

Important Boiling Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 14 Important Boiling Formulas

1) Correlation for Heat Flux proposed by Mostinski Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$h_b = 0.00341 \cdot (P_c)^{2.3} \cdot (T_e)^{2.33} \cdot (P_r)^{0.566}$$

Example with Units

$$110240.4213 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} = 0.00341 \cdot (5.9 \text{ Pa})^{2.3} \cdot (10^\circ\text{C})^{2.33} \cdot (1.1)^{0.566}$$

2) Critical Heat Flux by Zuber Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$q_{\text{Max}} = \left(0.149 \cdot L_V \cdot \rho_V \cdot \left(\frac{(\sigma \cdot [g]) \cdot (\rho_L - \rho_V)}{\rho_V^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$58.1713 \text{ W/m}^2 = \left(0.149 \cdot 19 \text{ J/mol} \cdot 0.5 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \left(\frac{(72.75 \text{ N/m} \cdot 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2) \cdot (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 - 0.5 \text{ kg/m}^3)}{0.5 \text{ kg/m}^3^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

3) Excess Temperature in Boiling Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$T_{\text{excess}} = T_{\text{surface}} - T_{\text{Sat}}$$

$$297 \text{ K} = 670 \text{ K} - 373 \text{ K}$$



4) Heat Flux in Fully Developed Boiling State for Higher Pressures Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$q_{\text{rate}} = 283.2 \cdot A \cdot \left((\Delta T_x)^3 \right) \cdot \left((p_{\text{HT}})^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$150.3508 \text{ W} = 283.2 \cdot 5 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left((2.25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})^3 \right) \cdot \left((3\text{E-}8 \text{ MPa})^{\frac{4}{3}} \right)$$

5) Heat Flux in Fully Developed Boiling State for Pressure upto 0.7 Megapascal Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$q_{\text{rate}} = 2.253 \cdot A \cdot \left((\Delta T_x)^{3.96} \right)$$

$$279.495 \text{ W} = 2.253 \cdot 5 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left((2.25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})^{3.96} \right)$$

6) Heat Transfer Coefficient for Forced Convection Local Boiling Inside Vertical Tubes Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$h = \left(2.54 \cdot \left((\Delta T_x)^3 \right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{p}{1.551}\right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$29.0456 \text{ W/m}^2\text{ }^\circ\text{C} = \left(2.54 \cdot \left((2.25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})^3 \right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{0.00607 \text{ MPa}}{1.551}\right) \right)$$

7) Heat Transfer Coefficient given Biot Number Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$h_{\text{transfer}} = \frac{\text{Bi} \cdot k}{\ell}$$

$$4.4678 \text{ W/m}^2\text{ }^\circ\text{K} = \frac{2.19 \cdot 10.18 \text{ W/(m}^\circ\text{K)}}{4.99 \text{ m}}$$

8) Modified Heat of Vaporization Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$\lambda = \left(h_{\text{fg}} + (c_{\text{pv}}) \cdot \left(\frac{T_w - T_{\text{Sat}}}{2} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2636 \text{ J/kg} = \left(2260 \text{ J/kg} + (23.5 \text{ J/(kg}^\circ\text{K)}) \cdot \left(\frac{405 \text{ K} - 373 \text{ K}}{2} \right) \right)$$



9) Modified Heat Transfer Coefficient under Influence of Pressure Formula

Formula

$$h_p = (h_1) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{p_s}{p_1} \right)^{0.4} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$44.9539 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K} = (10.9 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{3.5 \text{ Pa}}{0.101325 \text{ Pa}} \right)^{0.4} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Radiation Heat Transfer Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$h_r = \left(\frac{[\text{Stefan-Boltz}] \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \left(\left(T_w \right)^4 - \left(T_{\text{Sat}} \right)^4 \right)}{T_w - T_{\text{Sat}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$12.7051 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K} = \left(\frac{5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 0.95 \cdot \left(\left(405 \text{ K} \right)^4 - \left(373 \text{ K} \right)^4 \right)}{405 \text{ K} - 373 \text{ K}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Radius of Vapour Bubble in Mechanical Equilibrium in Superheated Liquid Formula

Formula

$$r = \frac{2 \cdot \sigma \cdot [R] \cdot (T_{\text{Sat}})^2}{p_1 \cdot L_v \cdot (T_1 - T_{\text{Sat}})}$$

Example with Units

$$0.1415 \text{ m} = \frac{2 \cdot 72.75 \text{ N/m} \cdot 8.3145 \cdot (373 \text{ K})^2}{200000 \text{ Pa} \cdot 19 \text{ J/mol} \cdot (686 \text{ K} - 373 \text{ K})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Saturated Temperature given Excess Temperature Formula

Formula

$$T_{\text{Sat}} = T_{\text{surface}} - T_{\text{excess}}$$

Example with Units

$$373 \text{ K} = 670 \text{ K} - 297 \text{ K}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Surface Temperature given Excess Temperature Formula

Formula

$$T_{\text{surface}} = T_{\text{Sat}} + T_{\text{excess}}$$

Example with Units

$$670 \text{ K} = 373 \text{ K} + 297 \text{ K}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Formula

$$h_T = h_{FB} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{h_{FB}}{h_{transfer}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + h_r$$

Example with Units











$$5449.994 \text{ W/m}^2\text{*K} = 921 \text{ W/m}^2\text{*K} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{921 \text{ W/m}^2\text{*K}}{4.476 \text{ W/m}^2\text{*K}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + 12.70 \text{ W/m}^2\text{*K}$$







Variables used in list of Boiling Formulas above

- **A** Area (Square Meter)
- **Bi** Biot Number
- **c_{pv}** Specific Heat of Water Vapor (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **h** Heat Transfer Coefficient for Forced Convection (Watt per Square Meter per Celcius)
- **h_1** Heat Transfer Coefficient at Atmospheric Pressure (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_b** Heat Transfer Coefficient For Nucleate Boiling (Watt per Square Meter per Celcius)
- **h_{FB}** Heat Transfer Coefficient in Film Boiling Region (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_{fg}** Latent Heat of Vaporization (Joule per Kilogram)
- **h_p** Heat Transfer Coefficient at Some Pressure P (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_r** Radiation Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **h_T** Total Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **$h_{transfer}$** Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- **k** Thermal Conductivity (Watt per Meter per K)
- **L_v** Enthalpy of Vaporization of Liquid (Joule Per Mole)
- **p** System Pressure in Vertical Tubes (Megapascal)
- **p_1** Standard Atmospheric Pressure (Pascal)
- **P_c** Critical Pressure (Pascal)
- **P_{HT}** Pressure (Megapascal)
- **P_1** Pressure of Superheated Liquid (Pascal)
- **P_r** Reduced Pressure
- **p_s** System Pressure (Pascal)
- **q_{Max}** Critical Heat Flux (Watt per Square Meter)
- **q_{rate}** Rate of Heat Transfer (Watt)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Boiling Formulas above

- **constant(s): [g]**, 9.80665
Gravitational acceleration on Earth
- **constant(s): [Stefan-Boltz]**, 5.670367E-8
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant
- **constant(s): [R]**, 8.31446261815324
Universal gas constant
- **Functions: exp**, exp(Number)
n an exponential function, the value of the function changes by a constant factor for every unit change in the independent variable.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature** in Celsius ($^{\circ}C$), Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m^2)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa), Megapascal (MPa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature Difference** in Degree Celsius ($^{\circ}C$)
Temperature Difference Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Conductivity** in Watt per Meter per K ($W/(m*K)$)
Thermal Conductivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Heat Capacity** in Joule per Kilogram per K ($J/(kg*K)$)
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m^2)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Transfer Coefficient** in Watt per Square Meter per Celcius ($W/m^{2*^{\circ}C}$), Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin (W/m^{2*K})
Heat Transfer Coefficient Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Surface Tension** in Newton per Meter (N/m)
Surface Tension Unit Conversion 



- r **Radius of Vapor Bubble** (Meter)
- T_e **Excess Temperature in Nucleate Boiling** (Celsius)
- T_{excess} **Excess Temperature in Heat Transfer** (Kelvin)
- T_1 **Temperature of Superheated Liquid** (Kelvin)
- T_{Sat} **Saturation Temperature** (Kelvin)
- T_{surface} **Surface Temperature** (Kelvin)
- T_w **Plate Surface Temperature** (Kelvin)
- ΔT_x **Excess Temperature** (Degree Celsius)
- ϵ **Emissivity**
- λ **Modified Heat of Vaporization** (Joule per Kilogram)
- ρ_L **Density of Liquid** (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- ρ_v **Density of Vapor** (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- σ **Surface Tension** (Newton per Meter)
- l **Thickness of Wall** (Meter)
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m^3)
Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Latent Heat** in Joule per Kilogram (J/kg)
Latent Heat Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Energy Per Mole** in Joule Per Mole (J/mol)
Energy Per Mole Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Rate of Heat Transfer** in Watt (W)
Rate of Heat Transfer Unit Conversion 



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