

# Important Porosity of Soil Sample Formulas PDF



**Formulas**  
**Examples**  
**with Units**

## List of 10 Important Porosity of Soil Sample Formulas

### 1) Air Content given Percentage Air Voids in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$a_c = \frac{n_a}{\eta}$$

Example

$$1.2 = \frac{0.6}{0.5}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2) Dry Unit Weight Given Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{dry} = (1 - \eta) \cdot G_s \cdot \gamma_w$$

Example with Units

$$12.9982 \text{ kN/m}^3 = (1 - 0.5) \cdot 2.65 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3) Porosity given Dry Unit Weight in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\eta = 1 - \left( \frac{\gamma_{dry}}{G_s \cdot \gamma_w} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.5003 = 1 - \left( \frac{12.99 \text{ kN/m}^3}{2.65 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 4) Porosity given Percentage Air Voids in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \frac{n_a}{a_c}$$

Example

$$0.5 = \frac{0.6}{1.20}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 5) Porosity given Saturated Unit Weight in Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\eta_s = \frac{\gamma_{sat} - (G \cdot \gamma_w)}{\gamma_w} \cdot (1 - G)$$

Example with Units

$$1.3448 = \frac{17854 \text{ N/m}^3 - (2.64 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3)}{9810 \text{ N/m}^3} \cdot (1 - 2.64)$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 6) Porosity given Void Ratio Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \frac{e}{1 + e}$$

Example

$$0.5455 = \frac{1.2}{1 + 1.2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 7) Porosity of Soil Sample Formula

Formula

$$\eta = \frac{V_{\text{void}}}{V_t}$$

Example with Units

$$0.12 = \frac{6 \text{ m}^3}{50 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) Saturated Unit Weight given Porosity Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{\text{sat}} = (G \cdot \gamma_w \cdot (1 - \eta)) + (\gamma_w \cdot \eta)$$

Example with Units

$$17854.2 \text{ N/m}^3 = (2.64 \cdot 9810 \text{ N/m}^3 \cdot (1 - 0.5)) + (9810 \text{ N/m}^3 \cdot 0.5)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) Total Volume of Soil given Porosity of Soil Sample Formula

Formula

$$V_t = \left( \frac{V_{\text{void}}}{\eta_v} \right) \cdot 100$$

Example with Units

$$24 \text{ m}^3 = \left( \frac{6 \text{ m}^3}{25} \right) \cdot 100$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) Volume of Voids Porosity of Soil Sample Formula

Formula

$$V_{\text{void}} = \frac{\eta_v \cdot V_t}{100}$$

Example with Units

$$12.5 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{25 \cdot 50 \text{ m}^3}{100}$$



Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Porosity of Soil Sample Formulas above

- $a_c$  Air Content
- $e$  Void Ratio
- $G$  Specific Gravity of Soil Solids
- $G_s$  Specific Gravity of Soil
- $n_a$  Percentage of Air Voids
- $V_t$  Volume of Soil Sample (*Cubic Meter*)
- $V_{void}$  Volume of Voids in Soil Mechanics (*Cubic Meter*)
- $\gamma_{dry}$  Dry Unit Weight (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- $\gamma_{sat}$  Saturated Unit Weight (*Newton per Cubic Meter*)
- $\gamma_w$  Unit Weight of Water in Soil Mechanics (*Newton per Cubic Meter*)
- $\eta$  Porosity in Soil Mechanics
- $\eta_s$  Porosity of Soil
- $\eta_v$  Porosity Volume Percent

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Porosity of Soil Sample Formulas above

- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter ( $m^3$ )  
*Volume Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter ( $kN/m^3$ ), Newton per Cubic Meter ( $N/m^3$ )  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion* 



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