INDEX OF REFRACTION OF AIR

This is a table of the index of refraction n of dry air at 15°C and a pressure of 101.325 kPa and containing 0.045% by volume of carbon dioxide ("standard air"). The index of refraction is defined by $n = \lambda_{vac}/\lambda_{air}$ where λ is the wavelength of the radiation. The index is calculated from the expression

$$(n-1) \times 10^8 = 8342.54 + 2406147(130 - \sigma^2)^{-1} + 15998(38.9 - \sigma^2)^{-1}$$

where $\sigma = 1/\lambda_{vac}$ and λ_{vac} has units of μm. The equation is valid for λ_{vac} from 200 nm to 2 μm. The table also gives the correction $(n-1)\lambda_{air}$ which must be added to the wavelength in air to obtain λ_{vac}.

If the air is at a temperature t in °C (ITS-90) and a pressure p in pascals, a value of $(n - 1)$ from this table should be multiplied by

$$p[1 + p(60.1 - 0.972t) \times 10^{-10}]/96095.43(1 + 0.003661t)$$

References

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λ_{vac}	$(n-1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{vac} - \lambda_{air}$	λ_{vac}	$(n-1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{vac} - \lambda_{air}$	λ_{vac}	$(n-1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{vac} - \lambda_{air}$
200 nm	32409	0.06480 nm	540	27804	0.15010	880	27462	0.24160
210	31748	0.06665	550	27784	0.15277	890	27458	0.24431
220	31226	0.06868	560	27765	0.15544	900	27454	0.24701
230	30801	0.07082	570	27747	0.15811	910	27449	0.24972
240	30447	0.07305	580	27730	0.16079	920	27445	0.25243
250	30148	0.07535	590	27714	0.16347	930	27441	0.25513
260	29892	0.07769	600	27698	0.16614	940	27437	0.25784
270	29670	0.08009	610	27684	0.16882	950	27434	0.26055
280	29477	0.08251	620	27670	0.17151	960	27430	0.26326
290	29307	0.08497	630	27657	0.17419	970	27427	0.26597
300	29157	0.08745	640	27644	0.17688	980	27423	0.26868
310	29023	0.08995	650	27632	0.17956	990	27420	0.27138
320	28904	0.09247	660	27621	0.18225			
330	28796	0.09500	670	27610	0.18494	1.00 μm	27417	0.0002741
340	28700	0.09755	680	27600	0.18763	1.05	27402	0.0002876
350	28612	0.10011	690	27590	0.19032	1.10	27390	0.0003012
360	28532	0.10269	700	27581	0.19301	1.15	27379	0.0003148
370	28460	0.10527	710	27572	0.19570	1.20	27370	0.0003283
380	28393	0.10786	720	27563	0.19840	1.25	27361	0.0003419
390	28332	0.11046	730	27555	0.20109	1.30	27354	0.0003555
400	28276	0.11307	740	27547	0.20379	1.35	27347	0.0003691
410	28224	0.11569	750	27539	0.20649	1.40	27341	0.0003827
420	28177	0.11831	760	27532	0.20918	1.45	27336	0.0003963
430	28132	0.12094	770	27525	0.21188	1.50	27331	0.0004099
440	28091	0.12357	780	27518	0.21458	1.55	27327	0.0004234
450	28053	0.12620	790	27511	0.21728	1.60	27323	0.0004370
460	28018	0.12885	800	27505	0.21998	1.65	27319	0.0004506
470	27985	0.13149	810	27499	0.22268	1.70	27316	0.0004642
480	27954	0.13414	820	27493	0.22538	1.75	27313	0.0004778
490	27925	0.13679	830	27488	0.22808	1.80	27310	0.0004914
500	27897	0.13945	840	27482	0.23079	1.85	27307	0.0005050
510	27872	0.14211	850	27477	0.23349	1.90	27305	0.0005187
520	27848	0.14477	860	27472	0.23619	1.95	27303	0.0005323
530	27825	0.14743	870	27467	0.23890	2.00	27301	0.0005459