Alcoholic Strength: % vol ↔ % mass ↔ Mole Fraction (OIML)

Converts alcoholic strength by volume at 20 °C to strength by mass, mole fraction, density at 20 °C and ethanol g/L on the OIML R 22 basis (Tables III and IV).

Method: OIML R 22 (1973); Alcoholometry; ...

Input parameters

Unit system: SI

Parameter	Value	Unit
Strength entered as	% vol (by volume at 20 °C)	
Alcoholic strength	40.000	%

Calculated results

Parameter	Value	Unit
Strength by mass	33.300	%
Strength by volume at 20 °C	40.000	%
Density at 20 °C	948.05	kg/m³
Ethanol content	315.70	g/L
Mole fraction of ethanol	16.334	%

Formula and method

$$q = p\,\frac{\rho_{20}(p)}{\rho_{20}(1)}, \quad \rho_{20}(1) \approx 789.24\ \mathrm{kg/m^3}$$

$$c_e = p\,\rho_{20}, \quad x_e = \frac{p/M_e}{p/M_e + (1-p)/M_w}$$

Variables

basis	Strength entered as	-
S	Alcoholic strength	-
p	Strength by mass	-
q	Strength by volume at 20 °C	-
ρ_{20}	Density at 20 °C	kg/m³
c_e	Ethanol content	kg/m³
x_e	Mole fraction of ethanol	-
M_e, M_w	Molar masses of ethanol and water	kg/kmol

Method and standards

R 22 definitions with the R 22 density formula.

Assumptions and limits

- Binary ethanol–water.

References

- OIML R 22 (1973)
- Alcoholometry
- and International Alcoholometric Tables (1975): formula of Wagenbreth and Blanke
- pp. 12–13
- Mole fraction from IUPAC molar masses (ethanol 46.07, water 18.015 kg/kmol)

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