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# Water Treatment Formulas & Conversions

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# Water Treatment Formulas & Conversions

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## **Circumference and Perimeter**

Circumference of a Circle =  $(3.14)(\text{Diameter})$

Perimeter, ft =  $(2)(\text{Length, ft}) + (2)(\text{Width, ft})$

## **Area**

Area of a Circle\*,  $\text{ft}^2 = (0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2$

Area of a Circle,  $\text{ft}^2 = (3.14)(\text{Radius, ft})^2$

Area of a Rectangle\*,  $\text{ft}^2 = (\text{Length, ft})(\text{Width, ft})$

Area of a Right Triangle\*,  $\text{ft}^2 = \frac{[(\text{Base, ft})(\text{Height, ft})]}{2}$

Lateral Surface Area of a Cone,  $\text{ft}^2 = (3.14)(\text{Radius, ft})(\sqrt{(\text{Radius, ft})^2 + (\text{Height, ft})^2})$

Total Surface Area of a Cone,  $\text{ft}^2 = (3.14)(\text{Radius, ft}) \left( \text{Radius, ft} + \sqrt{(\text{Radius, ft})^2 + (\text{Height, ft})^2} \right)$

Total Exterior Surface Area of a Cylinder,  $\text{ft}^2 =$   
 $(\text{end \#1 SA, ft}^2) + (\text{end \#2 SA, ft}^2) + [(3.14)(\text{Diameter, ft})(\text{Height, ft})]$   
*Where SA = Surface Area of a Circle*

## **Volume**

Volume of a Cone,  $\text{ft}^3 = (1/3)(0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Height, ft})$

Volume of a Cylinder,  $\text{ft}^3 = (0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Height, ft})$

Volume of a Rectangular Tank,  $\text{ft}^3 = (\text{Length, ft})(\text{Width, ft})(\text{Height, ft})$

Volume, gallons =  $(\text{Volume, ft}^3)(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)$

## **Velocity**

Velocity,  $\text{ft/sec} = \frac{\text{Distance, ft}}{\text{Time, sec}}$

Velocity,  $\text{ft/sec} = \frac{\text{Flow Rate, ft}^3/\text{sec}}{\text{Area, ft}^2}$

\*Pie Wheel Format for this equation is available at the end of this document

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## **Flow**

$$\text{Flow}^*, \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} = (\text{Area, ft}^2)(\text{Velocity, ft/sec})$$

$$\text{Flow Through a Channel, ft}^3/\text{sec} = (\text{Width, ft})(\text{Depth, ft})(\text{Velocity, ft/sec})$$

$$\text{Flow Through a Full Pipeline, ft}^3/\text{sec} = (0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Velocity, ft/sec})$$

$$\text{Flow Through a Cone, ft}^3/\text{sec} = (1/3)(0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Velocity, ft/sec})$$

## **Pounds**

$$\text{Mass}^*, \text{ lb} = (\text{Concentration, mg/L})(\text{Volume, MG})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})$$

$$\text{Mass, lb} = \frac{(\text{Concentration, mg/L})(\text{Volume, MG})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

$$\text{Loading Rate}^*, \text{ lb/day} = (\text{Concentration, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})$$

$$\text{Feed Rate, lb/day} = \frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

$$\text{Fluoride Feed Rate, lb/day} = \frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{(\text{Available Fluoride Ion, \% expressed as a decimal})(\text{Purity, \% expressed as a decimal})}$$

$$\text{Fluoride Saturator Feed Rate, gpm} = \frac{(\text{Plant Capacity, gpm})(\text{Dosage, mg/L})}{18,000 \text{ mg/L}}$$

## **Dosage**

$$\text{Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as decimal})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb})(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as decimal})}{(\text{Volume, MG})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Fluoride Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})(\text{Available Fluoride Ion, \% expressed as a decimal})(\text{Purity, \% expressed as a decimal})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Fluoride Saturator Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, gpm})(18,000 \text{ mg/L})}{\text{Flow, gpm}}$$

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## **Power**

$$\text{Amps} = \frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Ohms}}$$

$$\text{Amps (Single-Phase)} = \frac{(746 \text{ watts/HP})(\text{Horsepower})}{(\text{Volts})(\text{Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(\text{Power Factor})}$$

$$\text{Amps (Three-Phase)} = \frac{(746 \text{ watts/HP})(\text{Horsepower})}{(1.732)(\text{Volts})(\text{Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(\text{Power Factor})}$$

$$\text{Cost, \$/hour} = (\text{Motor Horsepower, hp})(0.746 \text{ kW/hp})(\text{Cost, \$/kW-hr})$$

$$\text{Electromotive Force*}, \text{ volts} = (\text{Current, amps})(\text{Resistance, ohms})$$

$$\text{Horsepower} = \frac{(\text{Volts})(\text{Amps})}{(746 \text{ watts/HP})}$$

$$\text{Power, watts (AC Circuit)} = (\text{Volts})(\text{Amps})(\text{Power Factor})$$

$$\text{Power, watts (DC Circuit)} = (\text{Volts})(\text{Amps})$$

$$\text{Power Factor} = \frac{\text{Watts}}{(\text{Volts})(\text{Amps})}$$

## **Pumps and Motors**

### **Pumping Rate**

$$\text{Pumping Rate, gal/min} = \frac{\text{Volume, gal}}{\text{Time, min}}$$

$$\text{Pumping Rate of a Rectangular Tank, gal/min} = \frac{(\text{Length, ft})(\text{Width, ft})(\text{Depth, ft})(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)}{\text{Time, min}}$$

$$\text{Pumping Rate of a Cylindrical Tank, gal/min} = \frac{(0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Depth, ft})(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)}{\text{Time, min}}$$

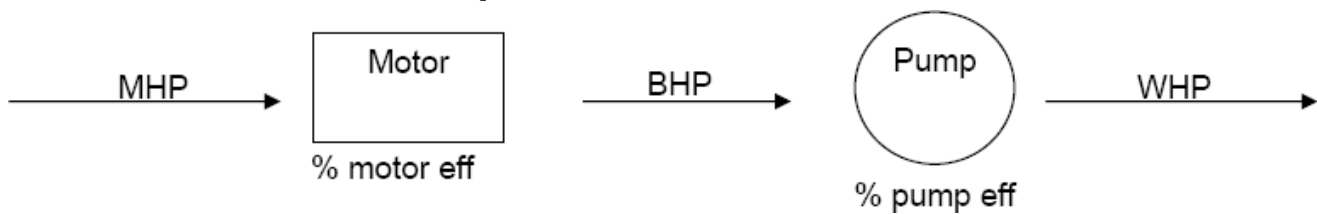
$$\text{Pumping Rate of a Conical Tank, gal/min} = \frac{(1/3)(0.785)(\text{Diameter, ft})^2(\text{Depth, ft})(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)}{\text{Time, min}}$$

$$\text{Time to Fill, min} = \frac{\text{Tank Volume, gal}}{\text{Flow Rate, gal/min}}$$

\*Pie Wheel Format for this equation is available at the end of this document

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### **Pumps and Motors (continued)**



### **Horsepower**

$$\text{Water Horsepower, hp} = \frac{(\text{Flow, gpm})(\text{Head, ft})}{(3,960)}$$

$$\text{Brake Horsepower, hp} = \frac{(\text{Flow, gpm})(\text{Head, ft})}{(3,960)(\text{Pump Efficiency, \% expressed as a decimal})}$$

$$\text{Brake Horsepower, hp} = \frac{\text{Water Horsepower, hp}}{\text{Pump Efficiency, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

$$\text{Motor Horsepower, hp} = \frac{(\text{Flow, gpm})(\text{Head, ft})}{(3,960)(\text{Pump Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(\text{Motor Efficiency, \% as a decimal})}$$

$$\text{Motor Horsepower, hp} = \frac{\text{Water Horsepower, hp}}{(\text{Pump Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(\text{Motor Efficiency, \% as a decimal})}$$

$$\text{Motor Horsepower, hp} = \frac{\text{Brake Horsepower, hp}}{\text{Motor Efficiency, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

### **Efficiency**

$$\text{Efficiency, \%} = \frac{\text{Horsepower Output, hp}}{\text{Horsepower Supplied, hp}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Motor Efficiency, \%} = \frac{\text{Brake Horsepower, hp}}{\text{Motor Horsepower, hp}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Pump Efficiency, \%} = \frac{\text{Water Horsepower, hp}}{\text{Brake Horsepower, hp}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Wire-to-Water Efficiency, \%} = (\text{Pump Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(\text{Motor Efficiency, \% as a decimal})(100\%)$$

$$\text{Wire-to-Water Efficiency, \%} = \frac{\text{Water Horsepower, hp}}{\text{Motor Horsepower, hp}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Wire-to-Water Efficiency, \%} = \frac{(\text{Flow, gpm})(\text{Total Dynamic Head, ft})(0.746 \text{ kW/hp})}{(3,960)(\text{Electrical Demand, kW})} \times 100\%$$

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## **Chlorination**

CT Calculation = (Disinfectant Residual Concentration, mg/L)(Time,min)

Chlorine Dose, mg/L = Chlorine Demand, mg/L + Chlorine Residual, mg/L

Dosage, mg/L =  $\frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$

Feed Rate, lb/day =  $\frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal}}$

Hypochlorite Feed Rate, gpd =  $\frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal})(\text{Solution Density, lb/gal})}$

Hypochlorite Strength, % =  $\frac{\text{Chlorine Required, lb}}{(\text{Hypochlorite Solution Needed, gal})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})} \times 100\%$

Substitution of Bleach for Chlorine Gas, gal =

$\frac{\text{Chlorine Feed, lb}}{(\text{Available Chlorine from Bleach, \% expressed as a decimal})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$

Substitution of Bleach for HTH, gal =

$\frac{(\text{Available Chlorine from HTH, \% expressed as a decimal})(\text{HTH Feed, lb})}{(\text{Available Chlorine from Bleach, \% expressed as a decimal})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$

Substitution of HTH for Bleach, lb =

$\frac{(\text{Available Chlorine from Bleach, \% expressed as a decimal})(\text{Bleach, gal})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Available Chlorine from HTH, \% expressed as a decimal}}$

Substitution of HTH for Chlorine gas, lb =  $\frac{\text{Chlorine Feed, lb}}{\text{Available Chlorine from HTH, \% expressed as a decimal}}$

## **Well Formulas**

Well Yield, gal/min =  $\frac{\text{Volume, gal}}{\text{Time, min}}$

Drawdown, ft = Pumping Water Level, ft – Static Water Level, ft

Specific Capacity, gpm/ft =  $\frac{\text{Well Yield, gal/min}}{\text{Drawdown, ft}}$



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## **Coagulation/Flocculation**

$$\text{Detention Time} = \frac{(\text{Volume})}{\text{Flow}}$$

$$\text{Detention Time, sec} = \frac{(\text{Volume, gal})(1440 \text{ min/day})(60 \text{ sec/min})}{\text{Flow, gpd}}$$

$$\text{Detention Time, min} = \frac{(\text{Volume, gal})(1440 \text{ min/day})}{\text{Flow, gpd}}$$

$$\text{Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as decimal})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Feed Rate, lb/day} = \frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

## **Sedimentation**

$$\text{Detention Time} = \frac{(\text{Volume})}{\text{Flow}}$$

$$\text{Detention Time, hr} = \frac{(\text{Volume, gal})(24 \text{ hr/day})}{\text{Flow, gpd}}$$

$$\text{Hydraulic Loading Rate, gpd/ft}^2 = \frac{\text{Total Flow Applied, gpd}}{\text{Area, ft}^2}$$

$$\text{Surface Loading (Overload) Rate, gpd/ft}^2 = \frac{\text{Flow, gpd}}{\text{Surface Area, ft}^2}$$

## **Weir Overflow Rate**

$$\text{Weir Overflow Rate, gpd/ft} = \frac{\text{Flow, gpd}}{\text{Weir Length, ft}}$$

$$\text{Length of Circular Weir, ft} = (3.14)(\text{Diameter, ft})$$

## **Solids Removal**

$$\text{Reduction in Flow, \%} = \frac{(\text{Original Flow} - \text{Reduced Flow})}{\text{Original Flow}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Removal, \%} = \frac{(\text{In-Out})}{\text{In}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Solids, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Dry Solids, g})(1,000,000)}{\text{Sample Volume, mL}}$$

$$\text{Solids Concentration, mg/L} = \frac{\text{Weight, mg}}{\text{Volume, L}}$$

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## **Filtration**

$$\text{Filter Yield, lb/hr/ft}^2 = \frac{(\text{Solids Loading, lb/day})(\text{Recovery, \% expressed as decimal})}{(\text{Filter Operation, hr/day})(\text{Area, ft}^2)}$$

$$\text{Filter Drop Test Velocity, ft/min} = \frac{\text{Water Drop, ft}}{\text{Time of Drop, min}}$$

## **Backwashing**

$$\text{Backwash Water Volume, gal} = (\text{Backwash Rate, gpm/ft}^2)(\text{Backwash Time, min})(\text{Filter Area, ft}^2)$$

$$\text{Backwash Water, \%} = \frac{\text{Backwash Water, gal}}{\text{Water Filtered, gal}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Filter Backwash Rise Rate, in/min} = \frac{(\text{Backwash Rate, gpm/ft}^2)(12 \text{ in/ft})}{7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3}$$

## **Hook Gauge**

$$\text{Volume, gal} = (\text{Filter Length, ft})(\text{Filter Width, ft})(\text{Water Drop or Rise, ft})(7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3)$$

$$\text{Filtration Rate, gal/min} = \frac{\text{Volume, gal}}{\text{Average Time, min}}$$

$$\text{Filter Bed Area, ft}^2 = (\text{Filter Bed Length, ft})(\text{Filter Bed Width, ft})$$

$$\text{Filter Loading Rate, gpm/ft}^2 = \frac{\text{Flow, gpm}}{\text{Filter Area, ft}^2}$$

## **Solution Preparation**

$$\text{Concentration} = \frac{\text{Concentration, lb/gal}}{\text{Density, lb/gal}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Percent Strength, \% (by weight)} = \frac{\text{Weight of Chemical, lbs}}{(\text{Weight of Water, lbs} + \text{Weight of Chemicals, lbs})} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Three Normal or Blending } (C_1 \times V_1) + (C_2 \times V_2) = (C_3 \times V_3)$$

*Where C = Concentration or Normality  
and V = Volume*

$$\text{Two Normal Equation (Dilution)} \quad (C_1 \times V_1) = (C_2 \times V_2)$$

*Units must be compatible*

$$\text{Chemicals, lbs} = \frac{(\text{Water Volume, gal} \times 8.34 \text{ lb/gal})(\text{Desired Concentration, \%})}{(100\% - \text{Desired Concentration, \%})}$$

$$\text{Water Volume, gal} = \frac{(\text{Chemical, lbs})(100\% - \text{Desired Concentration, \%})}{(\text{Desired Concentration, \%})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

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## Chemical Feeders

$$\text{Chemical Feed Pump Setting, \% stroke} = \frac{\text{Desired flow}}{\text{Maximum flow}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Chemical Feed Pump Setting, mL/min} = \frac{(\text{Flow, MGD})(\text{Dose, mg/L})(3.785 \text{ L/gal})(1,000,000 \text{ gal/MG})}{(\text{Chemical Density, mg/mL})(\text{Active Chemical, \% expressed as a decimal})(1440 \text{ min/day})}$$

$$\text{Dosage, mg/L} = \frac{(\text{Feed Rate, lb/day})(\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as decimal})}{(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}$$

$$\text{Feed Rate, lb/day} = \frac{(\text{Dosage, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Chemical Purity, \% expressed as a decimal}}$$

$$\text{Solution Feeder Setting, gpd} = \frac{(\text{Dose, mg/L})(\text{Flow, MGD})(8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{\text{Solution Concentration, lb/gal}}$$

$$\text{Specific Gravity} = \frac{\text{Density of substance, lb/gal}}{8.34 \text{ lb/gal}}$$

## Distribution Systems Calculations

$$\text{Force}^*, \text{ lbs} = (\text{Pressure, psi})(\text{Area, in}^2)$$

$$\text{Leakage, gpd} = \frac{\text{Volume, gal}}{\text{Time, days}}$$

$$\text{Slope, \%} = \frac{\text{Drop or Rise, ft}}{\text{Distance, ft}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Water Use, gpcd} = \frac{\text{Volume of Water Produced, gpd}}{\text{Population Served, capita}}$$

## Alkalinity Relationships

All Alkalinity expressed as mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub> • P – phenolphthalein alkalinity • T – total alkalinity

| <b>Titration Results</b>     | <b>Hydroxide</b> | <b>Carbonate</b> | <b>Bicarbonate</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>P = 0</b>                 | 0                | 0                | T                  |
| <b>P is less than ½ T</b>    | 0                | (2)(P)           | T – (2)(P)         |
| <b>P = ½ T</b>               | 0                | (2)(P)           | 0                  |
| <b>P is greater than ½ T</b> | (2)(P) – T       | (2)(T) – (2)(P)  | 0                  |
| <b>P = T</b>                 | T                | 0                | 0                  |

\*Pie Wheel Format for this equation is available at the end of this document

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## Laboratory Calculations

$$\text{Average (arithmetic mean)} = \frac{\text{Sum of All Terms}}{\text{Number of Terms}}$$

$$\text{Average (geometric mean)} = [(x_1)(x_2)(x_3)(x_4)\dots(x_n)]^{1/n} \quad \text{The } n\text{th root of the product of } n \text{ numbers}$$

$$\text{Composite Sample Single Portion} = \frac{(\text{Instantaneous Flow})(\text{Total Sample Volume})}{(\text{Number of Portions})(\text{Average Flow})}$$

$$\text{Langelier Saturation Index} = \text{pH} - \text{pH}_s$$

$$\text{Specific Gravity} = \frac{\text{Density of substance, lb/gal}}{8.34 \text{ lb/gal}}$$

$$\text{Threshold Odor Number} = \frac{(A+B)}{A} \quad \text{Where } A = \text{Volume of odor causing sample,} \\ \text{and } B = \text{volume of odor free water}$$

## Chemistry

$$\text{Milliequivalent} = (\text{mL})(\text{Normality})$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{Moles of Solute}}{\text{Liters of Solution}}$$

$$\text{Normality} = \frac{\text{Number of Equivalent Weights}}{\text{Liters of Solution}}$$

$$\text{Number of Equivalent Weights} = \frac{\text{Total Weight}}{\text{Equivalent Weight}}$$

$$\text{Number of Moles} = \frac{\text{Total Weight}}{\text{Molecular Weight}}$$

## Temperature

$$\text{Temperature, } ^\circ\text{C} = \frac{(^{\circ}\text{F}-32)}{1.8}$$

$$\text{Temperature, } ^\circ\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C})(1.8) + 32$$

## Titration

$$\text{Alkalinity, mg/L as CaCO}_3 = \frac{(\text{Titrant Volume, mL})(0.02 \text{ N})(50,000)}{\text{Sample Volume, mL}}$$

$$\text{Hardness, mg/L as CaCO}_3 = \frac{(\text{Titrant Volume, mL})(1,000)}{\text{Sample Volume, mL}} \quad \text{Only when the titration factor is 1.00 of EDTA}$$

$$\text{Two Normal Equation } (C_1)(V_1) = (C_2)(V_2) \quad \text{Where } C = \text{Concentration or Normality} \\ \text{and } V = \text{Volume} \\ \text{Units must be compatible}$$

### **Common Abbreviations**

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ac-ft = acre-feet                 | L = liter                        |
| °C = Celsius                      | lb = pounds                      |
| cfs = cubic feet per second       | LSI = Langelier Saturation Index |
| cm = centimeters                  | m = meters                       |
| DO = dissolved oxygen             | mg = milligrams                  |
| Eff = efficiency                  | MG = million gallons             |
| EMF = electromotive force         | MGD = million gallons per day    |
| °F = Fahrenheit                   | mi = miles                       |
| ft = feet                         | min = minutes                    |
| ft lb = foot-pound                | mL = milliliters                 |
| g = grams                         | ppb = parts per billion          |
| gal = gallons                     | ppm = parts per million          |
| gfd = gallons flux per day        | psi = pounds per square inch     |
| gpcd = gallons per capita per day | Q = flow                         |
| gpd = gallons per day             | RPM = revolutions per minute     |
| gpg = grains per gallon           | SDI = sludge density index       |
| gpm = gallons per minute          | sec = second                     |
| HLR = hydraulic loading rate      | SS = settleable solids           |
| hp = horsepower                   | TOC = total organic carbon       |
| hr = hours                        | TSS = total suspended solids     |
| in = inches                       | W = watts                        |
| kg = kilograms                    | WOR = weir overflow rate         |
| km = kilometers                   | yd = yards                       |
| kPa = kilopascals                 | yr = year                        |
| kW = kilowatts                    |                                  |
| kWh = kilowatt-hours              |                                  |

# Water Treatment Formulas & Conversions

## Unit Conversion Factors

### Linear

1 ft = 0.305 m  
1 ft = 12 in  
1 in = 2.54 cm  
1 yd = 3 ft  
1 mi = 5,280 ft

### Area

1 ac = 43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>  
1 ac = 0.405 Hectare  
1 m<sup>2</sup> = 1.19 yd<sup>2</sup>  
1 ft<sup>2</sup> = 144 in<sup>2</sup>  
1 Hectare = 2.47 ac  
 $\pi$  or pi = 3.14

### Volume

1 ac-ft = 43,560 ft<sup>3</sup>  
1 ac-ft = 325,828.8 gal  
1 ft<sup>3</sup> = 7.48 gal  
1 L = 0.2642 gal  
1 L = 1,000 mL  
1 gal = 231 in<sup>3</sup>  
1 gal = 0.1337 ft<sup>3</sup>  
1 gal = 3.785 L  
1 MG = 1,000,000 gal  
1 m<sup>3</sup> = 264 gal  
1 yd<sup>3</sup> = 27 ft<sup>3</sup>

### Flow

1 cfs = 0.6463 MGD  
1 cfs = 448.8 gpm  
1 MGD = 694.44 gpm  
1 MGD = 1.55 cfs

### Weight and Mass

1 ft<sup>3</sup> of water = 62.4 lb  
1 g = 1,000 mg  
1 gal of water = 8.34 lb  
1 kg = 1,000 g  
1 kg = 2.2 lbs  
1 lb = 0.454 kg  
1 lb = 453.6 g  
1 metric ton = 2,205 lb  
1 mg/L = 0.0584 gpg  
1 gpg = 17.118 mg/L  
1 ton = 2,000 lb  
1% = 10,000 mg/L

### Pressure and Head

1 atm = 33.9 ft of water  
1 atm = 14.7 psi  
1 ft of water = 0.433 psi  
1 psi = 2.31 ft of water

### Power

1 hp = 0.746 kW  
1 hp = 746 W  
1 hp = 33,000 ft•lb/min  
1 kW = 1,000 W

## Metric Conversion Chart

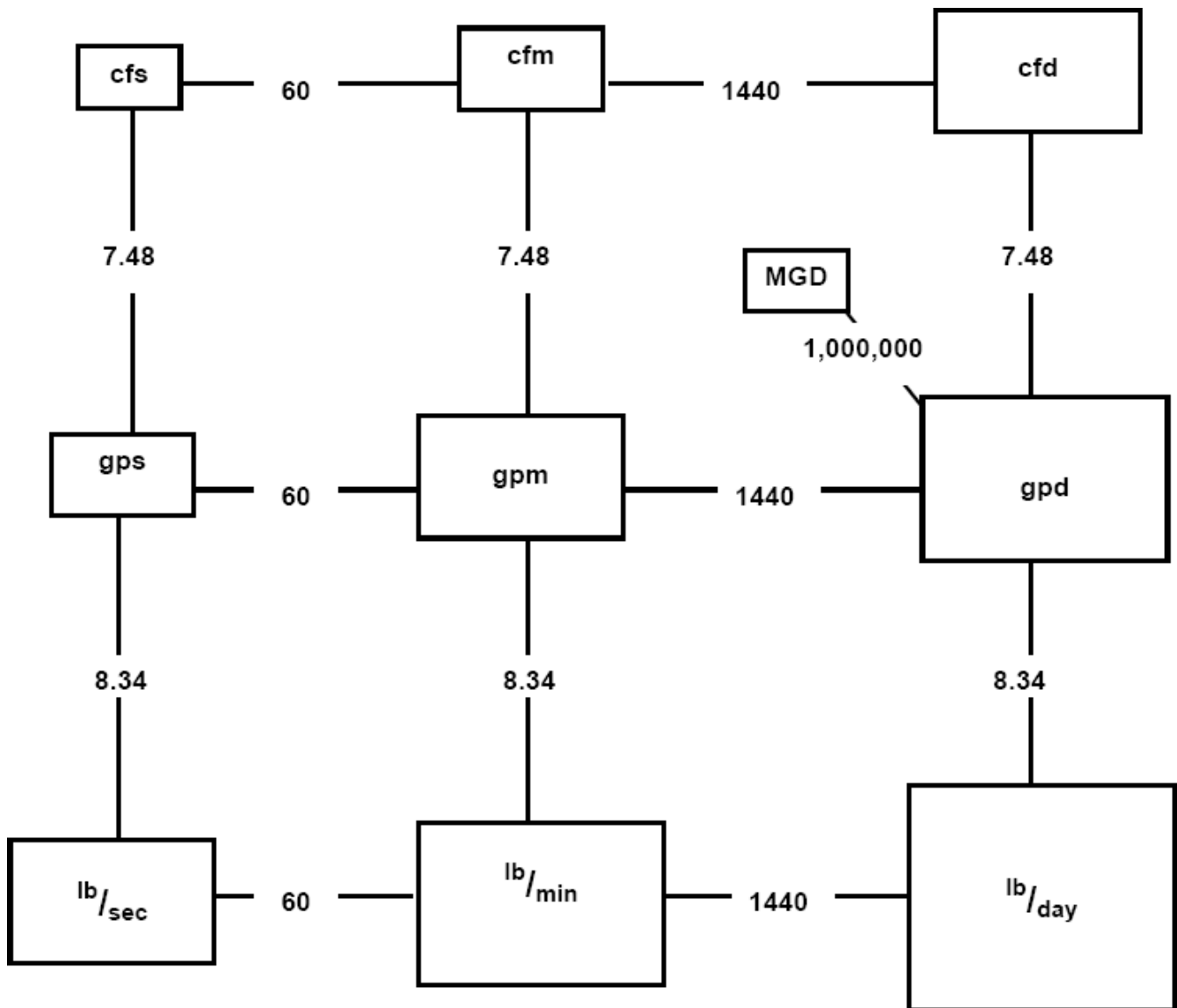
### Primary Unit

|             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
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| kilo        | hecto       | deka        | no          | deci        | centi       | milli       |
| (k)         | (h)         | (da)        | prefix      | (d)         | (c)         | (m)         |
| 1,000       | 100         | 10          | 1           | 0.1         | 0.01        | 0.001       |



meter (m) - linear measurement  
liter (L) - volume measurement  
gram (g) - weight measurement

## Flow Conversion Chart



To use this diagram: First, find the box that coincides with the beginning units (i.e. gpm). Then, find the box that coincides with the desired ending units (i.e. cfs). The numbers between the starting point and ending point are the conversion factors.

When moving from a **smaller box to a larger box, multiply** by the factor between them.

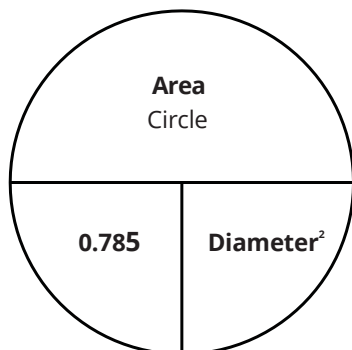
When moving from a **larger box to a smaller box, divide** by the factor between them.

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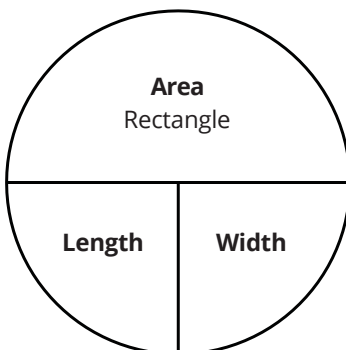
## Pie Wheels

- To find the quantity above the horizontal line: multiply the pie wedges below the line together.
- To solve for one of the pie wedges below the horizontal line: cover that pie wedge, then divide the remaining pie wedge(s) into the quantity above the horizontal line.
- Given units must match the units shown in the pie wheel.
- When US and metric units or values differ, the metric is shown in parentheses, e.g. (m<sup>2</sup>).

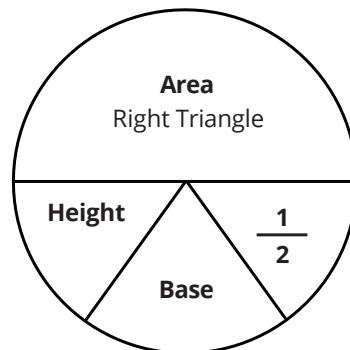
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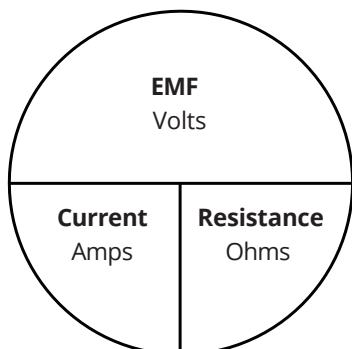
**Area of Rectangle**



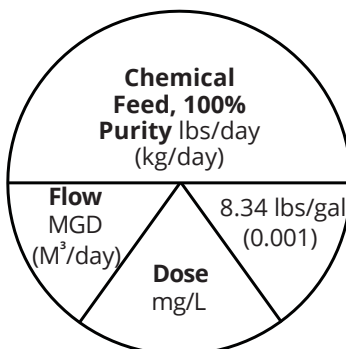
**Area of Right Triangle**



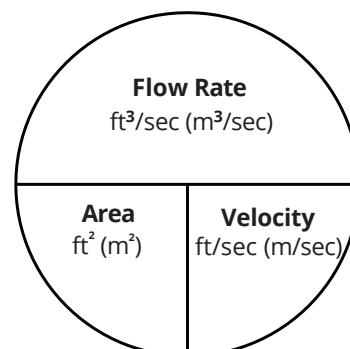
**Electromotive Force (EMF), Volts**



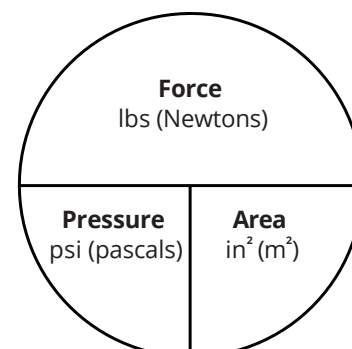
**Feed Rate, lbs/day (kg/day)**



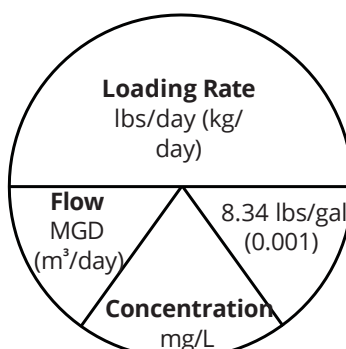
**Flow Rate, ft<sup>3</sup>/sec (m<sup>3</sup>/sec)**



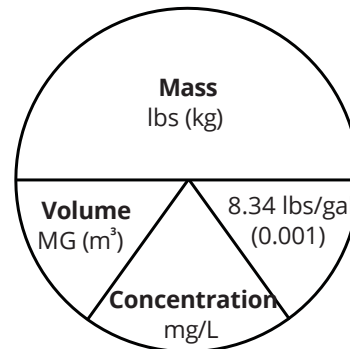
**Force, lbs (Newtons)**



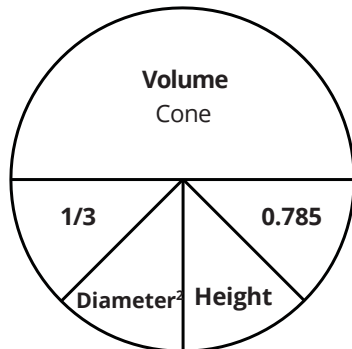
**Loading Rate, lbs/day (kg/day)**



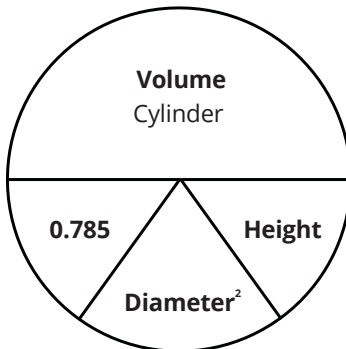
**Mass, lbs (kg)**



**Volume of Cone**



**Volume of Cylinder**



**Volume of Rectangular Tank**

