

Important Conduction, Convection and Radiation Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 13 Important Conduction, Convection and Radiation Formulas

1) Black Bodies Heat Exchange by Radiation Formula

Formula

$$q = \varepsilon \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot A_{cs} \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$77.7041 \text{ W/m}^2 = 0.95 \cdot 5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 41 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (101.01 \text{ K}^4 - 91.114 \text{ K}^4)$$

2) Convective Processes Heat Transfer Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$q = h_t \cdot (T_w - T_{aw})$$

Example with Units

$$77.7005 \text{ W/m}^2 = 13.2 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot (305 \text{ K} - 299.1136 \text{ K})$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Critical Thickness of Insulation for Cylinder Formula

Formula

$$r_c = \frac{k_o}{h_t}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7712 \text{ m} = \frac{10.18 \text{ W/(m}^2 \cdot \text{K)}}{13.2 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Heat Exchange by Radiation due to Geometric Arrangement Formula

Formula

$$q = \varepsilon \cdot A_{cs} \cdot [\text{Stefan-BoltZ}] \cdot SF \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$77.7042 \text{ W/m}^2 = 0.95 \cdot 41 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 1.000001 \cdot (101.01 \text{ K}^4 - 91.114 \text{ K}^4)$$

5) Heat Transfer Formula

Formula

$$Q_c = \frac{T_{vd}}{R_{th}}$$

Example with Units

$$48.1005 \text{ W} = \frac{0.3367035 \text{ K}}{0.007 \text{ K/W}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6) Heat Transfer According to Fourier's Law Formula

Formula

$$Q_c = - \left(k_o \cdot A_s \cdot \frac{\Delta T}{L} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$48.1005 \text{ w} = - \left(10.18 \text{ w/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 0.1314747 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \frac{-105 \text{ K}}{2.92166 \text{ m}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Heat Transfer by Conduction at Base Formula

Formula

$$Q_{\text{fin}} = \left(k_o \cdot A_{\text{cs}} \cdot P_f \cdot h \right)^{0.5} \cdot \left(t_o - t_a \right)$$

Example with Units

$$6498.2461 \text{ w} = \left(10.18 \text{ w/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 41 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.046 \text{ m} \cdot 30.17 \text{ w/m}^2\text{K} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \left(573 \text{ K} - 303 \text{ K} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Newton's Law of Cooling Formula

Formula

$$q = h_t \cdot \left(T_w - T_f \right)$$

Example with Units

$$77.7 \text{ w/m}^2 = 13.2 \text{ w/m}^2\text{K} \cdot \left(305 \text{ K} - 299.113636 \text{ K} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Non Ideal Body Surface Emittance Formula

Formula

$$e = \varepsilon \cdot [\text{Stefan-Boltz}] \cdot T_w^4$$

Example with Units

$$466.1591 \text{ w/m}^2 = 0.95 \cdot 5.7\text{E-}8 \cdot 305 \text{ K}^4$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) One Dimensional Heat Flux Formula

Formula

$$q = - \frac{k_o}{t} \cdot \left(T_{w2} - T_{w1} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$77.7099 \text{ w/m}^2 = - \frac{10.18 \text{ w/(m}^2\text{K)}}{0.131 \text{ m}} \cdot \left(299 \text{ K} - 300 \text{ K} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Thermal Conductivity given Critical Thickness of Insulation for Cylinder Formula

Formula

$$k_o = r_c \cdot h_o$$

Example with Units

$$10.18 \text{ w/(m}^2\text{K)} = 0.771212 \text{ m} \cdot 13.2000021 \text{ w/m}^2\text{K}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Thermal Resistance in Conduction Formula

Formula

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{L}{k_o \cdot A_{\text{cs}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.007 \text{ K/W} = \frac{2.92166 \text{ m}}{10.18 \text{ w/(m}^2\text{K)} \cdot 41 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Thermal Resistance in Convection Heat Transfer Formula

Formula

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{1}{A_e \cdot h_{\text{Co}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.007 \text{ K/W} = \frac{1}{11.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 12.870012 \text{ w/m}^2\text{K}}$$










Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Conduction, Convection and Radiation Formulas above

- A_{CS} Cross Sectional Area (Square Meter)
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- A_e Exposed Surface Area (Square Meter)
- A_s Surface Area of Heat Flow (Square Meter)
- e Real Surface Radiant Surface Emittance (Watt per Square Meter)
- h Convective Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- h_{CO} Coefficient of Convective Heat Transfer (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- h_o Heat Transfer Coefficient at Outer Surface (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- h_t Heat Transfer Coefficient (Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin)
- k_o Thermal Conductivity of Fin (Watt per Meter per K)
- L Thickness of The Body (Meter)
- P_f Perimeter of the Fin (Meter)
- q Heat Flux (Watt per Square Meter)
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- Q_c Heat Flow Through a Body (Watt)
- Q_{fin} Rate of Conductive Heat Transfer (Watt)
- r_c Critical Thickness of Insulation (Meter)
- R_{th} Thermal Resistance (Kelvin per Watt)
- SF Shape Factor
- t Wall Thickness (Meter)
- T_1 Temperature of Surface 1 (Kelvin)
- T_2 Temperature of Surface 2 (Kelvin)
- t_a Ambient Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_{aw} Recovery Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_f Temperature of Characteristic Fluid (Kelvin)
- t_o Base Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_{vd} Thermal Potential Difference (Kelvin)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Conduction, Convection and Radiation Formulas above









- **constant(s): [Stefan-Boltz]**, 5.670367E-8 Stefan-Boltzmann Constant
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Temperature Difference** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Difference Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Resistance** in Kelvin per Watt (K/W)
Thermal Resistance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Conductivity** in Watt per Meter per K (W/(m*K))
Thermal Conductivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m²)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Transfer Coefficient** in Watt per Square Meter per Kelvin (W/m²K)
Heat Transfer Coefficient Unit Conversion 



- T_w Surface Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_w Surface Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_{w1} Temperature of Wall 1 (Kelvin)
- T_{w2} Temperature of Wall 2 (Kelvin)
- ΔT Temperature Difference (Kelvin)
- ε Emissivity



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