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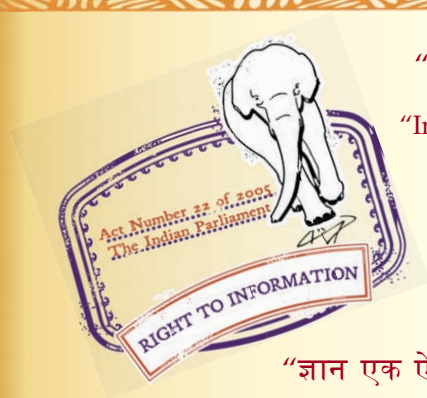
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## RECOMMENDATION ON UNITS AND SYMBOLS FOR REFRIGERATION

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### 0. FOREWORD

**0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 4 October 1968, after the draft finalized by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.

**0.2** With a view to unifying the practice followed in the country in regard to the symbols and units used in refrigeration and air-conditioning trade, need has been felt to lay down recommendations on the principal quantities chiefly used in the field of refrigeration and on their symbols and units of measurement. This standard is largely based on the Draft ISO Recommendation No. 1053 'Units and symbols for refrigeration'.

**0.3** For convenience, certain fundamental quantities and their derivatives have been included which have already been dealt with in IS : 1890 (Part III)-1961\* and IS : 1890 (Part IV)-1961†. The column reserved for remarks in Table 1 provides definitions or explanations of quantities for which these are not found in IS : 1890 (Part III)-1961\* and IS : 1890 (Part IV)-1961†.

**0.4** The various quantities have been grouped in a logical order so as to facilitate their location by the users. In certain cases when the same symbol may have more than one meaning, a second symbol has been proposed. The units are separated into two sections, namely, units of the International System (SI) and units of other systems which are at present very widely used. In order to obtain the SI units which are equivalent to other units, conversion factors have been included in this standard.

**0.5** India has changed to metric system of weights and measures. Although this standard gives both metric and fps units, metric units shall be used (fps units are for information only).

**0.6** The basic and the derived units of the SI system with their definitions are given in IS : 3616-1966‡.

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\*Recommendations on quantities and units of mechanics.

†Recommendations on quantities and units of heat.

‡Recommendation on the international system (SI) units.

## 1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard recommends units and symbols to be used in refrigeration.

## 2. QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS, DIMENSIONS AND UNITS

2.1 The quantities, symbols, dimensions and units are given in Table 1.

2.2 The conversion factors given in Table 1 shall be used as multipliers for 'other units' to obtain SI units.

*Example:*

1 ft = 0.304 8 m exactly.

TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

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Sl. No.	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Length	$l$	L	metre	m
2	Area, surface	$A$	$L^2$	square metre	$m^2$
3	Volume	$V$	$L^3$	cubic metre	$m^3$
4	Mass	$m$	M	kilogram	kg
5	Time	$t$	T	second	s
6	Frequency	$f$	$T^{-1}$	hertz	Hz
7	Rotational speed	$n$	$T^{-1}$	hertz	Hz
8	Density (mass density)	$\rho$	$ML^{-3}$	kilogram per cubic metre	$kg/m^3$
9	Specific volume	$v$	$L^3M^{-1}$	cubic metre per kilogram	$m^3/kg$
10	Mass flow rate	$q_m$	$MT^{-1}$	kilogram per second	kg/s
11	Volume flow rate	$q_v$	$L^3T^{-1}$	cubic metre per second	$m^3/s$
12	Thermodynamic or absolute temperature	$T, \theta$	$\theta$	Kelvin degree	$^{\circ}K$
13	Customary temperature	$t, \theta$	$\theta$	Celsius degree	$^{\circ}C$
14	Temperature difference	$\Delta t, \Delta \theta, \Delta T, \Delta \theta$	$\theta$	degree	deg
15	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	$\alpha_l$	$\theta^{-1}$	per degree	$deg^{-1}$
16	Coefficient of volume expansion	$\alpha_v$	$\theta^{-1}$	per degree	$deg^{-1}$
17	Coefficient of thermal pressure increase	$\beta$	$\theta$	per degree	$deg^{-1}$

## DIMENSIONS AND UNITS

2.1)

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
foot	ft	0.304 8 exactly	
inch	in	0.025 4 exactly	
square foot	ft <sup>2</sup>	0.092 903 0	
square inch	in <sup>2</sup>	6.451 6 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> exactly	
cubic foot	ft <sup>3</sup>	28.316 8 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	
cubic inch	in <sup>3</sup>	16.387 1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
pound	lb	0.453 592 37	
minute	min	60	
hour	h	3 600	
—	—	—	Also called cycles per second
revolution per minute	min <sup>-1</sup>	1/60	
pound per cubic foot	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	16.018 5	
cubic foot per pound	ft <sup>3</sup> /lb	0.062 4	
pound per hour	lb/h	126 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Fluid mass flowing in unit time
cubic foot per hour	ft <sup>3</sup> /h	7.865 79 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	Fluid volume flowing in unit time
Rankine degree	°R	5/9	If $t_R$ °C, $t_F$ °F, $T_K$ °K and $T_R$ °R are referring to one and same physical state, the figures $t_c$ , $t_F$ , $T_K$ and $T_R$ are evaluated as $t_c = 5/9$ $(t_F - 32) = T_K - 273.15 = 5/9$ $9T_R - 273.15$
Fahrenheit degree	°F	$t_c = 5/9(t_F - 32)$	$t_c = T_K - 273.15$ $t_F = T_R - 459.67$
Fahrenheit degree	degF	5/9	The General Conference of Weights and Measures has recommended that the word 'degree' or its abbreviation 'deg' should be used for temperature intervals or differences. The abbreviations °K and °C are still often used
per Fahrenheit degree	degF <sup>-1</sup>	9/5	$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{l} \frac{dl}{dt}$
per Fahrenheit degree	degF <sup>-1</sup>	9/5	$\alpha_v = \frac{1}{v} \left( \frac{dv}{dt} \right)_p$
per Fahrenheit degree	degF <sup>-1</sup>	9/5	$\beta = \frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)_v$

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TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

Sl No.	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
18	Coefficient of compressibility	$\chi$	$M^{-1}LT^2$	square metre per newton	$m^2/N$
19	Force	$F$	$MLT^{-2}$	newton	N
20	Pressure	$p$	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	newton per square metre	$N/m^2$
21	Surface tension	$\sigma$	$MT^{-2}$	newton per metre	$N/m$
22	Dynamic viscosity	$\mu$	$ML^{-1}T^{-1}$	newton second per square metre	$N.s/m^2$
23	Kinematic viscosity	$\nu$	$L^2T^{-1}$	square metre per second	$m^2/s$
24	Work	$W$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	joule	J
25	Power	$P$	$ML^2T^{-3}$	watt	W
26	Specific work	$w$	$L^2T^{-2}$	joule per kilogram	$J/kg$

DIMENSIONS AND UNITS — *Contd*

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
square inch per pound force	in <sup>2</sup> /lbf	$1.450\,37 \times 10^{-4}$	$\alpha_t = \frac{1}{v} \left( \frac{dv}{dp} \right)_t$
dyne	dyn	$10^{-8}$ exactly	
kilogram force	kgf	$9.806\,65$ exactly	
pound force	lbf	$4.448\,22$	
—	—	—	This unit is also called 'pascal'
bar	bar	$10^{-5}$ exactly	1 bar = 1 hectopieze (hpz)
kilogram force per square centimetre	kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>	$98\,066.5$ exactly	1 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> = technical atmosphere (at)
normal atmosphere	atm	$101\,325$ exactly	
pound force per square foot	lbf/ft <sup>2</sup>	$47.880\,3$	
pound force per square inch	lbf/in <sup>2</sup>	$6\,894.76$	
millimetre of water	mmH <sub>2</sub> O	$9.806\,65$ exactly	
millimetre of mercury	mmHg	$133.322$	1 mmHg = 1 torr
inch of water	inH <sub>2</sub> O	$249.089$	
inch of mercury	inHg	$3\,386.39$	
dyne per centimetre	dyn/cm	$10^{-3}$ exactly	
poise	P	$0.1$	$1 \text{ N.s.m}^{-2} = 1 \text{ kg/(m.s)}$
kilogram force second per square metre	kgf.s/m <sup>2</sup>	$9.806\,65$ exactly	
pound force second per square foot	lbf.s/ft <sup>2</sup>	$47.880\,3$	—
stokes	St	$0.000\,1$	1 St = $1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$
square foot per second	ft <sup>2</sup> /s	$0.092\,903\,0$	
kilowatt hour	kWh	$3.6 \times 10^6$ exactly	
erg	erg	$10^{-7}$ exactly	
kilogram force metre	kgf.m	$9.806\,65$ exactly	
foot pound force	ft.lbf	$1.355\,82$	
horse power	hp	$745.700$	1 hp = $550 \text{ ft.lbf/s}$
metric horse power	—	$735.499$	1 metric horse power = $75 \text{ kgf.m/s}$
foot pound force per pound	ft.lbf/lb	$2.989\,0$	The work done per unit of mass

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TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

Sl No.	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
27	Heat quantity	$Q$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	joule	J
28	Heat flow rate	$\Phi$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	watt	W
29	Density of heat flow rate	$\phi$	$MT^{-2}$	watt per square metre	$W/m^2$
30	Heat transfer capacity (heat load)	$\Phi_k$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	watt	W
31	Refrigerating capacity	$\Phi_c$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	watt	W
32	Efficiency	$\eta$	—	—	—
33	Indicated efficiency	$\eta_i$	—	—	—
34	Mechanical efficiency	$\eta_m$	—	—	—
35	Volumetric efficiency	$\eta_v$	—	—	—

DIMENSIONS AND UNITS— *Contd*

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
international kilocalorie	kcal <sub>IT</sub>	4 186.8 exactly	1 kWh = 859.845 kcal <sub>IT</sub>
kilocalorie 15°C	kcal <sub>15</sub>	4 185.5	In the refrigeration field the unit 'frigorie', (fg) is also used, corresponding to an extraction of 1 kcal <sub>15</sub> from the body to be cooled
British thermal unit	Btu	1 055.06	1 kcal <sub>15</sub> = 3.968 Btu
international kilocalorie per hour	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /h	1.163 exactly	
British thermal unit per hour	Btu/h	0.293 071	
international kilocalorie per hour square metre	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /(h.m <sup>2</sup> )	1.163 exactly	
British thermal unit per hour square foot	Btu/(h.ft <sup>2</sup> )	3.154 59	
international kilocalorie per hour	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /h	1.163 exactly	Heat flow rate rejected to the hot body from a refrigerating machine
kilocalorie at 15°C per hour	kcal <sub>15</sub> /h	1.162 6	
British thermal unit per hour	Btu/h	0.293 071	
frigorie per hour	fg/h	1.162 6	1 fg/h = 1 kcal <sub>15</sub> /h
ton of refrigeration	ton	3 516.85	1 ton of refrigeration = a heat flow rate of 3 023.95 kcal/h or 12 000 Btu/h removed by the refrigerating system from the cold body
—	—	—	
—	—	—	Ratio of the indicated power of a compressor to the ideal power with isothermal compression
—	—	—	Ratio of the indicated power of a compressor to the input power
—	—	—	Ratio of the fluid volume drawn in during the suction time at the suction conditioning to the volume displaced in the cylinder or cylinders of compressor

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TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

Sl No.	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
36	Isentropic efficiency of adiabatic compression	$\eta_a$	—	—	—
37	Isothermal compression efficiency	$\eta_t$	—	—	—
38	Refrigerating performance	$\epsilon, \zeta$	—	—	—
39	Refrigeration capacity per unit volume	$q_v$	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	joule per cubic metre	$J/m^3$
40	Internal energy	$U$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	joule	J
41	Enthalpy	$H$			
42	Free energy	$F$			
43	Free enthalpy	$G$			
44	Energy	$E$			
45	Latent heat of trans- formation	$L$			
46	Specific internal energy	$u$	$L^2T^{-2}$	joule per kilogram	$J/kg$
47	Specific enthalpy	$h$			
48	Specific free energy	$f$			
49	Specific free enthalpy	$g$			
50	Specific energy	$e$			
51	Specific latent heat of transformation	$l$			

DIMENSIONS AND UNITS — *Contd*

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
—	—	—	Ratio of the power of an isentropic compression (reversible adiabatic) to the actual power supplied to the same fluid mass flow rate from the initial to the final state (enthalpies difference)
—	—	—	Ratio of the power with reversible isothermal compression to the actual power supplied to the same fluid mass flow rate from the initial to the final state
international kilocalorie per watt hour	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /Wh	1.163	Ratio of the refrigerating capacity to the absorbed power (for a cycle, a machine, a compressor, etc)
British thermal unit per horse power hour	Btu/hp.h	0.000 393	
British thermal unit per watt hour	Btu/Wh	0.293	
Ton of refrigeration per horse power	Ton/hp	4.716	
frigorie per kilocalorie	fg/kcal		
international kilocalorie per cubic metre	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>	4 186.8 exactly	Ratio of the refrigerating capacity to the volume flow rate in a clearly defined condition
{ international kilocalorie British thermal unit	{ kcal <sub>IT</sub> Btu	{ 4 186.8 exactly 1 055.06	$E = (H - H_e) - T_e (S - S_e)$ Also called "vaporization enthalpy difference", "fusion enthalpy difference", "latent heat", etc. The type of transformation should be indicated in each case
{ international kilocalorie per kilogram British thermal unit per pound	{ kcal <sub>IT</sub> kg Btu/lb	{ 4 186.8 exactly 2 326 exactly	

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TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

Sl No.	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
52	Specific humidity	$x$	—	—	—
53	Relative humidity	$\varphi$	—	—	—
54	Saturation ratio	$\Phi$	—	—	—
55	Entropy	$S$	$ML^2T^{-2}K^{-1}$	joule per Kelvin degree	$J/^{\circ}K$
56	Specific entropy	$s$	$L^2T^{-2}K^{-1}$	joule per kilogram Kelvin degree	$J/(kg.^{\circ}K)$
57	Heat capacity	$C$	$ML^2T^{-2}K^{-1}$	joule per Celsius degree	$J/deg$
58	Specific heat capacity	$c$	$L^2T^{-2}K^{-1}$	joule per kilogram degree	$J/(kg.deg)$
59	Specific heat capacity at constant pressure	$c_p$			
60	Specific heat capacity at constant volume	$c_v$			
61	Specific heat capacities ratio	$\gamma, \kappa$	—	—	—

DIMENSIONS AND UNITS — *Contd*

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
—	—	—	Ratio of the mass of moisture in humid air to the mass of dry air present in the mixture
—	—	—	Ratio of the water vapour partial pressure to the saturation pressure of pure water vapour at the same temperature
—	—	—	Ratio of the actual specific humidity to the specific humidity of saturated air at the same temperature
NOTE — For temperatures less than 0°C the values in general apply to pure water ice. If it is concerning sub-cooled water the symbols are to be qualified by a particular index.			
{ international kilocalorie per Kelvin degree British thermal unit per Rankine degree	kcal <sub>IT</sub> /°K	4 186.8 exactly	
	Btu/°R	1 899 exactly	
{ international kilocalorie per kilogram Kelvin degree British thermal unit per pound Rankine degree	kcal <sub>IT</sub> / (kg.°K)	4 186.8 exactly	
	Btu/(lb.°R)	4 186.8 exactly	
{ international kilocalorie per degree British thermal unit per degree Fahrenheit	kcal <sub>IT</sub> / deg	4 186.8 exactly	
	Btu/°F	1 899 exactly	
{ international kilocalorie per kilogram degree British thermal unit per pound degree Fahrenheit	kcal <sub>IT</sub> / (kg.deg)	4 186.8 exactly	This quantity is not completely defined if the type of transformation is not specified
	Btu/ (lb.degF)	4 186.8 exactly	
—	—	—	$\gamma \cdot x = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$

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TABLE 1 QUANTITIES, SYMBOLS,

Sl No	QUANTITY	SYMBOL	DIMENSION	SI UNITS	
				Name	Symbol
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
62	Thermal conductivity	$\lambda$	$MLT^{-2}\theta^{-1}$	watt per metre degree	$W/(m.deg)$
63	Equivalent conductivity	$\lambda_e$			
64	Convection coefficient of heat transfer	$K$	$MT^{-2}\theta^{-1}$	watt per square metre degree	$W/(m^2 deg)$
65	Overall coefficient of heat transfer				
66	Thermal diffusivity	$\alpha$	$L^2T^{-1}$	square metre per second	$m^2/s$

**DIMENSIONS AND UNITS — Contd**

OTHER UNITS		CONVERSION FACTOR	DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS
Name	Symbol		
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
{ international kilocalorie per hour metre degree	{ kcal <sub>IT</sub> / (h.m.deg)	{ 1.163 exactly	$\lambda_e = \frac{d}{\sum \left( \frac{d_i}{\lambda_i} \right)}$ where $d$ is the total thickness of a wall, and $d_i$ and $\lambda_i$ the thicknesses and conducti- vities of the wall com- ponents
{ British thermal unit per hour foot degree Fahrenheit	{ Btu/(h.ft. degF)	{ 1.730 73	
{ international kilocalorie per hour square metre degree	{ kcal <sub>IT</sub> / (h.m <sup>2</sup> deg)	{ 1.163 exactly	
{ British thermal unit per hour square foot degree Fahrenheit	{ Btu/(h.ft <sup>2</sup> degF)	{ 5.678	
square metre per hour	m <sup>2</sup> /h	0.000 278	$a = \lambda / c\rho$
square foot per hour	ft <sup>2</sup> /h	0.000 025 8	

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# INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI UNITS)

## Base Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL
Length	metre	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
Luminous intensity	candela	cd
Amount of substance	mole	mol

## Supplementary Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL
Plane angle	radian	rad
Solid angle	steradian	sr

## Derived Units

QUANTITY	UNIT	SYMBOL	DEFINITION
Force	newton	N	1 N = 1 kg.m/s <sup>2</sup>
Energy	joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	1 T = 1 Wb/m <sup>2</sup>
Frequency	hertz	Hz	1 Hz = 1 c/s (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	V	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	1 Pa = 1 N/m <sup>2</sup>

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