

## WERB "cheat sheet"

For complete SI and usage information: <http://physics.nist.gov/Pubs/SP811/contents.html>

**1) Don't forget the commercial product disclaimer** (necessary if names of commercial enterprises are mentioned, e.g., *Keithley Instruments*):

Long version:

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Short version:

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**2) Don't forget to give an explanation of what uncertainties/error bars represent** (e.g.,  $1\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$ , 95 % confidence interval, etc.) For example, in the text describing a figure add a statement that says: *Error bars represent  $\pm 1\sigma$ .*

Some Common Errors	Correct Way
10 wt (mol/at) %	a mass fraction (mole fraction/atomic fraction) of 10 %
hyphens to indicate ranges, e.g., 3-5 nm	3 nm to 5 nm, or (3 to 5) nm
A=B+C	A = B + C (spaces needed.)
Spaces before units and %: 5kg, 10%	5 kg, 10 %
~ to represent "approx."	$\approx$
ppm (except for NMR), ppb, etc.	$\mu\text{g/g}$ , etc.
M for molarity - not SI	mol/L
Å - "strongly discouraged"	nm (but Å has been ruled OK for div. 856!)

**NIST requires us to replace cgs (emu) with SI units (even though the former may be commonly used). Some useful conversions are given below.**

Magnetic field intensity:  $H$

1 Oe =  **$(1000/4\pi)$  A/m** (Note: If your graph axis is labeled  $H$  (Oe), it may be easier to change it to  $\mu_0 H$ , because then, for example, 1000 Oe converts to 0.1 T.)

Magnetic flux density:  $B$

( Note: in cgs:  $B = H + 4\pi M$ . In this formula,  $B$  and  $M$  have the same units, G, while  $H$  is in Oe. But in SI:  $B = \mu_0(H+M)$ , where  $\mu_0 = 4\pi 10^{-7}$  N/A<sup>2</sup>, so  $H$  and  $M$  have the same units.)

1 G =  **$10^{-4}$  T**

Magnetic moment:  $m$

1 emu = 1 G cm<sup>3</sup> =  **$10^{-3}$  A m<sup>2</sup>**

Volume magnetization  $M$  (magnetic mom. per unit vol. :  $m/V$ ) Note that from this definition that  $M$  is measured in 1 emu/cm<sup>3</sup> = 1 G.

$M = \text{emu/cm}^3 = \mathbf{10^3 \text{ A/m}}$

Mass magnetization  $\sigma$  (magnetic moment per unit mass)

$\sigma = 1 \text{ emu/g} = \mathbf{1 \text{ A m}^2/\text{kg}}$  (Note that  $\sigma = M/\rho$ , where  $\rho$  = density (mass/volume). )

Volume magnetic susceptibility  $\kappa = M/H$ : dimensionless in both cgs and SI.

$\kappa = \text{emu}/(\text{Oe cm}^3) = [\text{dimensionless}], \mathbf{1 \text{ emu}/(\text{Oe cm}^3) = 4\pi (\text{A/m})/(\text{A/m}) = 4\pi}$

Mass magnetic susceptibility  $\chi = \sigma/H$   $\mathbf{1 \text{ emu}/(\text{g Oe}) = 4\pi 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}}$

Molar magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_m = M V_m/H$ , where  $V_m$  is the volume per gram mole.  $\mathbf{1 \text{ emu}/(\text{mol Oe}) = 4\pi 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{mol}}$