

Magnitude and Scientific (Exponential) Notation

1. Convert to scientific notation:

$$100,000, \text{ precise to } \pm 1 \qquad \mathbf{1.00000 \times 10^5}$$

$$\text{ten thousand, precise to } \pm 1000 \qquad \mathbf{1.0 \times 10^4}$$

$$0.000400 \qquad \mathbf{4.00 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$0.0003 \qquad \mathbf{3 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$275.3 \qquad \mathbf{2.753 \times 10^2}$$

2. Convert to exponential notation:

$$175,906 \qquad \mathbf{1.75906 \times 10^5}$$

$$0.0000605 \qquad \mathbf{6.05 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$\text{two and a half million, precise to } \pm 100 \qquad \mathbf{2,500,000 = 2.5000 \times 10^6}$$

$$\text{two and a half billion, precise to } \pm \text{ one million.} \qquad \mathbf{2,500,000,000 = 2.500 \times 10^9}$$

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

$$432 \text{ kg} \qquad \mathbf{4.32 \times 10^2 \text{ kg}}$$

$$624 \text{ ps} \qquad \mathbf{6.24 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}}$$

$$1024 \text{ ng} \qquad \mathbf{1.024 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g}}$$

$$93,000 \text{ km, precise to } \pm 10 \qquad \mathbf{9.300 \times 10^7 \text{ m}}$$

$$1 \text{ day} \qquad 1 \text{ day} \times 24 \frac{\text{h}}{\text{day}} \times 60 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{h}} \times 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}} = 86400 \text{ s} = \boxed{8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s}}$$

$$0.0426 \text{ in.} \qquad 0.0426 \text{ in} \times 2.54 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{in}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} = \boxed{1.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}}$$