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Foreword (Not part of Standard)

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Metric units of measurement are used and corresponding US customary units appear in parentheses. Charts, graphs, and example calculations are also shown in both metric and US customary units.

Because values given in metric units are not exact equivalents to values given in US customary units, it is important that the selected units of measure be stated in reference to this standard. If no such statement is provided, metric units shall govern.

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9 Pumps – general guidelines

9.0 Scope

This standard applies to all industrial/commercial pumps of positive displacement and rotodynamic types. This document covers pump type classifications, materials of construction, airborne sound measurement, and decontamination. Refer to ANSI/HI 1.1 – 1.2 *Rotodynamic Centrifugal Pumps for Nomenclature and Definitions*, ANSI/HI 2.1 – 2.2 *Rotodynamic Vertical Pumps for Nomenclature and Definitions*, ANSI/HI 3.1 – 3.5 *Rotary Pumps for Nomenclature, Definitions, Application, and Operation*, and ANSI/HI 6.1 – 6.5 *Reciprocating Power Pumps for Nomenclature, Definitions, Application, and Operation* for the pumps covered in the scope of this document. Figure 9.0 shows a pump type tree diagram.

9.0.1 Preferred measurement units and conversion factors

Table 9.0.1 has been prepared by the Hydraulic Institute to aid those wishing to convert US customary units to metric units and vice versa.

Table 9.0.1 — Preferred measurement units and conversion factors

Quantity ^a	Typical applications	Metric unit	Abbr.	US customary unit	Abbr.	Conversion factors - multiply by	
						Metric to US unit	US unit to metric
1. Space and time							
plane angle	fluid flow angle	degree	°	degree	°	1	1
length	dimensions of sumps and pits	meter	m	foot	ft or ′	3.281	0.3048 ^b
		meter	m	inch	in or ″	39.37 ^b	0.0254 ^b
	mechanical engineering drawings	millimeter	mm	inch	in or ″	0.03937	25.4 ^b
	coating thickness, surface finish, filter particle size	micrometer	µm	thousandths of inch	mil	0.03937	25.4 ^b
		micrometer	µm	microinch	µin	39.37	0.0254 ^b
		micrometer	µm	micron	µm	1 ^b	1 ^b
area	surface area, flow area	square meter	m ²	square foot	ft ²	10.76	0.09290
		square centimeter	cm ²	square inch	in ²	0.155	6.452
volume	fluid volume rate of flow	milliliter (cm ³) ^c	mL ^d	cubic inch	in ³	0.06102	16.39
		cubic meter	m ³	cubic foot	ft ³	35.31	0.02832
		cubic meter	m ³	gallon	gal	264.2	0.003785
		liter	L	quart	qt	1.057	0.9464
time	time interval	hour	h	hour	h	1 ^c	1 ^c
		minute	min	minute	min	1 ^c	1 ^c
		second	s	second	s	1 ^c	1 ^c
volume per unit time	flow rate of fluids	cubic meter per hour	m ³ /h	gallon per minute	gpm	4.403	0.2271
		liter per minute	L/min	gallon per minute	gpm	0.2642	3.785
velocity, linear	fluid velocity	meter per second	m/s	foot per second	ft/s	3.281	0.3048 ^b