

Additional Problems for Dimensional Analysis

Geology 1P

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Work the following problems using dimensional analysis/factor label method. You absolutely must show your work! Feel free to express your answers in scientific notation. You will need to!

1. You're going 44 meters/second. How fast are you going in miles/hour?

$$44 \frac{m}{s} \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1.6 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) =$$

$$\frac{44 \times 1 \times 1 \times 60 \times 60}{(1000 \times 1.6 \times 1 \times 1)} = \frac{158,400}{1600} = \boxed{99 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hr}}}$$

2. How many liters are there in a bottle that holds 128 ounces of milk?

$$128 \text{ oz} \left(\frac{29.57 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ oz}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} \right) = \frac{(128 \times 29.57 \times 1)}{(1 \times 1000)} =$$

$$\frac{3784.96}{1000} = \boxed{3.78 \text{ L}}$$

3. How many seconds are in one year?

$$1 \text{ year} \left(\frac{365.25 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ year}} \right) \left(\frac{24 \text{ hr}}{1 \text{ day}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} \right) =$$

$$\boxed{31,557,600 \text{ sec}}$$

4. If there are approximately 6 trillion (6×10^{12}) miles in one light year, how far away is a star that is 430 light years? Express your answer in kilometers

$$430 \left(\frac{6 \times 10^{12} \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ light year}} \right) \left(\frac{1.6 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mile}} \right) = 4.128 \times 10^{15} \text{ km}$$

$$\boxed{4,128,000,000,000,000 \text{ km}}$$

5. The Earth (here in La Cañada) rotates at a rate of about 1,000 miles/hour. How fast is this in micrometers/second?

$$1000 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hr}} \left(\frac{1.6 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mile}} \right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) \left(\frac{1,000,000 \mu\text{m}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}} \right) =$$

$$\frac{(1000 \times 1.6 \times 1000 \times 1,000,000 \times 1 \times 1)}{(1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 60 \times 60)} = \frac{1600000000000}{3600} = 444444444.444 \frac{\mu\text{m}}{\text{sec}} = 4.444444444 \times 10^8 \frac{\mu\text{m}}{\text{sec}}$$