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List of 12 Efficiency Metrics Formulas

Efficiency Metrics

1) Change in Kinetic Energy of Jet Engine

$$\text{fx } \Delta KE = \frac{((m_a + m_f) \cdot V_e^2) - (m_a \cdot V^2)}{2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 87.03894\text{KJ} = \frac{((3.5\text{kg/s} + 0.0315\text{kg/s}) \cdot (248\text{m/s})^2) - (3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot (111\text{m/s})^2)}{2}$$

2) Effective speed ratio

$$\text{fx } \alpha = \frac{V}{V_e}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.447581 = \frac{111\text{m/s}}{248\text{m/s}}$$

3) Isentropic Efficiency of Expansion Machine

$$\text{fx } \eta_T = \frac{W_{\text{actual}}}{W_{\text{s,out}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.859504 = \frac{104\text{KJ}}{121\text{KJ}}$$

4) Net work output in simple gas turbine cycle

$$\text{fx } W_{\text{Net}} = C_p \cdot ((T_3 - T_4) - (T_2 - T_1))$$

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$$\text{ex } 57.408\text{KJ} = 1.248\text{kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot ((555\text{K} - 439\text{K}) - (370\text{K} - 300\text{K}))$$



5) Overall Efficiency given Specific Fuel Consumption 

$$\text{fx } \eta_o = \frac{V}{\text{TSFC} \cdot Q}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.612273 = \frac{111\text{m/s}}{0.015\text{kg/h/N} \cdot 43510\text{kJ/kg}}$$

6) Overall Efficiency of Propulsive System 

$$\text{fx } \eta_{O,\text{prop}} = \eta_{\text{th}} \cdot \eta_{\text{transmission}} \cdot \eta_{\text{propulsive}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.03849 = 0.064 \cdot 0.97 \cdot 0.62$$

7) Propulsive efficiency 

$$\text{fx } \eta_{\text{propulsive}} = \frac{T_P}{P}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.620618 = \frac{54\text{kW}}{87.01\text{kW}}$$

8) Propulsive efficiency given aircraft velocity 

$$\text{fx } \eta_{\text{propulsive}} = \frac{2 \cdot V}{V_e + V}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.618384 = \frac{2 \cdot 111\text{m/s}}{248\text{m/s} + 111\text{m/s}}$$

9) Propulsive Efficiency given Effective Speed Ratio 

$$\text{fx } \eta_{\text{propulsive}} = \frac{2 \cdot \alpha}{1 + \alpha}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.618307 = \frac{2 \cdot 0.4475}{1 + 0.4475}$$




10) Propulsive power [Open Calculator !\[\]\(dfbd6b3763a6d1d9afaa974f64e2e4b5_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{fx } P = \frac{1}{2} \cdot ((m_a + m_f) \cdot V_e^2 - (m_a \cdot V^2))$$


ex

$$87.03894\text{kW} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot ((3.5\text{kg/s} + 0.0315\text{kg/s}) \cdot (248\text{m/s})^2 - (3.5\text{kg/s} \cdot (111\text{m/s})^2))$$

11) Thermal Efficiency of Jet Engines given Effective Speed Ratio [Open Calculator !\[\]\(05be7c7a8995decd503647c99211f7c2_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{fx } \eta_{\text{th}} = \frac{V_e^2 \cdot (1 - \alpha^2)}{2 \cdot f \cdot Q}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.062805 = \frac{(248\text{m/s})^2 \cdot (1 - (0.4475)^2)}{2 \cdot 0.009 \cdot 43510\text{kJ/kg}}$$

12) Transmission Efficiency given Output and Input of Transmission [Open Calculator !\[\]\(fe3aebe81acea8d45108cd2768939da7_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{fx } \eta_{\text{transmission}} = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.963636 = \frac{106\text{kW}}{110\text{kW}}$$



Variables Used









- C_p Specific Heat Capacity at Constant Pressure (Kilojoule per Kilogram per K)
- f Fuel Air Ratio
- m_a Mass Flow Rate (Kilogram per Second)
- m_f Fuel Flow Rate (Kilogram per Second)
- P Propulsive Power (Kilowatt)
- P_{in} Transmission Input Power (Kilowatt)
- P_{out} Transmission Output Power (Kilowatt)
- Q Fuel Calorific Value (Kilojoule per Kilogram)
- T_1 Temperature at Inlet of Compressor (Kelvin)
- T_2 Temperature at Exit of Compressor (Kelvin)
- T_3 Temperature at Inlet of Turbine (Kelvin)
- T_4 Temperature at Exit of Turbine (Kelvin)
- T_p Thrust Power (Kilowatt)
- $TSFC$ Thrust-Specific Fuel Consumption (Kilogram per Hour per Newton)
- V Flight Speed (Meter per Second)
- V_e Exit Velocity (Meter per Second)
- W_{actual} Actual Work (Kilojoule)
- W_{Net} Net Work Output (Kilojoule)
- $W_{s,out}$ Isentropic Work Output (Kilojoule)
- α Effective Speed Ratio
- ΔKE Change in Kinetic Energy (Kilojoule)
- η_o Overall Efficiency
- $\eta_{O,prop}$ Propulsive System Overall Efficiency
- $\eta_{propulsive}$ Propulsive Efficiency
- η_T Turbine Efficiency



- η_{th} Thermal Efficiency
- $\eta_{transmission}$ Efficiency of Transmission



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **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: Specific Heat Capacity** in Kilojoule per Kilogram per K (kJ/kg*K)
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Second (kg/s)
Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Energy** in Kilojoule per Kilogram (kJ/kg)
Specific Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption** in Kilogram per Hour per Newton (kg/h/N)
Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption Unit Conversion 



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