

Hardness conversion table

Approximate conversion values compared with Vickers hardness of Steel

Vickers hardness	Brinell hardness 10 mm ball 3000kgf			Rockwell hardness ⁽²⁾				Rockwell superficial hardness diamond cone penetrator			Shore hardness	Tensile strength (Approx. value) MPa (kgf/mm ²) ⁽¹⁾	Vickers hardness Load
	Standard ball	Hult-gren ball	Tungsten carbide ball	Scale A Load 60kgf Diamond cone penetrator	Scale B Load 100kgf 1/16 inch Ball	Scale C Load 150kgf Diamond cone penetrator	Scale D Load 100kgf Diamond cone penetrator	15-N Scale Load 15 kgf	30-N Scale Load 30 kgf	45-N Scale Load 45 kgf			
940	-	-	-	85·6	-	68·0	76·9	93·2	84·4	75·4	97	-	940
920	-	-	-	85·3	-	67·5	76·5	93·0	84·0	74·8	96	-	920
900	-	-	-	85·0	-	67·0	76·1	92·9	83·6	74·2	95	-	900
880	-	-	(767)	84·7	-	66·4	75·7	92·7	83·1	73·6	93	-	880
860	-	-	(757)	84·4	-	65·9	75·3	92·5	82·7	73·1	92	-	860
840	-	-	(745)	84·1	-	65·3	74·8	92·3	82·2	72·2	91	-	840
820	-	-	(733)	83·8	-	64·7	74·3	92·1	81·7	71·8	90	-	820
800	-	-	(722)	83·4	-	64·0	73·8	91·8	81·1	71·0	88	-	800
780	-	-	(710)	83·0	-	63·3	73·3	91·5	80·4	70·2	87	-	780
760	-	-	(698)	82·6	-	62·5	72·6	91·2	79·7	69·4	86	-	760
740	-	-	(684)	82·2	-	61·8	72·1	91·0	79·1	68·6	84	-	740
720	-	-	(670)	81·8	-	61·0	71·5	90·7	78·4	67·7	83	-	720
700	-	615	(656)	81·3	-	60·1	70·8	90·3	77·6	66·7	81	-	700
690	-	610	(647)	81·1	-	59·7	70·5	90·1	77·2	66·2	-	-	690
680	-	603	(638)	80·8	-	59·2	70·1	89·8	76·8	65·7	80	-	680
670	-	597	630	80·6	-	58·8	69·8	89·7	76·4	65·3	-	-	670
660	-	590	620	80·3	-	58·3	69·4	89·5	75·9	64·7	79	-	660
650	-	585	611	80·0	-	57·8	69·0	89·2	75·5	64·1	-	-	650
640	-	578	601	79·8	-	57·3	68·7	89·0	75·1	63·5	77	-	640
630	-	571	591	79·5	-	56·8	68·3	88·8	74·6	63·0	-	-	630
620	-	564	582	79·2	-	56·3	67·9	88·5	74·2	62·4	75	-	620
610	-	557	573	78·9	-	55·7	67·5	88·2	73·6	61·7	-	-	610
600	-	550	564	78·6	-	55·2	67·0	88·0	73·2	61·2	74	-	600
590	-	542	554	78·4	-	54·7	66·7	87·8	72·7	60·5	-	2055 (210)	590
580	-	535	545	78·0	-	54·1	66·2	87·5	72·1	59·9	72	2020 (206)	580
570	-	527	535	77·8	-	53·6	65·8	87·2	71·7	59·3	-	1985 (202)	570
560	-	519	525	77·4	-	53·0	65·4	86·9	71·2	58·6	71	1950 (199)	560
550	(505)	512	517	77·0	-	52·3	64·8	86·6	70·5	57·8	-	1905 (194)	550
540	(496)	503	507	76·7	-	51·7	64·4	86·3	70·0	57·0	69	1860 (190)	540
530	(488)	495	497	76·4	-	51·1	63·9	86·0	69·5	56·2	-	1825 (186)	530
520	(480)	487	488	76·1	-	50·5	63·5	85·7	69·0	55·6	67	1795 (183)	520
510	(473)	479	479	75·7	-	49·8	62·9	85·4	68·3	54·7	-	1750 (179)	510
500	(465)	471	471	75·3	-	49·1	62·2	85·0	67·7	53·9	66	1705 (174)	500
490	(456)	460	460	74·9	-	48·4	61·6	84·7	67·1	53·1	-	1660 (169)	490
480	448	452	452	74·5	-	47·7	61·3	84·3	66·4	52·2	64	1620 (165)	480
470	441	442	442	74·1	-	46·9	60·7	83·9	65·7	51·3	-	1570 (160)	470
460	433	433	433	73·6	-	46·1	60·1	83·6	64·9	50·4	62	1530 (156)	460
450	425	425	425	73·3	-	45·3	59·4	83·2	64·3	49·4	-	1495 (153)	450
440	415	415	415	72·8	-	44·5	58·8	82·8	63·5	48·4	59	1460 (149)	440
430	405	405	405	72·3	-	43·6	58·2	82·3	62·7	47·4	-	1410 (144)	430
420	397	397	397	71·8	-	42·7	57·5	81·8	61·9	46·4	57	1370 (140)	420
410	388	388	388	71·4	-	41·8	56·8	81·4	61·1	45·3	-	1330 (136)	410
400	379	379	379	70·8	-	40·8	56·0	81·0	60·2	44·1	55	1290 (131)	400
390	369	369	369	70·3	-	39·8	55·2	80·3	59·3	42·9	-	1240 (127)	390
380	360	360	380	69·8	(110·0)	38·8	54·4	79·8	58·4	41·7	52	1205 (123)	380
370	350	350	350	69·2	-	37·7	53·6	79·2	57·4	40·4	-	1170 (120)	370
360	341	341	341	68·7	(109·0)	36·6	52·8	78·6	56·4	39·1	50	1130 (115)	360
350	331	331	331	68·1	-	35·5	51·9	78·0	55·4	37·8	-	1095 (112)	350
340	322	322	322	67·6	(108·0)	34·4	51·1	77·4	54·4	36·5	47	1070 (109)	340
330	313	313	313	67·0	-	33·3	50·2	76·8	53·6	35·2	-	1035 (105)	330

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	Standard ball	Hult-gren ball	Tungsten carbide ball	Scale A Load 60kgf Diamond cone penetrator	Scale B Load 100kgf 1/16 inch Ball	Scale C Load 150kgf Diamond cone penetrator	Scale D Load 100kgf Diamond cone penetrator	15-N Scale Load 15 kgf	30-N Scale Load 30 kgf	45-N Scale Load 45 kgf			
320	303	303	303	66·4	(107·0)	33·2	49·4	76·2	52·3	33·9	45	1005 (103)	320
310	294	294	294	65·8	-	31·0	48·4	75·6	51·3	32·5	-	980 (100)	310
300	284	284	284	65·2	(105·5)	29·8	47·5	74·9	50·2	31·1	42	950 (97)	300
295	280	280	280	64·8	-	29·2	47·1	74·6	49·7	30·4	-	935 (96)	295
290	275	275	275	64·5	(104·5)	28·5	46·5	74·2	49·0	29·5	41	915 (94)	290
285	270	270	270	64·2	-	27·8	46·0	73·8	48·4	28·7	-	905 (92)	285
280	265	265	265	63·8	(103·5)	27·1	45·3	73·4	47·8	27·9	40	890 (91)	280
275	261	261	261	63·5	-	26·4	44·9	73·0	47·2	27·1	-	875 (89)	275
270	256	256	256	63·1	(102·0)	25·6	44·3	72·6	46·4	26·2	38	855 (87)	270
265	252	252	252	62·7	-	24·8	43·7	72·1	45·7	25·2	-	840 (86)	265
260	247	247	247	62·4	(101·0)	24·0	43·1	71·6	45·0	24·3	37	825 (84)	260
255	243	243	243	62·0	-	23·1	42·2	71·1	44·2	23·2	-	805 (82)	255
250	238	238	238	61·6	99·5	22·2	41·7	70·6	43·4	22·2	36	795 (81)	250
245	233	233	233	61·2	-	21·3	41·1	70·1	42·5	21·1	-	780 (79)	245
240	228	228	228	60·7	98·1	20·3	40·3	69·6	41·7	19·9	34	765 (78)	240
230	219	219	219	-	96·7	(18·0)	-	-	-	-	33	730 (75)	230
220	209	209	209	-	95·0	(15·7)	-	-	-	-	32	695 (71)	220
210	200	200	200	-	93·4	(13·4)	-	-	-	-	30	670 (68)	210
200	190	190	190	-	91·5	(11·0)	-	-	-	-	29	635 (65)	200
190	181	181	181	-	89·5	(8·5)	-	-	-	-	28	605 (62)	190
180	171	171	171	-	87·1	(6·0)	-	-	-	-	26	580 (59)	180
170	162	162	162	-	85·0	(3·0)	-	-	-	-	25	545 (56)	170
160	152	152	152	-	81·7	(0·0)	-	-	-	-	24	515 (53)	160
150	143	143	143	-	78·7	-	-	-	-	-	22	490 (50)	150
140	133	133	133	-	75·0	-	-	-	-	-	21	455 (46)	140
130	124	124	124	-	71·2	-	-	-	-	-	20	425 (44)	130
120	114	114	114	-	66·7	-	-	-	-	-	-	390 (40)	120
110	105	105	105	-	62·3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
100	95	95	95	-	56·2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
95	90	90	90	-	52·0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
90	86	86	86	-	48·0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
85	81	81	81	-	41·0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85

Remark : Bold figure indicates values from Table 1 of ASTM E 140. (SAE-ASM-ASTM combined and adjusted)

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(3) Iron and Steel quoted from JIS hand book

Approximate converted values compared with Rockwell hardness for Steel (1)

Rockwell Scale C hardness	Vickers hardness	Brinell hardness 10 mm ball 3000kgf			Rockwell hardness ⁽²⁾			Rockwell superficial hardness diamond cone penetrator			Shore hardness	Tensile strength (Approx. value) MPa (kgf/mm ²) ⁽¹⁾	Rockwell Scale C hardness
		Standard ball	Hult-gren ball	Tungsten carbide ball	Scale A Load 60kgf Diamond cone penetrator	Scale B Load 100kgf 1/16 inch Ball	Scale D Load 100kgf Diamond cone penetrator	15-N Scale Load 15 kgf	30-N Scale Load 30 kgf	45-N Scale Load 45 kgf			
68	940	-	-	-	85·6	-	76·9	93·2	84·4	75·4	97	-	68
67	900	-	-	-	85·0	-	76·1	92·9	83·6	74·2	95	-	67
66	865	-	-	-	84·5	-	75·4	92·5	82·8	73·3	92	-	66
65	832	-	-	(739)	83·9	-	74·5	92·2	81·9	72·0	91	-	65
64	800	-	-	(722)	83·4	-	73·8	91·8	81·1	71·0	88	-	64
63	772	-	-	(705)	82·8	-	73·0	91·4	80·1	69·9	87	-	63
62	746	-	-	(688)	82·3	-	72·2	91·1	79·3	68·8	85	-	62
61	720	-	-	(670)	81·8	-	71·5	90·7	78·4	67·7	83	-	61
60	697	-	613	(654)	81·2	-	70·7	90·2	77·5	66·6	81	-	60
59	674	-	599	(634)	80·7	-	69·9	89·8	76·6	65·5	80	-	59
58	653	-	587	615	80·1	-	69·2	89·3	75·7	64·3	78	-	58
57	633	-	575	595	79·6	-	68·5	88·9	74·8	63·2	76	-	57
56	613	-	561	577	79·0	-	67·7	88·3	73·9	62·0	75	-	56
55	595	-	546	560	78·5	-	66·9	87·9	73·0	60·9	74	2075 (212)	55
54	577	-	534	543	78·0	-	66·1	87·4	72·0	59·8	72	2015 (205)	54
53	560	-	519	525	77·4	-	65·4	86·9	71·2	58·6	71	1950 (199)	53
52	544	(500)	508	512	76·8	-	64·6	86·4	70·2	57·4	69	1880 (192)	52
51	528	(487)	494	496	76·3	-	63·8	85·9	69·4	56·1	68	1820 (186)	51
50	513	(475)	481	481	75·9	-	63·1	85·5	68·5	55·0	67	1760 (179)	50
49	498	(464)	469	469	75·2	-	62·1	85·0	67·6	53·8	66	1695 (173)	49
48	484	451	455	455	74·7	-	61·4	84·5	66·7	52·5	64	1635 (167)	48
47	471	442	443	443	74·1	-	60·8	83·9	65·8	51·4	63	1580 (161)	47
46	458	432	432	432	73·6	-	60·0	83·5	64·8	50·3	62	1530 (156)	46
45	446	421	421	421	73·1	-	59·2	83·0	64·0	49·0	60	1480 (151)	45
44	434	409	409	409	72·5	-	58·5	82·5	63·1	47·8	58	1435 (146)	44
43	423	400	400	400	72·0	-	57·7	82·0	62·2	46·7	57	1385 (141)	43
42	412	390	390	390	71·5	-	56·9	81·5	61·3	45·5	56	1340 (136)	42
41	402	381	381	381	70·9	-	56·2	80·9	60·4	44·3	55	1295 (132)	41
40	392	371	371	371	70·4	-	55·4	80·4	59·5	43·1	54	1250 (127)	40
39	382	362	362	362	69·9	-	54·6	79·9	58·6	41·9	52	1215 (124)	39
38	372	353	353	353	69·4	-	53·8	79·4	57·7	40·8	51	1180 (120)	38
37	363	344	344	344	68·9	-	53·1	78·8	56·8	39·6	50	1160 (118)	37
36	354	336	336	336	68·4	(109·0)	52·3	78·3	55·9	38·4	49	1115 (114)	36
35	345	327	327	327	67·9	(108·5)	51·5	77·7	55·0	37·2	48	1080 (110)	35
34	336	319	319	319	67·4	(108·0)	50·8	77·2	54·2	36·1	47	1055 (108)	34
33	327	311	311	311	66·8	(107·5)	50·0	76·6	53·3	34·9	46	1025 (105)	33
32	318	301	301	301	66·3	(107·0)	49·2	76·1	52·1	33·7	44	1000 (102)	32
31	310	294	294	294	65·8	(106·0)	48·4	75·6	51·3	32·5	43	980 (100)	31
30	302	286	286	286	65·3	(105·5)	47·7	75·0	50·4	31·3	42	950 (97)	30
29	294	279	279	279	64·7	(104·5)	47·0	74·5	49·5	30·1	41	930 (95)	29

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28	286	271	271	271	64.3	(104.0)	46.1	73.9	48.6	28.9	41	910 (93)	28
27	279	264	264	264	63.8	(103.0)	45.2	73.3	47.7	27.8	40	880 (90)	27
26	272	258	258	258	63.3	(102.5)	44.6	72.8	46.8	26.7	38	860 (88)	26
25	266	253	253	253	62.8	(101.5)	43.8	72.2	45.9	25.5	38	840 (86)	25
24	260	247	247	247	62.4	(101.0)	43.1	71.6	45.0	24.3	37	825 (84)	24
23	254	243	243	243	62.0	100.0	42.1	71.0	44.0	23.1	36	805 (82)	23
22	248	237	237	237	61.5	99.0	41.6	70.5	43.2	22.0	35	785 (80)	22
21	243	231	231	231	61.0	98.5	40.9	69.9	42.3	20.7	35	770 (79)	21
20	238	226	226	226	60.5	97.8	40.1	69.4	41.5	19.6	34	760 (77)	20
(18)	230	219	219	219	-	96.7	-	-	-	-	33	730 (75)	(18)
(16)	222	212	212	212	-	95.5	-	-	-	-	32	705 (72)	(16)
(14)	213	203	203	203	-	93.9	-	-	-	-	31	675 (69)	(14)
(12)	204	194	194	194	-	92.3	-	-	-	-	29	650 (66)	(12)
(10)	196	187	187	187	-	90.7	-	-	-	-	28	620 (63)	(10)
(8)	188	179	179	179	-	89.5	-	-	-	-	27	600 (61)	(8)
(6)	180	171	171	161	-	87.1	-	-	-	-	26	580 (59)	(6)
(4)	173	165	165	165	-	85.5	-	-	-	-	25	550 (56)	(4)
(2)	166	158	158	158	-	83.5	-	-	-	-	24	530 (54)	(2)
(0)	160	152	152	152	-	81.7	-	-	-	-	24	515 (53)	(0)

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