

# CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CHEMICAL KINETICS

## Equivalent second order rate constants

A	B	$\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$(\text{mm Hg})^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{ppm}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$	$\text{m}^2 \text{ kN}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	1	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.604 \times 10^{-5} T^{-1}$	$1.219 \times 10^{-2} T^{-1}$	$2.453 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.203 \times 10^{-4} T^{-1}$	
$1 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$10^3$	1	$10^{-3}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.604 \times 10^{-2} T^{-1}$	$12.19 T^{-1}$	$2.453 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.203 \times 10^{-1} T^{-1}$	
$1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$10^6$	$10^3$	1	$1.66 \times 10^{-18}$	$16.04 T^{-1}$	$1.219 \times 10^4 T^{-1}$	$2.453 \times 10^{-3}$	$120.3 T^{-1}$	
$1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$6.023 \times 10^{23}$	$6.023 \times 10^{20}$	$6.023 \times 10^{17}$	1	$9.658 \times 10^{18} T^{-1}$	$7.34 \times 10^{21} T^{-1}$	$1.478 \times 10^{15}$	$7.244 \times 10^{18} T^{-1}$	
$1 (\text{mm Hg})^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$6.236 \times 10^4 T$	$62.36 T$	$6.236 \times 10^{-2} T$	$1.035 \times 10^{-19} T$	1	760	$4.56 \times 10^{-2}$	7.500	
$1 \text{ atm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$82.06 T$	$8.206 \times 10^{-2} T$	$8.206 \times 10^{-5} T$	$1.362 \times 10^{-22} T$	$1.316 \times 10^{-3}$	1	$6 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.869 \times 10^{-3}$	
$1 \text{ ppm}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1} =$ at 298 K, 1 atm total pressure	$4.077 \times 10^6$	$4.077 \times 10^3$	407.7	$6.76 \times 10^{-16}$	21.93	$1.667 \times 10^4$	1	164.5	
$1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ kN}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$8314 T$	$8.314 T$	$8.314 \times 10^{-3} T$	$1.38 \times 10^{-20} T$	0.1333	101.325	$6.079 \times 10^{-3}$	1	

To convert a rate constant from one set of units A to a new set B find the conversion factor for the row A under column B and multiply the old value by it, e.g. to convert  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  to  $\text{m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  multiply by  $6.023 \times 10^{17}$ .

Table adapted from High Temperature Reaction Rate Data No. 5, The University, Leeds (1970).

## Equivalent third order rate constants

A	B	$\text{cm}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{dm}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{m}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$(\text{mm Hg})^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{atm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\text{ppm}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$	$\text{m}^4 \text{ kN}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
$1 \text{ cm}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	1	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-12}$	$2.76 \times 10^{-48}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-10} T^{-2}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-4} T^{-2}$	$1.003 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.447 \times 10^{-6} T^{-2}$	
$1 \text{ dm}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$10^6$	1	$10^{-6}$	$2.76 \times 10^{-42}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-4} T^{-2}$	$148 T^{-2}$	$1.003 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.447 \times 10^{-1} T^{-2}$	
$1 \text{ m}^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$10^{12}$	$10^6$	1	$2.76 \times 10^{-36}$	$257 T^{-2}$	$1.48 \times 10^4 T^{-2}$	$1.003 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.447 \times 10^4 T^{-2}$	
$1 \text{ cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$3.628 \times 10^{47}$	$3.628 \times 10^{41}$	$3.628 \times 10^{35}$	1	$9.328 \times 10^{37} T^{-2}$	$5.388 \times 10^{43} T^{-2}$	$3.64 \times 10^{28}$	$5.248 \times 10^{38} T^{-2}$	
$1 (\text{mm Hg})^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$3.89 \times 10^8 T^2$	$3.89 \times 10^3 T^2$	$3.89 \times 10^{-3} T^2$	$1.07 \times 10^{-38} T^2$	1	$5.776 \times 10^5$	$3.46 \times 10^{-5}$	56.25	
$1 \text{ atm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$6.733 \times 10^3 T^2$	$6.733 \times 10^{-3} T^2$	$6.733 \times 10^{-9} T^2$	$1.86 \times 10^{-44} T^2$	$1.73 \times 10^{-6}$	1	$6 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.74 \times 10^{-5}$	
$1 \text{ ppm}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1} =$ at 298 K, 1 atm total pressure	$9.97 \times 10^{18}$	$9.97 \times 10^{12}$	$9.97 \times 10^6$	$2.75 \times 10^{-29}$	$2.89 \times 10^4$	$1.667 \times 10^{10}$	1	$1.623 \times 10^6$	
$1 \text{ m}^4 \text{ kN}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} =$	$6.91 \times 10^7 T^2$	$6.91 T^2$	$69.1 \times 10^{-3} T^2$	$1.904 \times 10^{-40} T^2$	0.0178	$1.027 \times 10^4$	$6.16 \times 10^{-7}$	1	

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