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### Dedication

On the occasion of the publication of the tenth edition of *Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, we note that this is also the eightieth anniversary of the publication of the first edition. The Editors and publisher proffer this brief dedication to all those who have been instrumental in the realization of the goals set forth by Lionel S. Marks in the preface to the first edition.

First, we honor the memory of the deceased Editors, Lionel S. Marks and Theodore Baumeister. Lionel S. Marks' concept of a *Mechanical Engineers' Handbook* came to fruition with the publication of the first edition in 1916; Theodore Baumeister followed as Editor with the publication of the sixth edition in 1958.

Second, we are indebted to our contributors, past and present, who so willingly mined their expertise to gather material for inclusion in the Handbook, thereby sharing it with others, far and wide.

Third, we acknowledge our wide circle of readers—engineers and others—who have used the Handbook in the conduct of their work and, from time to time, have provided cogent commentary, suggestions, and expressions of loyalty.

### **Preface to the First Edition\***

This Handbook is intended to supply both the practicing engineer and the student with a reference work which is authoritative in character and which covers the field of mechanical engineering in a comprehensive manner. It is no longer possible for a single individual or a small group of individuals to have so intimate an acquaintance with any major division of engineering as is necessary if critical judgment is to be exercised in the statement of current practice and the selection of engineering data. Only by the cooperation of a considerable number of specialists is it possible to obtain the desirable degree of reliability. This Handbook represents the work of fifty specialists.

Each contributor is to be regarded as responsible for the accuracy of his section. The number of contributors required to ensure sufficiently specialized knowledge for all the topics treated is necessarily large. It was found desirable to enlist the services of thirteen specialists for an adequate handling of the "Properties of Engineering Materials." Such topics as "Automobiles," "Aeronautics," "Illumination," "Patent Law," "Cost Accounting," "Industrial Buildings," "Corrosion," "Air Conditioning," "Fire Protection," "Prevention of Accidents," etc., though occupying relatively small spaces in the book, demanded each a separate writer.

A number of the contributions which deal with engineering practice, after examination by the Editor-in-Chief, were submitted by him to one or more specialists for criticism and suggestions. Their cooperation has proved of great value in securing greater accuracy and in ensuring that the subject matter does not embody solely the practice of one individual but is truly representative.

An accuracy of four significant figures has been assumed as the desirable limit; figures in excess of this number have been deleted, except in special cases. In the mathematical tables only four significant figures have been kept.

The Editor-in-Chief desires to express here his appreciation of the spirit of cooperation shown by the Contributors and of their patience in submitting to modifications of their sections. He wishes also to thank the Publishers for giving him complete freedom and hearty assistance in all matters relating to the book from the choice of contributors to the details of typography.

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### Preface to the Tenth Edition

In the preparation of the tenth edition of "Marks," the Editors had two major continuing objectives. First, to modernize and update the contents as required, and second, to hold to the high standard maintained for eighty years by the previous Editors, Lionel S. Marks and Theodore Baumeister.

The Editors have found it instructive to leaf through the first edition of *Marks' Handbook* and to peruse its contents. Some topics still have currency as we approach the end of the twentieth century; others are of historical interest only. Certainly, the passage of 80 years since the publication of the first edition sends a clear message that "things change"!

The replacement of the U.S. Customary System (USCS) of units by the International System (SI) is still far from complete, and proceeds at different rates not only in the engineering professions, but also in our society in general. Accordingly, duality of units has been retained, as appropriate.

Established practice combined with new concepts and developments are the underpinnings of our profession. Among the most significant and far-reaching changes are the incorporation of microprocessors into many tools and devices, both new and old. An ever-increasing number of production processes are being automated with robots performing dull or dangerous jobs.

Workstations consisting of personal computers and a selection of software seemingly without limits are almost universal. Not only does the engineer have powerful computational and analytical tools at hand, but also those same tools have been applied in diverse areas which appear to have no bounds. A modern business or manufacturing entity without a keyboard and a screen is an anomaly.

The Editors are cognizant of the competing requirements to offer the user a broad spectrum of information that has been the hallmark of the Marks' Handbook since its inception, and yet to keep the size of the one volume within reason. This has been achieved through the diligent efforts and cooperation of contributors, reviewers, and the publisher.

Last, the Handbook is ultimately the responsibility of the Editors. Meticulous care has been exercised to avoid errors, but if any are inadvertently included, the Editors will appreciate being so informed so that corrections can be incorporated in subsequent printings of this edition.

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## Symbols and Abbreviations

For symbols of chemical elements, see Sec. 6; for abbreviations applying to metric weights and measures and SI units, Sec. 1; SI unit prefixes are listed on p. 1-19.

Pairs of parentheses, brackets, etc., are frequently used in this work to indicate corresponding values. For example, the statement that "the cost per kW of a 30,000-kW plant is \$86; of a 15,000-kW plant, \$98; and of an 8,000-kW plant, \$112," is condensed as follows: The cost per kW of a 30,000 (15,000) [8,000]-kW plant is \$86 (98) [112].

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A or Å	Angstrom unit = $10^{-10}$ m; $3.937 \times 10^{-11}$ in	ANSI	American National Standards Institute
А	mass number = $N + Z$ ; ampere	antilog	antilogarithm of
AA	arithmetical average	API	Am. Petroleum Inst.
AAA	Am. Automobile Assoc.	approx	approximately
AAMA	American Automobile Manufacturers' Assoc.	APWA	Am. Public Works Assoc.
AAR	Assoc. of Am. Railroads	AREA	Am. Railroad Eng. Assoc.
AAS	Am. Astronautical Soc.	ARI	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Inst.
ABAI	Am. Boiler & Affiliated Industries	ARS	Am. Rocket Soc.
abs	absolute	ASCE	Am. Soc. of Civil Engineers
a.c.	aerodynamic center	ASHRAE	Am. Soc. of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning
a-c, ac	alternating current		Engineers
ACI	Am. Concrete Inst.	ASLE	Am. Soc. of Lubricating Engineers
ACM	Assoc. for Computing Machinery	ASM	Am. Soc. of Metals
ACRMA	Air Conditioning and Refrigerating Manufacturers Assoc.	ASME	Am. Soc. of Mechanical Engineers
ACS	Am. Chemical Soc.	ASST	Am. Soc. of Steel Treating
ACSR	aluminum cable steel-reinforced	ASTM	Am. Soc. for Testing and Materials
ACV	air cushion vehicle	ASTME	Am. Soc. of Tool & Manufacturing Engineers
A.D.	anno Domini (in the year of our Lord)	atm	atmosphere
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission (U.S.)	Auto. Ind.	Automotive Industries (New York)
a-f, af	audio frequency	avdp	avoirdupois
AFBMA	Anti-friction Bearings Manufacturers' Assoc.	avg, ave	average
AFS	Am. Foundrymen's Soc.	AWG	Am. Wire Gage
AGA	Am. Gas Assoc.	AWPA	Am. Wood Preservation Assoc.
AGMA	Am. Gear Manufacturers' Assoc.	AWS	American Welding Soc.
ahp	air horsepower	AWWA	American Water Works Assoc.
AlChE	Am. Inst. of Chemical Engineers	b	barns
AIEE	Am. Inst. of Electrical Engineers (see IEEE)	bar	barometer
AIME	Am. Inst. of Mining Engineers	B&S	Brown & Sharp (gage); Beams and Stringers
AIP	Am. Inst. of Physics	bbl	barrels
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.	B.C.	before Christ
AISE	Am. Iron & Steel Engineers	B.C.C.	body centered cubic
AISI	Am. Iron and Steel Inst.	Bé	Baumé (degrees)
a.m.	ante meridiem (before noon)	B.G.	Birmingham gage (hoop and sheet)
a-m, am	amplitude modulation	bgd	billions of gallons per day
Am. Mach.	Am. Machinist (New York)	BHN	Brinnell Hardness Number
AMA	Acoustical Materials Assoc.	bhp	brake horsepower
AMCA	Air Moving & Conditioning Assoc., Inc.	BLC	boundary layer control
amu	atomic mass unit	B.M.	board measure; bench mark
AN	ammonium nitrate (explosive); Army-Navy Specification	bmep	brake mean effective pressure
AN-FO	ammonium nitrate-fuel oil (explosive)	B of M.	Bureau of Mines
ANC	Army-Navy Civil Aeronautics Committee	BuMines	Durouu or minto
ANS	Am. Nuclear Soc.	BOD	biochemical oxygen demand
11110	min mucical 500.	505	oroenenneur oxygen demand

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bp	boiling point	d-c, dc	direct current
Bq	bequerel	def	definition
bsfc	brake specific fuel consumption	deg	degrees
BSI	British Standards Inst.	diam. (dia)	diameter
Btu	British thermal units	DO	dissolved oxygen
Btuh, Btu/h	Btu per hr	$D_2O$	deuterium (heavy water)
bu	bushels	d.p.	double pole
Bull.	Bulletin	DP	Diametral pitch
Buweaps	Bureau of Weapons, U.S. Navy	DPH	diamond pyramid hardness
BWG	Birmingham wire gage	DST	daylight saving time
c	velocity of light	$d^2$ tons	breaking strength, $d =$ chain wire diam, in.
°C	degrees Celsius (centigrade)	DX	direct expansion
c	coulomb	e	-
			base of Napierian logarithmic system (= 2.7182 +)
CAB	Civil Aeronautics Board	EAP	equivalent air pressure
CAGI	Compressed Air & Gas Inst.	EDR	equivalent direct radiation
cal	calories	EEI	Edison Electric Inst.
C-B-R	chemical, biological & radiological (filters)	eff	efficiency
CBS	Columbia Broadcasting System	e.g.	exempli gratia (for example)
cc, cm <sup>3</sup>	cubic centimeters	ehp	effective horsepower
CCR	critical compression ratio	EHV	extra high voltage
c to c	center to center	El. Wld.	Electrical World (New York)
cd	candela	elec	electric
c.f.	centrifugal force	elong	elongation
cf.	confer (compare)	emf	electromotive force
cfh, ft <sup>3</sup> /h	cubic feet per hour	Engg.	Engineering (London)
cfm, ft <sup>3</sup> /min	cubic feet per minute	Engr.	The Engineer (London)
C.F.R.	Cooperative Fuel Research	ENT	emergency negative thrust
cfs, ft <sup>3</sup> /s	cubic feet per second	EP	extreme pressure (lubricant)
		ERDA	
cg	center of gravity	EKDA	Energy Research & Development Administration (successor
cgs	centimeter-gram-second	F	to AEC; see also NRC)
Chm. Eng.	Chemical Eng'g (New York)	Eq.	equation
chu	centrigrade heat unit	est	estimated
C.I.	cast iron	etc.	et cetera (and so forth)
cir	circular	et seq.	et sequens (and the following)
cir mil	circular mils	eV	electron volts
cm	centimeters	evap	evaporation
CME	Chartered Mech. Engr. (IMechE)	exp	exponential function of
C.N.	cetane number	exsec	exterior secant of
coef	coefficient	ext	external
COESA	U.S. Committee on Extension to the Standard Atmosphere	°F	degrees Fahrenheit
col	column	F	farad
colog	cologarithm of	FAA	Federal Aviation Agency
-	constant	F.C.	fixed carbon. %
const			
cos	cosine of	FCC	Federal Communications Commission; Federal Constructive
$\cos^{-1}$	angle whose cosine is, inverse cosine of	FOO	Council
cosh	hyperbolic cosine of	F.C.C.	face-centered-cubic (alloys)
cosh <sup>-1</sup>	inverse hyperbolic cosine of	ff.	following (pages)
cot	cotangent of	fhp	friction horsepower
cot <sup>-1</sup>	angle whose cotangent is (see $\cos^{-1}$ )	Fig.	figure
coth	hyperbolic cotangent of	F.I.T.	Federal income tax
coth <sup>-1</sup>	inverse hyperbolic cotangent of	f-m, fm	frequency modulation
covers	coversed sine of	F.O.B.	free on board (cars)
c.p.	circular pitch; center of pressure	FP	fore perpendicular
ср	candle power	FPC	Federal Power Commission
ср	coef of performance	fpm, ft/min	feet per minute
CP	chemically pure	fps	foot-pound-second system
CPH	close packed hexagonal	ft/s	feet per second
cpm,	cycles per minute	F.S.	Federal Specifications
-	cycles per minute	FSB	Federal Specifications Board
cycles/min	cycles per second	fsp	fiber saturation point
cps, cycles/s		-	
CSA	Canadian Standards Assoc.	ft	feet
csc	cosecant of	fc ~	foot candles
csc <sup>-1</sup>	angle whose cosecant is (see $\cos^{-1}$ )	fL	foot lamberts
csch	hyperbolic cosecant of	ft · lb	foot-pounds
csch <sup>-1</sup>	inverse hyperbolic cosecant of	g	acceleration due to gravity
cu	cubic	g	grams
cyl	cylinder	gal	gallons
db, dB	decibel	gc	gigacycles per sec
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GCA	ground-controlled approach
g•cal	gram-calories
gd	Gudermannian of
G.E. GEM	General Electric Co.
GEM GFI	ground effect machine gullet feed index
G.M.	General Motors Co.
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GNP	gross national product
gpcd	gallons per capita day
gpd	gallons per day; grams per denier
gpm, gal/min	gallons per minute
gps, gal/s	gallons per second
gpt	grams per tex
Н	henry
h	Planck's constant = $6.624 \times 10^{-27}$ erg-sec
ħ	Planck's constant, $\hbar = h/2\pi$
HEPA	high efficiency particulate matter
h-f, hf	high frequency
hhv	high heat value
horiz	horizontal
hp	horsepower
h-p	high-pressure
HPAC	Heating, Piping, & Air Conditioning (Chicago)
hp•hr hr, h	horsepower-hour hours
HSS	high speed steel
H.T.	heat-treated
HTHW	high temperature hot water
Hz	hertz = 1 cycle/s (cps)
IACS	International Annealed Copper Standard
IAeS	Institute of Aerospace Sciences
ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
ICE	Inst. of Civil Engineers
ICI	International Commission on Illumination
I.C.T.	International Critical Tables
I.D., ID	inside diameter
i.e.	id est (that is)
IEC IEEE	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	Inst. of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (successor to AIEE, $q, v$ .)
IES	Illuminating Engineering Soc.
i-f, if	intermediate frequency
IGT	Inst. of Gas Technology
ihp	indicated horsepower
IMechE	Inst. of Mechanical Engineers
imep	indicated mean effective pressure
Imp	Imperial
in., in	inches
in. • lb,	inch-pounds
in · lb	
INA	Inst. of Naval Architects
Ind. & Eng.	Industrial & Eng'g Chemistry (Easton, PA)
Chem. int	internal
i-p, ip	intermediate pressure
ipm, in/min	inches per minute
ipr	inches per revolution
IPS	iron pipe size
IRE	Inst. of Radio Engineers (see IEEE)
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
isoth	isothermal
ISTM	International Soc. for Testing Materials
IUPAC	International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry
J	joule

J&P	inists and planks
Jour.	joists and planks Journal
JP	jet propulsion fuel
k	isentropic exponent; conductivity
K	degrees Kelvin (Celsius abs)
K	Knudsen number
kB	kilo Btu (1000 Btu)
kc	kilocycles
kcps	kilocycles per sec kilograms
kg kg · cal	kilogram-calories
kg · m	kilogram-meters
kip	1000 lb or 1 kilo-pound
kips	thousands of pounds
km	kilometers
kmc	kilomegacycles per sec
kmcps	kilomegacycles per sec
kpsi ksi	thousands of pounds per sq in one kip per sq in, 1000 psi (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )
kts	knots
kVA	kilovolt-amperes
kW	kilowatts
kWh	kilowatt-hours
L	lamberts
1, L	litres
£	Laplace operational symbol
lb L.B.P.	pounds length between perpendiculars
L.B.F. lhv	low heat value
lim	limit
lin	linear
ln	Napierian logarithm of
loc. cit.	loco citato (place already cited)
log	common logarithm of
LOX	liquid oxygen explosive
l-p, lp LPG	low pressure
lpw, lm/W	liquified petroleum gas lumens per watt
lx	lux
L.W.L.	load water line
lm	lumen
m	metres
М	thousand; Mach number; moisture, %
mA Maaku	milliamperes
<i>Machy</i> . max	Machinery (New York) maximum
MBh	thousands of Btu per hr
mc	megacycles per sec
m.c.	moisture content
Mcf	thousand cubic feet
mcps	megacycles per sec
Mech. Eng.	Mechanical Eng'g (ASME)
mep METO	mean effective pressure maximum, except during take-off
me V	million electron volts
MF	maintenance factor
mhc	mean horizontal candles
mi	mile
MIL-STD	U.S. Military Standard
min	minutes; minimum
mip MKS	mean indicated pressure meter-kilogram-second system
MKSA	meter-kilogram-second system meter-kilogram-second-ampere system
mL	millilamberts
ml, mL	millilitre = $1.000027 \text{ cm}^3$
mlhc	mean lower hemispherical candles
mm	millimetres
mm-free	mineral matter free

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mmf	magnetomotive force	psi, lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb per sq in
mol	mole	psia	lb per sq in. abs
mp	melting point	psig	lb per sq in. gage
MPC	maximum permissible concentration	pt	point; pint
mph, mi/h	miles per hour	PVC	polyvinyl chloride
MRT	mean radiant temperature	Q	10 <sup>18</sup> Btu
ms	manuscript; milliseconds	qt	quarts
	mean spherical candles	-	•
msc		q.v.	quod vide (which see)
MSS	Manufacturers Standardization Soc. of the Valve & Fittings	r	roentgens
	Industry	R	gas constant
Mu	micron, micro	R	deg Rankine (Fahrenheit abs); Reynolds number
MW	megawatts	rad	radius; radiation absorbed dose; radian
MW day	megawatt day	RBE	see rem
MWT	mean water temperature	R-C	resistor-capacitor
n	polytropic exponent	RCA	Radio Corporation of America
N	number (in mathematical tables)	R&D	research & development
			-
N	number of neutrons; newton	RDX	cyclonite, a military explosive
N <sub>s</sub>	specific speed	rem	Roentgen equivalent man (formerly RBE)
NA	not available	rev	revolutions
NAA	National Assoc. of Accountants	r-f, rf	radio frequency
NACA	National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (see NASA)	RMA	Rubber Manufacturers Assoc.
NACM	National Assoc. of Chain Manufacturers	rms	square root of mean square
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	rpm, r/min	revolutions per minute
	natural		revolutions per second
nat.		rps, r/s	1
NBC	National Broadcasting Company	RSHF	room sensible heat factor
NBFU	National Board of Fire Underwriters	ry.	railway
NBS	National Bureau of Standards	S	entropy
NCN	nitrocarbonitrate (explosive)	S	seconds
NDHA	National District Hearing Assoc.	S	sulfur, %; siemens
NEC®	National Electric Code <sup>®</sup> (National Electrical Code <sup>®</sup> and	SAE	Soc. of Automotive Engineers
	NEC® are registered trademarks of the National Fire Protec-	sat	saturated
	tion Association, Inc., Quincy, MA.)	SBI	steel Boiler Inst.
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Assoc.	scfm	standard cu ft per min
NFPA	National Fire Protection Assoc.	SCR	silicon controlled rectifier
NLGI	National Lubricating Grease Institute	sec	secant of
nm	nautical miles	sec <sup>-1</sup>	angle whose secant is (see $\cos^{-1}$ )
No. (Nos.)	number(s)	Sec.	Section
NPSH	net positive suction head	sech	hyperbolic secant of
NRC	Nuclear Regulator Commission (successor to AEC; see also	sech-1	inverse hyperbolic secant of
inte	ERDA)	segm	segment
NITTO		0	5
NTP	normal temperature and pressure	SE No.	steam emulsion number
0.D., OD	outside diameter (pipes)	sfc	specific fuel consumption, lb per hphr
O.H.	open-hearth (steel)	sfm, sfpm	surface feet per minute
O.N.	octane number	shp	shaft horsepower
op. cit.	opere citato (work already cited)	SI	International System of Units (Le Système International
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration		d'Unites)
OSW	Office of Saline Water	sin	sine of
OTS	Office of Technical Services, U.S. Dept. of Commerce	sin <sup>-1</sup>	angle whose sine is (see $\cos^{-1}$ )
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oz	ounces	sinh	hyperbolic sine of
p. (pp.)	page (pages)	sinh <sup>-1</sup>	inverse hyperbolic sine of
Pa	pascal	SME	Society of Manufacturing Engineers (successor
P.C.	propulsive coefficient		to ASTME)
PE	polyethylene	SNAME	Soc. of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
PEG	polyethylene glycol	SP	static pressure
P.E.L.	proportional elastic limit	sp	specific
		-	specification
PETN	an explosive	specif	1
pf	power factor	sp gr	specific gravity
PFI	Pipe Fabrication Inst.	sp ht	specific heat
PIV	peak inverse voltage	spp	species unspecified (botanical)
p.m.	post meridiem (after noon)	SPS	standard pipe size
PM	preventive maintenance	sq	square
P.N.	performance number	sr	steradian
	parts per billion	SSF	sec Saybolt Furol
ppb	• •		•
PPI	plan position indicator	SSU	seconds Saybolt Universal (same as SUS)
ppm	parts per million	std	standard
	pressure	SUS	Saybolt Universal seconds (same as SSU)
press	pressure		
press Proc.	Proceedings	SWG	Standard (British) wire gage
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TAC	Technical Advisory Committee on Weather Design Condi-	USS	United States Standard
	tions (ASHRAE)	USSG	U.S. Standard Gage
tan	tangent of	UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
tan <sup>-1</sup>	angle whose tangent is (see $\cos^{-1}$ )	V	volt
tanh	hyperbolic tangent of	VCF	visual comfort factor
tanh <sup>-1</sup>	inverse hyperbolic tangent of	VCI	visual comfort index
TDH	total dynamic head	VDI	Verein Deutscher Ingenieure
TEL	tetraethyl lead	vel	velocity
temp	temperature	vers	versed sine of
THI	temperature-humidity (discomfort) index	vert	vertical
thp	thrust horsepower	VHF	very high frequency
TNT	trinitrotoluol (explosive)	VI	viscosity index
torr	= 1  mm Hg = 1.332  millibars (1/760)  atm	viz.	videlicet (namely)
	= (1.013250/760) dynes per cm <sup>2</sup>	V.M.	volatile matter, %
TP	total pressure	vol	volume
tph	tons per hour	VP	velocity pressure
tpi	turns per in	vs.	versus
TR	transmitter-receiver	W	watt
Trans.	Transactions	Wb	weber
T.S.	tensile strength; tensile stress	W&M	Washburn & Moen wire gage
tsi	tons per sq in	w.g.	water gage
ttd	terminal temperature difference	WHO	World Health Organization
UHF	ultra high frequency	W.I.	wrought iron
UKAEA	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority	W.P.A.	Western Pine Assoc.
UL	Underwriters' Laboratory	wt	weight
ult	ultimate	yd	yards
UMS	universal maintenance standards	Y.P.	yield point
USAF	U.S. Air Force	yr	year(s)
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard	Y.S.	yield strength; yield stress
USCS	U.S. Commercial Standard; U.S. Customary System	z	atomic number; figure of merit
USDA	U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Zeit.	Zeitschrift
USFPL	U.S. Forest Products Laboratory	$\Delta$	mass defect
USGS	U.S. Geologic Survey	μc	microcurie
USHEW	U.S. Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare	$\sigma$ , s	Boltzmann constant
USN	U.S. Navy	$\mu$	micro (= $10^{-6}$ ), as in $\mu$ s
USP	U.S. Pharmacopoeia	$\mu$ m	micrometer (micron) = $10^{-6}$ m ( $10^{-3}$ mm)
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service	Ω	ohm

#### MATHEMATICAL SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

+	plus (sign of addition)	+ ≠	not equal to
+	positive	$\rightarrow \doteq$	approaches
-	minus (sign of subtraction)	x	varies as
-	negative	00	infinity
$\pm (\mp)$	plus or minus (minus or plus)	√_	square root of
×	times, by (multiplication sign)	3√	cube root of
•	multiplied by	.:	therefore
÷	sign of division		parallel to
/	divided by	() [] {}	parentheses, brackets and braces; quantities enclosed by them
:	ratio sign, divided by, is to		to be taken together in multiplying, dividing, etc.
::	equals, as (proportion)	$\overline{AB}$	length of line from A to B
<	less than	$\pi$	pi ( $= 3.14159^+$ )
>	greater than	0	degrees
~	much less than	'	minutes
$\gg$	much greater than	"	seconds
=	equals	$\angle$	angle
=	identical with	dx	differential of x
~	similar to	$\Delta$	(delta) difference
~	approximately equals	$\Delta x$	increment of x
≅	approximately equals, congruent	$\partial u/\partial x$	partial derivative of $u$ with respect to $x$
≤	qual to or less than	ſ	integral of
≥	equal to or greater than		

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$\int^{a}$	integral of, between limits a and b	4!  x	factorial 4 = 4 $\times$ 3 $\times$ 2 $\times$ 1 absolute value of <i>x</i>
$ \begin{array}{l}       f_{b} \\       \int \\       \Sigma \\       f(x), F(x) \\       exp \ x = e^{x} \\       \nabla \\       \nabla^{2} \\       \pounds \end{array} $	line integral around a closed path (sigma) summation of functions of $x$ [ $e = 2.71828$ (base of natural, or Napierian, logarithms)] del or nabla, vector differential operator Laplacian operator Laplace operational symbol	$\vec{x}$ $\vec{x}$ $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$	first derivative of x with respect to time second derivative of x with respect to time vector product; magnitude of A times magnitude of B times sine of the angle from A to B; $AB \sin \overline{AB}$ scalar product; magnitude of A times magnitude of B times cosine of the angle from A to B; $AB \cos \overline{AB}$