

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 0.03% by volume of carbon dioxide ("standard air"). The index of refraction is defined by $n = \lambda_{\text{vac}} / \lambda_{\text{air}}$, where λ is the wavelength of the radiation. The index is calculated from the expression:

$$(n - 1) \times 10^8 = 8342.13 + 2406030(130 - \sigma^2)^{-1} + 15997(38.9 - \sigma^2)^{-1}$$

where $\sigma = 1/\lambda_{\text{vac}}$ 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 $(n - 1)\lambda_{\text{air}}$ which must be added to the wavelength in air to obtain λ_{vac} .

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

$$\frac{p[1 + p(61.3 - t) \times 10^{-10}]}{96095.4(1 + 0.003661t)}$$

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λ_{vac}	$(n - 1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{\text{vac}} - \lambda_{\text{air}}$	λ_{vac}	$(n - 1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{\text{vac}} - \lambda_{\text{air}}$	λ_{vac}	$(n - 1) \times 10^8$	$\lambda_{\text{vac}} - \lambda_{\text{air}}$
200 nm	32408	0.0648 nm	540	27803	0.1501	880	27461	0.2416
210	31746	0.0666	550	27782	0.1528	890	27457	0.2443
220	31224	0.0687	560	27763	0.1554	900	27452	0.2470
230	30799	0.0708	570	27745	0.1581	910	27448	0.2497
240	30445	0.0730	580	27728	0.1608	920	27444	0.2524
250	30146	0.0753	590	27712	0.1635	930	27440	0.2551
260	29890	0.0777	600	27697	0.1661	940	27436	0.2578
270	29669	0.0801	610	27682	0.1688	950	27432	0.2605
280	29475	0.0825	620	27669	0.1715	960	27429	0.2632
290	29306	0.0850	630	27656	0.1742	970	27425	0.2660
300	29155	0.0874	640	27643	0.1769	980	27422	0.2687
310	29022	0.0899	650	27631	0.1796	990 nm	27419	0.2714 nm
320	28902	0.0925	660	27620	0.1822			
330	28795	0.0950	670	27609	0.1849	1.00 μm	27416	0.000274 μm
340	28698	0.0975	680	27599	0.1876	1.05	27401	0.000288
350	28611	0.1001	690	27589	0.1903	1.10	27389	0.000301
360	28531	0.1027	700	27579	0.1930	1.15	27378	0.000315
370	28458	0.1053	710	27570	0.1957	1.20	27368	0.000328
380	28392	0.1079	720	27562	0.1984	1.25	27360	0.000342
390	28331	0.1105	730	27553	0.2011	1.30	27352	0.000355
400	28275	0.1131	740	27545	0.2038	1.35	27346	0.000369
410	28223	0.1157	750	27538	0.2065	1.40	27340	0.000383
420	28175	0.1183	760	27530	0.2092	1.45	27334	0.000396
430	28131	0.1209	770	27523	0.2119	1.50	27330	0.000410
440	28090	0.1236	780	27516	0.2146	1.55	27325	0.000423
450	28052	0.1262	790	27510	0.2173	1.60	27321	0.000437
460	28016	0.1288	800	27504	0.2200	1.65	27318	0.000451
470	27983	0.1315	810	27498	0.2227	1.70	27314	0.000464
480	27952	0.1341	820	27492	0.2254	1.75	27311	0.000478
490	27923	0.1368	830	27486	0.2281	1.80	27309	0.000491
500	27896	0.1394	840	27481	0.2308	1.85	27306	0.000505
510	27870	0.1421	850	27476	0.2335	1.90	27304	0.000519
520	27846	0.1448	860	27471	0.2362	1.95	27302	0.000532
530	27824	0.1474	870	27466	0.2389	2.00 μm	27300	0.000546 μm