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ampere	A
ampere hour	Ah
bit or bits	spell out
byte or bytes	spell out
decibel	dB
degree	°
foot	ft
frames per second	frames/sec
gigabit	Gbit
gigabyte	Gbyte
gram	g
hertz	Hz
hour	hr
inch	in.
kelvin	K
kilobit	kbit
kilobyte	kbyte
kilohertz	kHz
megabit	Mbit
megabyte	Mbyte
megahertz	MHz
meter	m
micrometer	µm
microsecond	µsec
millimeter	mm
milliseconds	msec
minute	min
nanoampere	nA
nanosecond	nsec
ohm	Ω
second	sec
volt	V
watt	W