

## Table of Commonly used Abbreviations and Acronyms

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A or amp	ampere
a.m.	<i>ante meridiem</i> , before noon
Assembler	Assembler computer language
atm	standard atmosphere
Ave.	avenue
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
BASIC	BASIC computer language
Blvd.	boulevard
BP	boiling point
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
Btu	British thermal unit
°C	degrees Celsius
cd	candela
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
cm	centimeter
COBOL	COBOL computer language
Corp.	corporation
D	darcy
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DOD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
engg.	engineering
enr.	engineer
e.g.	<i>exempli gratia</i> , for example
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
et al.	<i>et alii</i> , and others
etc.	<i>et cetera</i> , and so forth
°F	degrees Fahrenheit
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
fig.	figure
FORTTRAN	FORTTRAN computer language
ft	foot
gal.	gallon
ha	hectare
h	hour

HP	horsepower
HTML	hypertext markup language
Hz	hertz
i.e.	<i>id est</i> , that is
in	inch
Inc.	incorporated
K	Kelvin
kg	kilogram
kW	kilowatt
kWh	kilowatt-hour
l or L	liter
LAFTA	Latin American Free Trade Association
lb	pound
m	meter
MHz	megahertz
min.	minute
mol	mole
M.S.	Master of Science
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
neg	negative
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NM	nautical mile
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NSF	National Science Foundation
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
p.	page
Pascal	Pascal computer language
Ph.D.	<i>Philosophiae Doctor</i> , Doctor of Philosophy
p.m.	<i>post meridiem</i> , after noon
pos	positive
pp.	pages
pt.	pint
qt.	quart
radar	radio detecting and ranging
RPM	revolutions per minute
scuba	self-contained underwater breathing apparatus
sec. or s	second
sq	square
STP	standard temperature and pressure
temp	temperature
Univ.	university
URL	uniform resource locator
USGS	United States Geological Survey
vol.	volume