

2-82E An expression for the equivalent wind chill temperature is given in English units. It is to be converted to SI units.

Analysis The required conversion relations are $1 \text{ mph} = 1.609 \text{ km/h}$ and $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = 1.8T(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$. The first thought that comes to mind is to replace $T(^{\circ}\text{F})$ in the equation by its equivalent $1.8T(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$, and V in mph by 1.609 km/h , which is the “regular” way of converting units. However, the equation we have is not a regular dimensionally homogeneous equation, and thus the regular rules do not apply. The V in the equation is a constant whose value is equal to the numerical value of the velocity in mph. Therefore, if V is given in km/h, we should divide it by 1.609 to convert it to the desired unit of mph. That is,

$$T_{\text{equiv}}(^{\circ}\text{F}) = 91.4 - [91.4 - T_{\text{ambient}}(^{\circ}\text{F})][0.475 - 0.0203(V / 1.609) + 0.304\sqrt{V / 1.609}]$$

or

$$T_{\text{equiv}}(^{\circ}\text{F}) = 91.4 - [91.4 - T_{\text{ambient}}(^{\circ}\text{F})][0.475 - 0.0126V + 0.240\sqrt{V}]$$

where V is in km/h. Now the problem reduces to converting a temperature in $^{\circ}\text{F}$ to a temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, using the proper convection relation:

$$1.8T_{\text{equiv}}(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32 = 91.4 - [91.4 - (1.8T_{\text{ambient}}(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32)][0.475 - 0.0126V + 0.240\sqrt{V}]$$

which simplifies to

$$T_{\text{equiv}}(^{\circ}\text{C}) = 33.0 - (33.0 - T_{\text{ambient}})(0.475 - 0.0126V + 0.240\sqrt{V})$$

where the ambient air temperature is in $^{\circ}\text{C}$.