

Table 1.8.-1. – Derived units used in the Ph. Eur. and equivalence with other units

Quantity name	Quantity symbol	Unit name	Unit symbol	Unit expression in SI base units	Unit expression in other SI units	Conversion of other units into SI units
Wave number	ν	one per metre	1/m	m^{-1}		
Wavelength	λ	micrometre	μm	$10^{-6} m$		
		nanometre	nm	$10^{-9} m$		
Area	A, S	square metre	m^2	m^2		
Volume	V	cubic metre	m^3	m^3		1 mL = 1 cm ³ = 10 ⁻⁶ m ³
Frequency	ν	hertz	Hz	s^{-1}		
Density	ρ	kilogram per cubic metre	kg/m ³	$kg \cdot m^{-3}$		1 g/mL = 1 g/cm ³ = 10 ³ kg·m ⁻³
Velocity, speed	v	metre per second	m/s	$m \cdot s^{-1}$		
Force	F	newton	N	$m \cdot kg \cdot s^{-2}$		1 dyne = 1 g·cm·s ⁻² = 10 ⁻⁵ N 1 kp = 9.806 65 N
Pressure, stress	p	pascal	Pa	$m^{-1} \cdot kg \cdot s^{-2}$	$N \cdot m^{-2}$	1 dyne/cm ² = 10 ⁻¹ Pa = 10 ⁻¹ N·m ⁻² 1 atm = 101 325 Pa = 101.325 kPa 1 bar = 10 ⁵ Pa = 0.1 MPa 1 mm Hg = 133.322 387 Pa 1 psi = 6.894 757 kPa 1 Torr = 133.322 368 Pa
Dynamic viscosity	η	pascal second	Pa·s	$m^{-1} \cdot kg \cdot s^{-1}$	$N \cdot s \cdot m^{-2}$	1 P = 10 ⁻¹ Pa·s = 10 ⁻¹ N·s·m ⁻² 1 cP = 1 mPa·s
Kinematic viscosity	ν	square metre per second	m ² /s	$m^2 \cdot s^{-1}$	$Pa \cdot s \cdot m^3 \cdot kg^{-1}$ $N \cdot m \cdot s \cdot kg^{-1}$	1 St = 1 cm ² ·s ⁻¹ = 10 ⁻⁴ m ² ·s ⁻¹
Energy	W	joule	J	$m^2 \cdot kg \cdot s^{-2}$	$N \cdot m$	1 erg = 1 cm ² ·g·s ⁻² = 1 dyne·cm = 10 ⁻⁷ J 1 cal = 4.1868 J
Power, radiant flux	P	watt	W	$m^2 \cdot kg \cdot s^{-3}$	$N \cdot m \cdot s^{-1}$ $J \cdot s^{-1}$	1 erg/s = 1 dyne·cm·s ⁻¹ = 10 ⁻⁷ W = 10 ⁻⁷ N·m·s ⁻¹ = 10 ⁻⁷ J·s ⁻¹

Absorbed dose (of radiant energy)	D	gray	Gy	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	$\text{J} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$	$1 \text{ rad} = 10^{-2} \text{ Gy}$
Electric potential difference, voltage	U	volt	V	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \cdot \text{A}^{-1}$	$\text{W} \cdot \text{A}^{-1}$	
Electric resistance	R	ohm	Ω	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \cdot \text{A}^{-2}$	$\text{V} \cdot \text{A}^{-1}$	
Electric charge	Q	coulomb	C	A·s		
Activity referred to a radionuclide	A	becquerel	Bq	s^{-1}		$1 \text{ Ci} = 37 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Bq} = 37 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Concentration (of amount of substance), molar concentration	c	mole per cubic metre	mol/m ³	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$		$1 \text{ mol/L} = 1 \text{ M} = 1 \text{ mol/dm}^3 = 10^3 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$
Mass concentration	ρ	kilogram per cubic metre	kg/m ³	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$		$1 \text{ g/L} = 1 \text{ g/dm}^3 = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$
Catalytic activity	Z	katal	kat	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$		