



# INTRODUCTION TO METROLOGY

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Course : Metrology and Measurements



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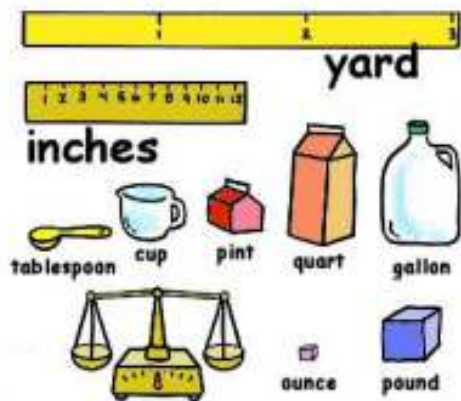
# Metrology

- Derived from **Greek words** Such as ***Metro – Measurement & Logy - Science.***
- BIMP (Bureau of Weights and Measures) – “***The Science of Measurement, embracing both experimental & theoretical determinations at any level of uncertainty in any field of science & technology*”**



# Functions of Metrology

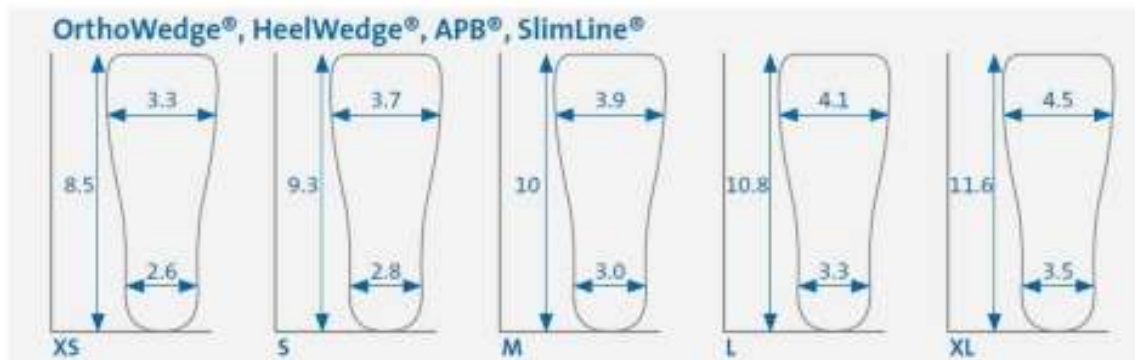
- Establishing **units of measurement**
- Reproducing these units as **standards**
- Ensuring the **uniformity of measurement**
- Development of **method of measurement**
- Analysis of **accuracy of methods** related to errors.



2. Standards of Measurement

1. Units of Measurement

## Sizes and Measurements



Uniformity of Measurement





1000 millimetres = 1 metre  
250 millimetres =  $\frac{1}{4}$  metre  
10 millimetres = 1 centimetre  
100 centimetres = 1 metre  
50 centimetres =  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre



Methods of Measurement



Accuracy



# Objectives of Metrology

- Used for selection of proper measuring instrument.
- Used for deciding the proper measuring standards.
- Used **for minimizing cost of inspection**.
- Determining process capabilities.
- Decide/find tolerances.
- Achieve **standardization**.
- Maintain accuracy and precision at the time of inspection.



# Types of Metrology

- Legal Metrology or Scientific Metrology
- Deterministic metrology or Industrial metrology.

## Legal Metrology or Scientific Metrology

- Scientific or fundamental metrology concerns with the **establishment** of quantity system, unit of measurement, the development of new methods etc.
- Applications
  - Commercial Transactions related with net quantity.
  - Industrial measurements, accuracy, interchangeability.
  - Measurement of health.
  - Measurement of human safety.

## Industrial Metrology

- It concerns with application of measurement science to **manufacturing and other processes and their use in society.**







# Inspection

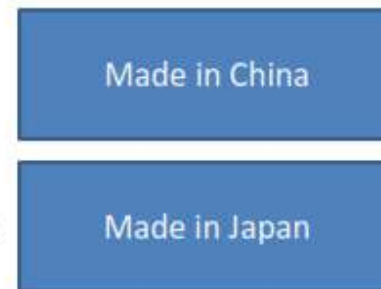
- In engineering activities **inspection** involves the measurements, tests, and gauges applied to certain characteristics in regard to an object or activity.





# Need of Inspection

- Quality output
- Change in technology
- Mass production
- Save money
- Interchangeability
- **To develop reputation**





## Standards of Measurement

- A ***standard*** is an exact quantity that people agree to use for comparison.





# Types of Standards

- Primary Standard
- Secondary Standard
- Tertiary Standard
- Working Standard



# Primary Standard

- They are material standard preserved under most careful conditions.
- These are not used for directly for measurements but are ***used once in 10 or 20 years for calibrating secondary standards.***
- ***Ex:*** International Prototype meter, Imperial Standard yard.

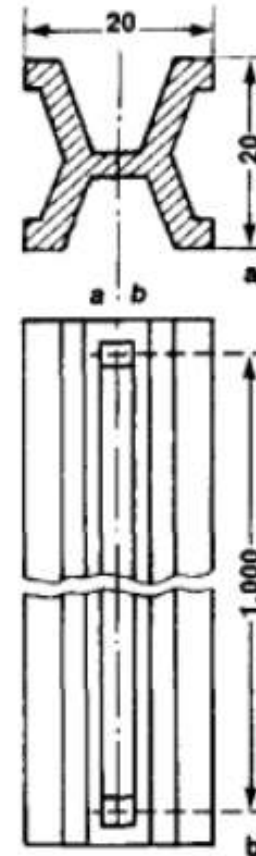




# Example : International Prototype Meter



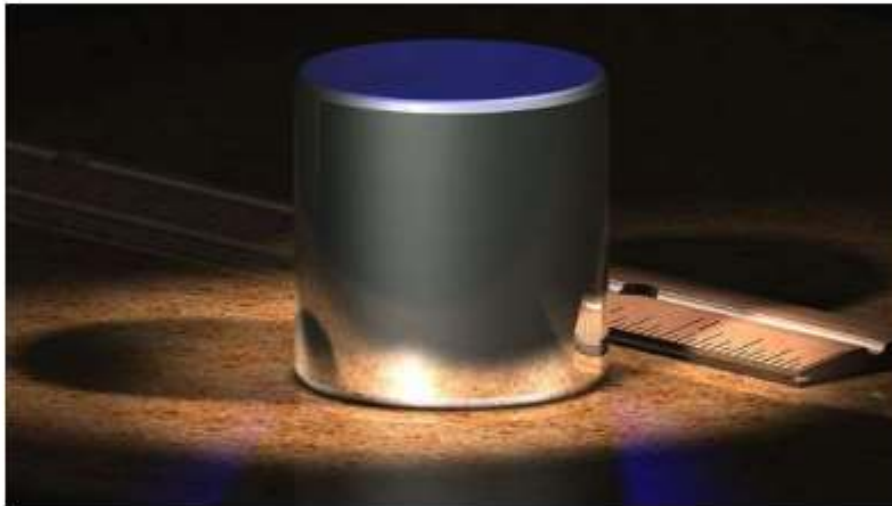
The bars were to be made of a special alloy, **90% platinum and 10% iridium**, which is significantly harder than pure platinum, and have a special X-shaped cross section (a "Tresca section", named after French engineer [Henri Tresca](#)) to minimise the effects of torsional strain during length comparisons.





# International Prototype Weight

- The IPK is made of a platinum alloy known as “Pt-10Ir”, which is 90% platinum and 10% iridium (by mass) and is machined into a right-circular cylinder (height = diameter) of 39.17 millimeters to minimize its surface area.





## Secondary Standard

- The value of the secondary standard quantity is **less accurate than primary standard** one. It is obtained by comparing with primary standard.
- These are close copies of primary standards w.r.t design, material & length.



## Tertiary Standard

- Maintained in National Physics Laboratories (NPL).
- The primary or secondary standards exist as the ultimate controls for reference at rare intervals.
- They are made as close copies of secondary standards & are kept as reference for comparison with working standards.



## Working Standards

- These standards are similar in design to primary, secondary & tertiary standards.
- But being less in cost and are made of low grade materials, they are used for general applications in metrology laboratories





## Line Standard

- The standard in which the distance is measured between two straight and parallel lines.
- Example :- **Steel Rule**
- Advantages
  - Quick and easy
  - Cheaper
- Disadvantages
  - Parallax error can be generated
  - Accuracy Less

## End Standard

- When the distance is measured between two flat and parallel surfaces it is called as end standard.
- Example : **Vernier Caliper, Micrometer**
- Advantages
  - Accuracy of 0.005mm is measurable
  - Minimum possibility of parallax error
- Disadvantages
  - They are costly and difficult to use
  - The measuring surfaces are to be protected.

## Wavelength Standard

- Material Standards are subjected to errors due to continuous use because of this wavelength standards are used.
- Light sources like Cadmium 114, Krypton 86 etc. in hot cathode discharge lamp at 68 K.
- According to this
  - $1\text{m} = 16507623.73 \times \text{Wavelength of Kr 86}$



## Difference between line, end and wavelength standard

| Sr. No | Parameter           | Line Standard                    | End Standard  | Wavelength Standard        |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1      | Accuracy            | Limited $\pm 0.2$ mm             | Good $\pm 0.001$                                    | Highest                    |
| 2      | Time of Measurement | Quick                            | Slightly more than line                             | Time consuming             |
| 3      | Effect of Use       | Difficult to assume zero         | Ends are harden                                     | Depends on wavelength      |
| 4      | Errors              | Parallax                         | Wringing errors, environmental error, wear and tear | No error                   |
| 5      | Process             | Easy                             | Slightly difficult                                  | Highly difficult           |
| 6      | Cost                | Low                              | Medium  | High                       |
| 7      | Example             | Steel rule                       | Vernier, Slip gauges                                | Monochromatic light source |
| 8      | Care                | Engraved lines must be protected | Measuring ends must be protected                    | Not affected               |

