# Metric Notation 

## Powers of Ten

## Engineering Notation

## Objectives

Powers of Ten

- Convert decimal numbers to powers of ten and vice versa.

Metric Prefixes

- Convert decimal numbers to metric prefixes and vice versa.

Math Operations

- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide powers of ten.
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide metric prefixes.


# Powers of Ten 

## Coefficient

## Base number

## Exponent

Coefficient: Number that precedes the multiplication sign in a powers of ten equation. If no number is used in the position, the coefficient is 1 .

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 4 \times 10^{2} \\
& 1.2 \times 10^{4} \\
& 5.63 \times 10^{7}
\end{aligned}
$$

Base Number: Determined by the number system you are using. This number is 10 because we are using the decimal numbering system.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 4 \times 10^{2} \\
& 1.2 \times 10^{4} \\
& 5.63 \times 10^{7}
\end{aligned}
$$

Exponent: Represents the number of places the decimal point must be moved to get the final answer.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 4 \times 10^{3}=4.000 \\
& 4 \times 10^{-3}=004
\end{aligned}
$$



Giga Mega kilo - milli micro nano pico

| $10^{9}$ | $10^{6}$ | $10^{3}$ | $10^{-3}$ | $10^{-6}$ | $10^{-9}$ | $10^{-12}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



Convert:
3,000,000
4,700
. 005
6850
725k
to
to
to to
to


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| $10^{9}$ | $10^{6}$ | $10^{3}$ | $10^{-3}$ | $10^{-6}$ | $10^{-9}$ | $10^{-12}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## Convert:



