

Quantities and Units

Some Important Quantities

- Time
- Mass
- Length
- Volume
- Force
- Temperature
- Number of particles

The Metric System

Prefix:	Symbol:	Magnitude:	Meaning (multiply by):
Yotta-	Y	10^{24}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
Zetta-	Z	10^{21}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
Exa-	E	10^{18}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000
Peta-	P	10^{15}	1 000 000 000 000 000
Tera-	T	10^{12}	1 000 000 000 000
Giga-	G	10^9	1 000 000 000
Mega-	M	10^6	1 000 000
kilo-	k	10^3	1000
-	-	10^0	1
milli-	m	10^{-3}	0.001
micro-	μ	10^{-6}	0.000 001
nano-	n	10^{-9}	0.000 000 001
pico-	p	10^{-12}	0.000 000 000 001
femto-	f	10^{-15}	0.000 000 000 000 001
atto-	a	10^{-18}	0.000 000 000 000 000 001
zepto-	z	10^{-21}	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 001
yocto-	y	10^{-24}	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 000 001

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kilo-	k	10^3	1000
hecto-	h	10^2	100
deka-	da	10^1	10
-	-	10^0	1
deci-	d	10^{-1}	0.1
centi-	c	10^{-2}	0.01
milli-	m	10^{-3}	0.001
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How many millimeters are in 150. miles?

Use dimensional analysis to find out.

These are conversion factors.

$$\left(\frac{150.mi}{1} \right) \left(\frac{1760yd}{1mi} \right) \left(\frac{3ft}{1yd} \right) \left(\frac{12in}{1ft} \right) \left(\frac{2.54cm}{1in} \right) \left(\frac{1m}{100cm} \right) \left(\frac{1000mm}{1m} \right) = 241,401,600mm$$

This is given in the problem.

All units cancel except the ones that should be in the answer.

To three significant figures, the answer is 241 million millimeters, or 2.41×10^8 mm.