



Conversion: Sound pressure to Sound intensity and vice versa (Formulas)

Deutsch: Umrechnung und Formeln: Schalldruck in Schallintensität und zurück
<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/SchalldruckInSchallintensitaetFormel.pdf>

Here are the equations (formulas) for the often desired direct conversion of sound pressure to sound intensity and vice versa.

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Sound pressure p $1 \text{ Pa} \equiv 0.0025 \text{ W/m}^2$ (equivalent to sound level 94 dB)
The threshold of hearing is the fixed reference sound pressure $p_0 = 20 \text{ } \mu\text{Pa} = 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Pa}$.
This corresponds to $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ at the sound pressure level $L_p = 0 \text{ dB}$.

$$p = 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 10^{\frac{10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{I}{10^{-12}}\right)}{20}}$$

Sound intensity I $1 \text{ W/m}^2 \equiv 20 \text{ Pa}$ (equivalent to sound level 120 dB)
The threshold of hearing is the fixed reference sound intensity $I_0 = 1 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$.
This corresponds to $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ at the sound intensity level $L_W = 0 \text{ dB}$

$$I = 10^{-12} \cdot 10^{\frac{20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{p}{10^{-5}}\right)}{10}}$$

There is another easier way, assuming of the rounded constant:
Specific acoustic impedance of air $Z_0 = 400 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}^3$

(Specific acoustic impedance of air: $Z_0 = 413 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}^3$ or $\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s/m}$ at 20°C)

Sound pressure p $1 \text{ Pa} \equiv 0.0025 \text{ W/m}^2$ (equivalent to sound level 94 dB)

$$p = \sqrt{I \cdot Z} = \sqrt{I \cdot 400}$$

Sound intensity I $1 \text{ W/m}^2 \equiv 20 \text{ Pa}$ (equivalent to sound level 120 dB)

$$I = \frac{p^2}{Z} = \frac{p^2}{400}$$

"Temperature Dependence of Physical Quantities":

<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/TemperatureSound.htm>

Speed of sound c , density ρ , Specific acoustic impedance of air $Z = \rho \cdot c$

"Direct Conversion: Sound pressure to Sound intensity and vice versa":

<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/calculator-soundvalues.htm>

<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/calculator-soundlevel.htm>