

SI Unit Conversions

1. Express each of the following in SI base units using scientific notation:

$$\text{a. } 1 \text{ week} \times \frac{7 \text{ day}}{\text{wk}} \times \frac{24 \text{ h}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{\text{h}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{\text{min}} = \boxed{6.048 \times 10^5 \text{ s}}$$

$$\text{b. } 1.35 \text{ mm} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1000 \text{ mm}} = \boxed{1.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}$$

$$\text{c. } 15 \text{ miles} \times \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{\text{mi}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}} \times \frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{\text{in}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} = \boxed{2.4 \times 10^4 \text{ m}}$$

$$\text{d. } 4.567 \mu\text{s} \times \frac{1 \text{ s}}{10^6 \mu\text{s}} = \boxed{4.567 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}}$$

$$\text{e. } 6.45 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{10^3 \text{ mL}} = \boxed{6.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L}}$$

$$\text{f. } 47 \text{ kg} = 4.7 \times 10^2 \text{ kg}$$

2. The mass unit most commonly used for precious stones is the carat: 1 carat = 3.168 grains, and 1 gram = 15.4 grains. Find the total mass in kilograms (kg) of a ring that contains a 0.50 carat diamond and 7.00 grams of gold.

$$m_{\text{ring}} = m_{\text{Au}} + m_{\text{diamond}}$$

$$m_{\text{diamond}} = 0.50 \text{ k} \times \frac{3.168 \text{ gr}}{1 \text{ k}} \times \frac{1 \text{ g}}{15.4 \text{ gr}} = 0.109 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{ring}} = 7.00 \text{ g} + 0.109 \text{ g} = 7.11 \text{ g} = 0.00711 \text{ kg}$$

3. What is the total mass in grams, expressed in scientific notation with the correct number of significant figures, of a solution containing 2.000 kg of water, 6.5 g of sodium chloride, and 47.546 g of sugar?

$$m_{\text{total}} = 2000 \text{ g} + 6.5 \text{ g} + 47.546 \text{ g} = 2054 \text{ g}$$