

## Fact Sheet: Equations, Constants, &amp; Conversions

Equations

$^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{5}{9}(\text{F} - 32)$	$\text{K} = \text{C} + 273$	$T = \alpha m_W \bar{v}^2$	$T(z) = T_s - \frac{6.5}{1000}z$
$\text{PE} = mgz$	$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$	$E = \sigma T^4$	$\rho(z) = \rho_s e^{-z/8000}$
$\lambda_{max} = \frac{2897}{T}$	$\Delta Q = Cm\Delta T$	$\Delta Q = mL$	$P(z) = P_s e^{-z/8000}$
$P = 2.87\rho T$	$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta z} = -\rho g$	$MR = \frac{m \text{ of H}_2\text{O}}{m \text{ of air}}$	$\theta = T \left( \frac{1000}{P} \right)^{0.2859}$
$*F_{pg} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta d}$	$*F_{co} = 2\Omega v \sin \phi$	$*F_{cf} = \frac{v^2}{r}$	$T_e = T + \frac{L_v}{C_p} MR$
$D = \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta y}$	$\zeta_r = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta y}$	$T_v = \frac{T}{1 - \frac{e}{P}(1 - \epsilon)}$	$\theta_e = T_e \left( \frac{1000}{P} \right)^{0.2859}$

 $m$  = mass $T$  = temperature $P$  = pressure $\Delta d$  = change in location $m_W$  = molecular weight $P_s$  = surface pressure $\theta$  = potential temp. $PE$  = potential energy $g$  = gravitational accel. $\lambda$  = wavelength $\rho$  = density $L$  = latent heat $T_s$  = surface temperature $\Delta P$  = change in pressure $MR$  = mixing ratio $KE$  = kinetic energy $z$  = height $\Delta Q$  = change in energy $F$  = force $\phi$  = latitude angle $\bar{v}$  = average velocity $\Delta z$  = change in height $D$  = divergence $T_e$  = equivalent temp. $T_v$  = virtual temp. $v$  = velocity $C$  = specific heat $\alpha$  = thermal constant $r$  = radius of curvature $\rho_s$  = surface density $E$  = irradiance $\zeta_r$  = relative vorticity $\theta_e$  = equiv. pot. temp. $e$  = vapor pressure\* - The forces  $F_{pg}$ ,  $F_{co}$ , and  $F_{cf}$  are per one unit of mass.General Constants

$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ K}^4)$

$\Omega = 7.29 \times 10^{-5} \text{ radians/sec}$

$C \text{ of dry air} = 0.24 \text{ cal}/(\text{gram } ^{\circ}\text{C})$

density of air (surface) =  $1.22 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$

$g = 9.8 \text{ m}/\text{sec}^2$

Solar Constant =  $1367 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$

$\alpha = 4.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K sec}^2/\text{m}^2$

Earth radius =  $6378 \text{ km}$

Water Related Constants

latent heat ( $L$ ) of fusion =  $80 \text{ cal}/\text{gram}$

latent heat ( $L$ ) of evaporation =  $600 \text{ cal}/\text{gram}$

density of liquid water =  $1 \text{ gram}/\text{cm}^3$

specific heat ( $C$ ) of pure water =  $1 \text{ cal}/(\text{gram } ^{\circ}\text{C})$

specific heat ( $C$ ) of ice =  $0.50 \text{ cal}/(\text{gram } ^{\circ}\text{C})$   $\epsilon = \mathcal{R}_d/\mathcal{R}_v = 0.622$

Conversions

1 m/sec = 2.22 mi/hr

1 N = 1 kg · m/sec<sup>2</sup>

1 knot = 1.15 mi/hr

1 kg = 2.2 lb

1 mb = 100 N/m<sup>2</sup>

1 J = 1 N·m

1 cal = 4.186 J

1 W = 1 J/sec

1 Pa = 1 N/m<sup>2</sup>

1 m = 3.28 ft

1 in = 2.54 cm