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## EC-252

## Metric Conversion Calculator



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## INTRODUCTION


#### Abstract

Your EC-252 Metric Conversion Calculator conveniently combines an internal battery and a solar panel, so you can use the calculator anywhere. It also has a three-key memory system so you can add, subtract, and recall a calculated figure. In addition to performing standard calculations, your calculator has dual-function keys to perform 20 built-in metric conversion calculations.


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## KEYS AND FUNCTIONS


$D$ - Converts standard to metric measurements.
$\measuredangle$ - Converts metric to standard measurements.

+     - ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \leftrightarrow{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ ) - Changes a displayed number from positive to negative and vice versa. Also converts Fahrenheit to Celsius and vice versa.


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$\div\left(\right.$ acre $\left.\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{m}^{2}\right)$ - Performs the division function. Also converts acres to square meters and vice versa.

ON/C - Turns on power. Also clears the last entry when pressed once and clears the whole calculation when pressed twice.

7 (in $\leftrightarrow \mathbf{c m}$ ) - Enters 7. Also converts inches to centimeters and vice versa.
$8(\mathrm{ft} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{m})$ - Enters 8. Also converts feet to meters and vice versa.

9 (mile $\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{k m}$ ) - Enters 9. Also converts miles to kilometers and vice versa.
$\times$ (acre $\leftrightarrow$ hectare) - Performs the multiplication function. Also converts acres to hectares and vice versa.

MRC - (Memory Recall/Clear) Recalls an answer from memory when you press it once. Clears the memory when you press it twice.

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$4\left(\right.$ in $\left.^{2} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ - Enters 4. Also converts square inches to square centimeters and vice versa.
$5\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right)$ - Enters 5. Also converts square feet to square meters and vice versa.
6 (mile ${ }^{2} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{k m}^{2}$ ) — Enters 6. Also converts square miles to square kilometers and vice versa.

- (fl.ōz $\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{m l})$ - Performs the subtraction function. Also converts fluid ounces to milliliters and vice versa.

M- (Imp.ton $\leftrightarrow \mathbf{k g}$ ) - Subtracts from and keeps the answer in memory. Also converts imperial tons to kilograms and vice versa.
$\mathbf{1}\left(\right.$ in $\left.^{3} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ - Enters 1. Also converts cubic inches to cubic centimeters and vice versa.
$2\left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~m}\right)^{3}$ - Enters 2. Also converts cubic feet to cubic meters and vice versa.


3 (gal $\longleftrightarrow \mathrm{I})$ - Enters 3. Also converts US gallons to liters and vice versa.
$\mathbf{M +}($ yard $\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{m})$ - Adds and stores a calculation answer in memory. Also converts yards to meters and vice versa.
$\mathbf{0}(\mathrm{oz} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{g})$ - Enters 0 . Also converts ounces to grams and vice versa.
. $(\mathbf{l b} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{k g})$ - Enters the decimal point. Also converts pounds to kilograms and vice versa.
$=($ Imp.gal $\leftrightarrow \mathbf{I})$ - Gives the answer to a calculation. Also converts Imperial gallons to liters and vice versa.
$+($ Imp.fl.ōz $\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{m l})$ - Performs the addition function. Also converts Imperial fluid ounces to milliliters and vice versa.
\% (KJ $\longrightarrow$ KC) - Figures percentages. Also converts kiloJoules to kilocalories and vice versa.

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## OPERATION



## TURNING ON THE EC-252

## Press ON/C to turn on the calculator.



## Notes:

- The calculator turns off automatically if you do not press any key within about 11 minutes.

- When you turn the calculator off, previous entries are cleared.


## CORRECTING ENTRY ERRORS

If you enter an incorrect value, press ON/C once. Then enter the correct value and continue your calculation.


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To clear the display for a new calculation, press ON/C twice. O. appears, then begin the new calculation.

If you press an incorrect operator key (,+ , $\times, \div$ ), simply press the correct key and continue your calculation.

## CALCULATION ERRORS

ERROR appears in the upper left corner when:

- A calculation result exceeds 8 digits to the left of the decimal point. This is an overflow error (see "Estimating Calculation Results").
- A memory calculation result exceeds 8 digits to the left of the decimal point. Memory contents remain unchanged.
- You try to divide by 0 .


## To clear an error, press ON/C.

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## Estimating Calculation Results

If you perform a calculation that results in an overflow error, you can estimate the correct result (to 8 significant digits) by following these steps.

1. Count the number of digits displayed to the left of the decimal point.
2. Remove the decimal point.
3. Add as many zeros to the right of the number as there were digits to the left of the decimal point.

For example, the displayed value ERROR 1.0142064 is estimated to equal 101,420,640.


## USING THE +/- KEY

Press +/- to change the displayed value from positive to negative or from negative to positive.

Note: MINUS - appears for a negative value.

## CALCULATION EXAMPLES

## Basic

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $256+378=$ | 634. |
| $471-223=$ | 248. |
| $15.5 \times 2.3=$ | 35.65 |
| $17.2 \div 2.5=$ | 6.88 |
| $24+$ | 24. |



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## Constants

For multiplication, the first value you enter is the constant. For addition, subtraction, and division, the second value you enter is the constant.

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $5 \times 7=$ | 35. |
| $9=$ | 45. |
| $10=$ | 50. |
| $100 \div 5=$ | 20. |



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| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $200=$ | 40. |
| $300=$ | 60. |

## Percentage

Example: 20\% of 720 is 144.

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $720 \times 20 \%$ | 144 |



## Add-On

Example: 30\% added to 540 is 702.

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $540+30 \%$ | 702. |



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Discount
Example: 800 discounted by $20 \%$ is 640 .

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $800-20 \%$ | 640. |

## Reciprocal

Example: ${ }^{1} / 8=0.125$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $8 \div=$ | 0.125 |

## Exponent

Example: $7^{6}=117649$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $7 \times======$ | 117649 |



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## MEMORY CALCULATIONS

To store a value in memory, first press MRC (memory recall/clear) twice to clear the memory, then press ON/C to clear all calculations.

To add a value to memory, enter the number or calculation you want to add, then press M+. The calculator totals the current calculation (if one is pending) and adds that value to memory.

Note: MEMORY appears in the upper right to show that a value is stored in memory.

To subtract a value from memory, enter the number or calculation you want to subtract, then press M-. The calculator totals the current calculation (if one is pending) and subtracts that value from memory.

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To recall the value from memory, press MRC once. The memory value appears.

To clear the contents in memory, press MRC twice so MEMORY disappears.

## Example:

$\frac{2392+576}{786-432}-73=-64.61582$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| MRC MRC ON/C | 0. |
| $786 \mathrm{M}+$ | MEMORY 786. |
| $432 \mathrm{M}-$ | MEMORY 432. |
| $2392+$ | MEMORY 2392. |
| $576 \div$ | MEMORY 2968. <br> M.3841807 |
| MRC |  |


| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $73=$ | MINUS - MEMORY |
| 64.61582 |  |

## CONVERSION

$\Delta$ and $\triangleleft$ let you select the conversion direction - to metric or from metric. The symbols above each key show you which conversion each key makes. For example, in $\longleftrightarrow \mathrm{cm}$ is printed above 7 . To convert 12 inches into centimeters, press $12 \triangle 7$.


12 inches $=30.48$ centimeters. To convert centimeters into inches, use $\measuredangle$.


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Length
Example: $5.5 \mathrm{~cm}=$ ? in

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $5.5<\mathrm{in} \longrightarrow \mathrm{cm}(7)$ | 2.1653543 |

Example: $7^{5} / 8$ in $=? \mathrm{~cm}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $5 \div 8+7=D$ in $\longrightarrow \mathrm{cm}(7)$ | 19.3675 |



Example: $12.8 \mathrm{~m}=$ ? ft

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $12.8<\mathrm{ft} \longrightarrow \mathrm{m}(8)$ | 41.99475 |



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Example: $54 \mathrm{yd}=$ ? m

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $54 B$ yard $\longrightarrow \mathrm{m}\left(\mathrm{M}_{+}\right)$ | 49.3776 |

## Weight

Example: $630 \mathrm{lb}=$ ? kg

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $630 D \mathrm{lb} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{kg}()$. | 285.768 |



Example: $1 \mathrm{lb}=$ ? kg

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1 \triangle \mathrm{lb} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{kg}()$. | 0.4536 |



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Volume
Example: $389 \mathrm{ft}^{3}=? \mathrm{~m}^{3}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $389 D \mathrm{ft}^{3} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~m}^{3}(2)$ | 11.015313 |

Example: $100 \mathrm{ml}=$ ? (US) fl. oz

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $100<\mathrm{fl} . \overline{\mathrm{oz}} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{ml}(-)$ | 3.3813484 |

Example: 245 (US) gal = ? ।

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $245 \triangle$ gal $\longleftrightarrow \mathrm{I}(3)$ | 927.423 |



## Temperature

Example: $125^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=?^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $125 D^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \longleftrightarrow{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(+/-)$ | 51.666666 |

Example: $-35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=$ ? ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $35+/-\left\langle{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \longleftrightarrow{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(+/-)\right.$ | MINUS -31. |



## Area

Example: $245 \mathrm{ft}^{2}=? \mathrm{~m}^{2}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $245 \Delta \mathrm{ft}^{2} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~m}^{2}(5)$ | 22.7605 |

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Example: $1540 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}=? \mathrm{ft}^{2}$

| You Press | You See |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1540<$ in $^{2} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{~cm}^{2}(4)$ | 238.70047 |




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## CARE

To enjoy your EC-252 Metric Conversion Calculator for a long time:

- Keep the calculator dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately.
- Use and store the calculator only in normal temperature environments.
- Handle the calculator gently and carefully. Don't drop it.
- Keep the calculator away from dust and dirt.
- Wipe the calculator with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

Modifying or tampering with the calculator's internal components can cause a malfunction and invalidate its warranty. If your calculator is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

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## REPLACING THE BATTERY

Although your calculator uses solar power most of the time, the backup battery will eventually become weak and need replacing. If the display speed slows down in a dimly-lit room, replace the battery with a 389A-type button-cell battery (RadioShack Cat. No. 23-117).

Caution: Use only a fresh battery of the required size and type.

Follow these steps to replace the battery.


1. Use a small Phillips screwdriver and remove the two screws from the lower case.



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2. Carefully insert a small, flat-blade screwdriver between the lower case halves, then slightly twist the screwdriver to separate the lower front and back case halves.
3. Use a screwdriver to gently pry out the old battery.


Warning: Keep the battery out of reach of children. Swallowing a but-ton-cell battery can be fatal.

## Cautions:

- Always remove an old or weak battery. Batteries can leak chemicals that can destroy electronic parts.


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- Dispose of the old battery promptly and properly. Do not burn or bury it.

4. Position the new battery so the positive (+) side is up, then insert it into the battery compartment.
5. Snap the front and back case halves back together, then replace the screws.



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## SPECIFICATIONS

Display
8-Digit LCD

## Solar Cell

Minimum Illumination 150 LUX
Battery ................... One 389A Button-Cell
(Cat. No. 23-117)

Battery Life About 1 Year

Operation Temperature ........... $32^{\circ}-104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ $\left(0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$
Dimensions ................. $5^{3} / 16 \times 3 \times{ }^{9} / 32$ in $(13.2 \times 7.6 \times 0.7 \mathrm{~cm})$
Weight (Including Battery) 2 oz
(56.7 g)

Specifications are typical; individual units might vary. Specifications are subject to change and improvement without notice.


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