

DECIMAL MULTIPLES AND SUBMULTIPLES

Although the SI units are preferred, it is not practical for everyday use to limit usage to only use SI units and therefore their decimal multiples and submultiples will also be used. These are formed by using the following prefixes:

<i>FACTOR BY WHICH THE UNIT IS MULTIPLIED</i>	<i>PREFIX</i>	<i>SYMBOL</i>
10^{12}	ter	T
10^9	giga	G
10^6	mega	M
10^3	kilo	k
10^2	hecto	h
10	deca	da
10^{-1}	deci	d
10^{-2}	centi	c
10^{-3}	milli	m
10^{-6}	micro	μ
10^{-9}	nano	n
10^{-12}	pico	p
10^{-15}	femto	f
10^{-18}	atto	a