

Hardness comparison table

according to ISO 18265

Conversion table according to ISO18265 for carbon steel, low-alloy steel and cast steel, etc. A conversion of hardness values to each other or hardness values to tensile strength values is always subject to uncertainties. A direct evaluation of a hardness conversion is only possible with the same material sample. For

all other materials, the values only represent a general indicator. The results of a conversion from the table are no substitute for values determined using standardized test methods. For high-alloy and/or cold-formed steels (e.g. 6.8, A2-A4), there are considerable differences to be expected.

Tensile strength	Vickers hardness HV	Brinell hardness ¹⁾	Rockwell hardness		
			HRB	HRC	HRA
[N/mm ²]	[F ≥ 98 N]	HB			
255	80	76	–	–	–
270	85	80,7	41	–	–
285	90	85,5	48	–	–
305	95	90,2	52	–	–
320	100	95	56,2	–	–
335	105	99,8	–	–	–
350	110	105	62,3	–	–
370	115	109	–	–	–
385	120	114	66,7	–	–
400	125	119	–	–	–
415	130	124	71,2	–	–
430	135	128	–	–	–
450	140	133	75	–	–
465	145	138	–	–	–
480	150	143	78,7	–	–
495	155	147	–	–	–
510	160	152	81,7	–	–
530	165	156	–	–	–
545	170	162	85	–	–
560	175	166	–	–	–
575	180	171	87,1	–	–
595	185	176	–	–	–
610	190	181	89,5	–	–
625	195	185	–	–	–
640	200	190	91,5	–	–
660	205	195	92,5	–	–
675	210	199	93,5	–	–
690	215	204	94	–	–
705	220	209	95	–	–
720	225	214	96	–	–
740	230	219	96,7	–	–
755	235	223	–	–	–
770	240	228	98,1	20,3	60,7
785	245	233	–	21,3	61,2
800	250	238	99,5	22,2	61,6
820	255	242	–	23,1	62
835	260	247	(101)	24	62,4
850	265	252	–	24,8	62,7
865	270	257	(102)	25,6	63,1
880	275	261	–	26,4	63,5
900	280	266	(104)	27,1	63,8
915	285	271	–	27,8	64,2
930	290	276	(105)	28,5	64,5
950	295	280	–	29,2	64,8
965	300	285	–	29,8	65,2
995	310	295	–	31	65,8
1030	320	304	–	32,2	66,4
1060	330	314	–	33,3	67
1095	340	323	–	34,3	67,6
1125	350	333	–	35,5	68,1

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			HRB	HRC	HRA
[N/mm ²]	[F ≥ 98 N]	HB			
1155	360	342	–	36,6	68,7
1190	370	352	–	37,7	69,2
1220	380	361	–	38,8	69,8
1255	390	371	–	39,8	70,3
1290	400	380	–	40,8	70,8
1320	410	390	–	41,8	71,4
1350	420	399	–	42,7	71,8
1385	430	409	–	43,6	72,3
1420	440	418	–	44,5	72,8
1455	450	428	–	45,3	73,3
1485	460	437	–	46,1	73,6
1520	470	447	–	46,9	74,1
1555	480	(465)	–	47,7	74,5
1595	490	(466)	–	48,4	74,9
1630	500	(475)	–	49,1	75,3
1665	510	(485)	–	49,8	75,7
1700	520	(494)	–	50,5	76,1
1740	530	(504)	–	51,1	76,4
1775	540	(513)	–	51,7	76,7
1810	550	(523)	–	52,3	77
1845	560	(532)	–	53	77,4
1880	570	(542)	–	53,6	77,8
1920	580	(551)	–	54,1	78
1955	590	(561)	–	54,7	78,4
1995	600	(570)	–	55,2	78,6
2030	610	(580)	–	55,7	78,9
2070	620	(589)	–	56,3	79,2
2105	630	(599)	–	56,8	79,5
2145	640	(608)	–	57,3	79,8
2180	650	(618)	–	57,8	80
–	660	–	–	58,3	80,3
–	670	–	–	58,8	80,6
–	680	–	–	59,2	80,8
–	690	–	–	59,7	81,1
–	700	–	–	60,1	81,3
–	720	–	–	61	81,8
–	740	–	–	61,8	82,2
–	760	–	–	62,5	82,6
–	780	–	–	63,3	83
–	800	–	–	64	83,4
–	820	–	–	64,7	83,8
–	840	–	–	65,3	84,1
–	860	–	–	65,9	84,4
–	880	–	–	66,4	84,7
–	900	–	–	67	85
–	920	–	–	67,5	85,3
–	940	–	–	68	85,6

¹⁾ The Brinell hardness values up to 450 HB were determined using the steel ball as an indenter. The figures in brackets are approximate values for hardness specifications that lie outside the range defined by the standardized hardness test methods. In addition, the Brinell hardness values in brackets only apply to measurements with a hard metal ball.