

# ATTENUATION AND SPEED OF SOUND IN AIR AS A FUNCTION OF HUMIDITY AND FREQUENCY

This table gives the attenuation and speed of sound as a function of frequency at various values of relative humidity. All values refer to still air at 20°C.

## References

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Frequency (Hz)	Attenuation (dB/km)	Speed (m/s)
<i>Relative humidity 0%</i>		
20	0.51	343.477
40	1.07	343.514
50	1.26	343.525
63	1.43	343.536
100	1.67	343.550
200	1.84	343.559
400	1.96	343.561
630	2.11	343.562
800	2.27	343.562
1250	2.82	343.562
2000	4.14	343.562
4000	8.84	343.564
6300	14.89	343.565
10000	26.28	343.566
12500	35.81	343.566
16000	52.15	343.567
20000	75.37	343.567
40000	267.01	343.567
63000	644.66	343.567
80000	1032.14	343.567
<i>Relative humidity 30%</i>		
20	0.03	343.807
40	0.11	343.808
50	0.17	343.810
63	0.25	343.810
100	0.50	343.814
200	1.01	343.821
400	1.59	343.826
630	2.24	343.827
800	2.85	343.828
1250	5.09	343.828
2000	10.93	343.829
4000	38.89	343.831
6300	90.61	343.836
10000	204.98	343.846
12500	294.08	343.854
16000	422.51	343.865
20000	563.66	343.877
40000	1110.97	343.911
63000	1639.47	343.924
80000	2083.08	343.929

Frequency (Hz)	Attenuation (dB/km)	Speed (m/s)
<i>Relative humidity 60%</i>		
20	0.02	344.182
40	0.06	344.183
50	0.09	344.183
63	0.15	344.184
100	0.34	344.185
200	0.99	344.190
400	1.94	344.197
630	2.57	344.200
800	2.94	344.201
1250	4.01	344.202
2000	6.55	344.203
4000	18.73	344.204
6300	42.51	344.204
10000	101.84	344.206
12500	155.67	344.208
16000	247.78	344.211
20000	373.78	344.215
40000	1195.37	344.238
63000	2220.64	344.262
80000	2951.71	344.274
<i>Relative humidity 100%</i>		
20	0.01	344.685
40	0.04	344.685
50	0.06	344.685
63	0.09	344.685
100	0.22	344.686
200	0.77	344.689
400	2.02	344.695
630	3.05	344.699
800	3.57	344.701
1250	4.59	344.704
2000	6.29	344.705
4000	13.58	344.706
6300	27.72	344.706
10000	63.49	344.706
12500	96.63	344.707
16000	154.90	344.708
20000	237.93	344.709
40000	884.28	344.718
63000	1973.62	344.731
80000	2913.01	344.742