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inches (in.)	millimeters (mm)	25.4
feet (ft)	meters (m)	0.305
yards (yd)	meters (m)	0.914
miles (miles)	kilometers (km)	1.61
square inches (sq in.)	square millimeters (mm <sup>2</sup> )	645
square feet (sq ft)	square meters (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.093
square yards (sq yd)	square meters (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.836
square miles (sq miles)	square kilometers (km²)	2.59
acres (acre)	hectares (ha)	0.405
cubic inches (cu in.)	cubic millimeters (mm <sup>3</sup> )	$16.4 \times 10^{3}$
cubic feet (cu ft)	cubic meters (m <sup>3</sup> )	0.028
cubic yards (cu yd)	cubic meters (m <sup>3</sup> )	0.765
pounds mass (lbm)	kilograms (kg)	0.453
tons (ton) mass	kilograms (kg)	907
pound force (lbf)	newtons (N)	4.45
kilograms force (kgf)	newtons (N)	9.81
pounds force per square foot (psf)	pascals (Pa)	47.9
pounds force per square inch (psi)	kilopascals (kPa)	6.89
U.S. gallons (gal)	liters (L)	3.79
acre-feet (acre-ft)	cubic meters (m <sup>3</sup> )	$1.23 \times 10^{3}$