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List of 21 Thrust Generation Formulas

Thrust Generation ↗

1) Flight Speed given Ideal Thrust ↗

$$fx \quad V = V_e - \frac{T_{ideal}}{m_a}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 111\text{m/s} = 248\text{m/s} - \frac{479.5\text{N}}{3.5\text{kg/s}}$$

2) Flight Speed given Momentum of Ambient Air ↗

$$fx \quad V = \frac{M}{m_a}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 111\text{m/s} = \frac{388.5\text{kg*m/s}}{3.5\text{kg/s}}$$

3) Flight Speed given Ram Drag and Mass Flow Rate ↗

$$fx \quad V = \frac{D_{ram}}{m_a}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 111.1429\text{m/s} = \frac{389\text{N}}{3.5\text{kg/s}}$$

4) Gross thrust ↗

$$fx \quad T_G = m_a \cdot V_e$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 868\text{N} = 3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot 248\text{m/s}$$



5) Gross Thrust Coefficient[Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad C_{Tg} = \frac{T_G}{F_i}$$

$$ex \quad 0.818868 = \frac{868N}{1060N}$$

6) Ideal Thrust given Effective Speed Ratio[Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad T_{ideal} = m_a \cdot V \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \right) - 1 \right)$$

$$ex \quad 479.6564N = 3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot 111\text{m/s} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1}{0.4475} \right) - 1 \right)$$

7) Ideal Thrust of Jet Engine[Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad T_{ideal} = m_a \cdot (V_e - V)$$

$$ex \quad 479.5N = 3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot (248\text{m/s} - 111\text{m/s})$$

8) Mass Flow given Momentum in Ambient Air[Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad m_a = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$ex \quad 3.5\text{kg/s} = \frac{388.5\text{kg*m/s}}{111\text{m/s}}$$

9) Mass Flow Rate given Ideal Thrust[Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad m_a = \frac{T_{ideal}}{V_e - V}$$

$$ex \quad 3.5\text{kg/s} = \frac{479.5N}{248\text{m/s} - 111\text{m/s}}$$



10) Mass Flow Rate given Ram Drag and Flight Speed [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad m_a = \frac{D_{\text{ram}}}{V}$$

$$ex \quad 3.504505 \text{kg/s} = \frac{389 \text{N}}{111 \text{m/s}}$$

11) Momentum of Ambient Air [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad M = m_a \cdot V$$

$$ex \quad 388.5 \text{kg*m/s} = 3.5 \text{kg/s} \cdot 111 \text{m/s}$$

12) Momentum Thrust [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad T_{\text{ideal}} = m_a \cdot ((1 + f) \cdot V_e - V)$$

$$ex \quad 487.312 \text{N} = 3.5 \text{kg/s} \cdot ((1 + 0.009) \cdot 248 \text{m/s} - 111 \text{m/s})$$

13) Ram drag [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad D_{\text{ram}} = m_a \cdot V$$

$$ex \quad 388.5 \text{N} = 3.5 \text{kg/s} \cdot 111 \text{m/s}$$

14) Specific thrust [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad I_{\text{sp}} = V_e - V$$

$$ex \quad 137 \text{m/s} = 248 \text{m/s} - 111 \text{m/s}$$

15) Specific Thrust given Effective Speed Ratio [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad I_{\text{sp}} = V_e \cdot (1 - \alpha)$$

$$ex \quad 137.02 \text{m/s} = 248 \text{m/s} \cdot (1 - 0.4475)$$

16) Thrust given aircraft forward speed, velocity of exhaust [Open Calculator](#)

$$fx \quad T_{\text{ideal}} = m_a \cdot (V_e - V)$$

$$ex \quad 479.5 \text{N} = 3.5 \text{kg/s} \cdot (248 \text{m/s} - 111 \text{m/s})$$



17) Thrust power ↗

$$fx \quad T_P = m_a \cdot V \cdot (V_e - V)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 53.2245\text{kW} = 3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot 111\text{m/s} \cdot (248\text{m/s} - 111\text{m/s})$$

18) Thrust power specific fuel consumption ↗

$$fx \quad TPSFC = \frac{m_f}{T_P}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 2.1\text{kg/h/kW} = \frac{0.0315\text{kg/s}}{54\text{kW}}$$

19) Thrust specific fuel consumption ↗

$$fx \quad TSFC = \frac{f_a}{I_{sp}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 0.015764\text{kg/h/N} = \frac{0.0006}{137.02\text{m/s}}$$

20) Total Thrust given Efficiency and Enthalpy ↗

fx

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$T_{total} = m_a \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{2 \cdot \Delta h_{nozzle} \cdot \eta_{nozzle}} \right) - V + \left(\sqrt{\eta_T \cdot \eta_{transmission} \cdot \Delta h_{turbine}} \right) \right)$$

$$ex \quad 591.9372\text{N} = 3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 12\text{KJ} \cdot .24} \right) - 111\text{m/s} + \left(\sqrt{0.86 \cdot 0.97 \cdot 50\text{KJ}} \right) \right)$$

21) Velocity after Expansion given Ideal Thrust ↗

$$fx \quad V_e = \frac{T_{ideal}}{m_a} + V$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 248\text{m/s} = \frac{479.5\text{N}}{3.5\text{kg/s}} + 111\text{m/s}$$



Variables Used

- C_{Tg} Gross Thrust Coefficient
- D_{ram} Ram Drag (Newton)
- f Fuel Air Ratio
- f_a Fuel to Air Ratio
- F_i Ideal Gross Thrust (Newton)
- I_{sp} Specific Thrust (Meter per Second)
- M Momentum of Ambient Air (Kilogram Meter per Second)
- m_a Mass Flow Rate (Kilogram per Second)
- m_f Fuel Flow Rate (Kilogram per Second)
- T_G Gross Thrust (Newton)
- T_{ideal} Ideal Thrust (Newton)
- T_P Thrust Power (Kilowatt)
- T_{total} Total Thrust (Newton)
- **TPSFC** Thrust Power Specific Fuel Consumption (Kilogram per Hour per Kilowatt)
- **TSFC** Thrust-Specific Fuel Consumption (Kilogram per Hour per Newton)
- V Flight Speed (Meter per Second)
- V_e Exit Velocity (Meter per Second)
- α Effective Speed Ratio
- Δh_{nozzle} Enthalpy Drop in Nozzle (Kilojoule)
- $\Delta h_{turbine}$ Enthalpy Drop in Turbine (Kilojoule)
- η_{nozzle} Nozzle Efficiency
- η_T Turbine Efficiency
- $\eta_{transmission}$ Efficiency of Transmission



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** `sqrt`, `sqrt(Number)`

A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.

- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)

Speed Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Energy** in Kilojoule (kJ)

Energy Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Power** in Kilowatt (kW)

Power Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)

Force Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Second (kg/s)

Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Momentum** in Kilogram Meter per Second (kg*m/s)

Momentum Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption** in Kilogram per Hour per Newton (kg/h/N)

Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** **Specific Fuel Consumption** in Kilogram per Hour per Kilowatt (kg/h/kW)

Specific Fuel Consumption Unit Conversion 



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