

List of Abbreviations (GPO Style Manual 1984)

Metric unit letter symbols are set lowercase unless the unit name has derived from a proper name, in which case the first letter of the symbol is capitalized. The exceptions are the letter L for liter and M for million. The same form is used for singular and plural. A space is used between a figure and a unit symbol except in the case of the symbols for degree, minute, and second of plane angle.

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Length

km	kilometer
hm	hectometer
dam	dekameter
m	meter
dm	decimeter
cm	centimeter
mm	millimeter

Area

km ²	square kilometer
hm ²	square hectometer
dam ²	square dekameter
m ²	square meter
dm ²	square decimeter
cm ²	square centimeter
mm ²	square millimeter

Volume

km ³	cubic kilometer
hm ³	cubic hectometer
dam ³	cubic dekameter
m ³	cubic meter
dm ³	cubic decimeter
cm ³	cubic centimeter
mm ³	cubic millimeter

Weight

kg	kilogram
hg	hectogram
dag	dekagram
g	gram
dg	decigram
cg	centigram
mg	milligram
Fg	microgram

Land area

ha	hectare
a	are

Capacity of containers

kL	kiloliter
hL	hectoliter
daL	dekaliter
L	liter
dL	deciliter
cL	centiliter
mL	milliliter

The following forms are used when units of English weight and measure and units of time are abbreviated, the same form of abbreviation being used for both singular and plural:

Length

in.	inch
ft	foot
yd	yard
mi	mile (statute)

Area and volume

in ²	square inch
in ³	cubic inch
mi ²	square mile
ft ³	cubic foot

Time

yr	year
mo	month
d	day
h	hour
min	minute
s	second

Weight

gr	grain
dr	dram
oz	ounce
lb	pound
cwt	hundredweight
dwt	pennyweight
ton(s)	not abbreviated

Capacity

gill(s)	not abbreviated
pt	pint
qt	quart
gal	gallon
pk	peck
bu	bushel
bbL	barrel

Abbreviations not in GPO:

ac	acre
d.b.h.	diameter at breast height
Mg	metric ton (old abbreviation was t)

