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# *Metric Conversions*

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## **LENGTH**

1 mile = 1.61 km  
1 yard = 0.914 m  
1 foot = 30.5 cm  
1 inch = 25.4 mm

1 km = 0.621 mile  
1 m = 3.28 feet or 1.09 yards  
1 cm = 0.394 inches

## **MASS**

1 pound = 454 g  
  
1 ton = 1.02 t

1 kg = 2.20 pounds  
1 g = 0.0353 ounces  
1 t = 0.984 ton

## **AREA**

1 acre = 0.4 ha  
1 sq. mile = 2.59 sq. kms

1 ha = 2.47 acres

## **VOLUME**

1 litre = 1.76 pints  
1 bushel = 0.0364 cubic metres  
1 pint = 568 millilitres  
1 gallon = 4.55 litres

## **TEMPERATURE**

From degree Celsius to Fahrenheit:

$$(^{\circ}\text{C} \times \frac{9}{5}) + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$$

From Fahrenheit to degree Celsius:

$$(^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times \frac{5}{9} = ^{\circ}\text{C}$$

## **CURRENCY**

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