

Task:

The speed of light in a vacuum is 2.998×10^8 m/s. What is its speed in miles per minute (mi/min)?

Solution:

To convert m/s to mi/min we have to find conversion factor first

$$1 \text{ mile} = 1609.344 \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 1/1609.344 \text{ miles}$$

$$1 \text{ min} = 60 \text{ s}$$

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Let's put mi/min instead of m/s according to equations above

$$\text{m/s} = [1/1609.344 \text{ miles}] / [1/60 \text{ min}]$$

The conversion factor is

$$f = 60 / 1609.344$$

Now we can convert m/s to mi/min

$$V (\text{mi/min}) = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s} \cdot f = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \cdot (60 / 1609.344) = 1.118 \cdot 10^7 \text{ mi/min}$$

Answer: $V = 1.118 \cdot 10^7 \text{ mi/min}$