} = 0.831 \text{ metres/day (at } 20^\circ\text{C)}$$

## B 7. TRANSMISSIVITY

|                                  | metres <sup>2</sup> /day | imperial gallons/<br>day/foot | U.S. gallons/<br>day/foot |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 metre <sup>2</sup> /day =      | 1                        | 67.05                         | 80.52                     |
| 1 imperial gallon/<br>day/foot = | $1.491 \times 10^{-2}$   | 1                             | 1.201                     |
| 1 U.S. gallon/<br>day/foot =     | $1.242 \times 10^{-2}$   | 0.8326                        | 1                         |

### B 8. PRESSURE

|   | pounds/inch <sup>2</sup>                 | feet of water                           | millimetres of mercury                | inches of mercury                        | kilopascal                            | kilogram-force/metre <sup>2</sup>        | kilogram-force/cm <sup>2</sup>           |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>1 pound/inch<sup>2</sup> =</b>           | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>2.31</b>                             | <b>51.711</b>                         | <b>2.036</b>                             | <b>6.895</b>                          | <b><math>7.027 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>7.027 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 foot of water =</b>                    | <b>0.433</b>                             | <b>1</b>                                | <b>22.40</b>                          | <b>0.883</b>                             | <b>2.986</b>                          | <b><math>3.046 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>3.046 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 millimetre of mercury =</b>            | <b><math>1.934 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>4.46 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                              | <b><math>3.937 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>0.133</b>                          | <b><math>1.359 \times 10^{-7}</math></b> | <b><math>1.359 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> |
| <b>1 inch of mercury =</b>                  | <b>0.491</b>                             | <b>1.133</b>                            | <b>25.40</b>                          | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>3.385</b>                          | <b><math>3.452 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>3.452 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 kilopascal =</b>                       | <b>0.145</b>                             | <b>0.335</b>                            | <b>7.499</b>                          | <b>0.295</b>                             | <b>1</b>                              | <b><math>1.020 \times 10^{-6}</math></b> | <b><math>1.020 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 kilogram-force/metre<sup>2</sup> =</b> | <b><math>1.423 \times 10^5</math></b>    | <b><math>3.284 \times 10^5</math></b>   | <b><math>7.356 \times 10^6</math></b> | <b><math>2.896 \times 10^5</math></b>    | <b><math>9.807 \times 10^5</math></b> | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>1 \times 10^4</math></b>        |
| <b>1 kilogram-force/cm<sup>2</sup> =</b>    | <b>14.23</b>                             | <b>32.84</b>                            | <b><math>7.356 \times 10^2</math></b> | <b>28.96</b>                             | <b>98.067</b>                         | <b><math>1 \times 10^4</math></b>        | <b>1</b>                                 |

### B 9. DENSITY

|  | grams/centimetre <sup>3</sup>            | pounds/inch <sup>3</sup>                 | pounds/foot <sup>3</sup>                 | pounds/U.S. gallon                       | pounds/imperial gallon                   | kilograms/metre <sup>3</sup>          | kilograms/litre                          |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1 gram/centimetre<sup>3</sup> =</b> | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>3.613 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>62.429</b>                            | <b>8.345</b>                             | <b>10.017</b>                            | <b><math>1 \times 10^3</math></b>     | <b>1</b>                                 |
| <b>1 pound/inch<sup>3</sup> =</b>      | <b>27.680</b>                            | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>1.728 \times 10^3</math></b>    | <b><math>2.310 \times 10^2</math></b>    | <b><math>2.773 \times 10^2</math></b>    | <b><math>2.768 \times 10^4</math></b> | <b>27.680</b>                            |
| <b>1 pound/foot<sup>3</sup> =</b>      | <b><math>1.602 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>5.787 \times 10^{-4}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>0.134</b>                             | <b>0.160</b>                             | <b>16.018</b>                         | <b><math>1.602 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 pound/U.S. gallon =</b>           | <b>0.120</b>                             | <b><math>4.329 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> | <b>7.463</b>                             | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>1.201</b>                             | <b><math>1.198 \times 10^2</math></b> | <b>0.120</b>                             |
| <b>1 pound/imperial gallon =</b>       | <b><math>9.983 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>3.606 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> | <b>6.250</b>                             | <b>0.833</b>                             | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>99.827</b>                         | <b><math>9.983 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> |
| <b>1 kilogram/metre<sup>3</sup> =</b>  | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>     | <b><math>3.613 \times 10^{-5}</math></b> | <b><math>6.243 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b><math>8.345 \times 10^{-3}</math></b> | <b><math>1.002 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>1</b>                              | <b><math>1 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>     |
| <b>1 kilogram/litre =</b>              | <b>1</b>                                 | <b><math>3.613 \times 10^{-2}</math></b> | <b>62.429</b>                            | <b>8.345</b>                             | <b>10.017</b>                            | <b><math>1 \times 10^3</math></b>     | <b>1</b>                                 |

## B10. DYNAMIC VISCOSITY

|  | pascal·seconds | poise               | poundal second/<br>foot <sup>2</sup> | pound-force<br>second/foot <sup>2</sup> |
|--|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 pascal·second =                            | 1              | 10.0                | 0.672                                | 0.021                                   |
| 1 poise =                                    | 0.10           | 1                   | $6.72 \times 10^{-2}$                | $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$                    |
| 1 poundal second/foot <sup>2</sup> =         | 1.488          | 14.88               | 1                                    | $3.125 \times 10^{-2}$                  |
| 1 pound-force second/<br>foot <sup>2</sup> = | 47.619         | $4.762 \times 10^2$ | 32.002                               | 1                                       |

## B11. KINEMATIC VISCOSITY

|                                     | metres <sup>2</sup> /second | millimetres <sup>2</sup> /second | feet <sup>2</sup> /second | inches <sup>2</sup> /second | stokes             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 metre <sup>2</sup> /second =      | 1                           | $1 \times 10^6$                  | 10.764                    | $1.55 \times 10^3$          | $1 \times 10^4$    |
| 1 millimetre <sup>2</sup> /second = | $1 \times 10^{-6}$          | 1                                | $1.076 \times 10^{-5}$    | $1.55 \times 10^{-3}$       | $1 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 1 foot <sup>2</sup> /second =       | $9.290 \times 10^{-2}$      | $9.29 \times 10^4$               | 1                         | $1.44 \times 10^2$          | $9.29 \times 10^2$ |
| 1 inch <sup>2</sup> /second =       | $6.452 \times 10^{-4}$      | $6.452 \times 10^2$              | $6.944 \times 10^{-3}$    | 1                           | 6.452              |
| 1 stoke =                           | $1 \times 10^{-4}$          | $1 \times 10^2$                  | $1.076 \times 10^3$       | 0.155                       | 1                  |

B12. TEMPERATURE

