

**Definitions: Resistance, Specific resistance (resistivity),
Conductance, Specific conductance (conductivity)**

<http://glassproperties.com/resistivity>

Ohm's law:

$$R = E / I$$

R - Resistance in $V/A = \Omega$ (Ohm)

E - Voltage or potential difference in Volts, V

I - Current in Amperes, A

If a material has a resistance of 1 Ω , it means that when applying a potential difference of 1 V, the current in the material is 1 A.

The **conductance G** is the inverse of the resistance; unit: $\Omega^{-1} = S$ (Siemens):

$$G = 1 / R$$

The Resistance is proportional to distance between the electrodes and inversely proportional to the surface area of the electrodes.

$$\rho = R \cdot A / L$$

ρ - Specific resistance or resistivity in $\Omega \cdot m$

R - Resistance in Ω

A - Surface area of electrodes in m^2

L - Distance between the electrodes in m

A specific resistance of 1 $\Omega \cdot m$ means that a cubic block of a material with the volume of 1 m^3 has a resistance of 1 Ω , i.e. a cubic block with the volume of 1 cm^3 has a resistance of $10^{-2} \Omega$.

$$1 \Omega \cdot m = 100 \Omega \cdot cm$$

The conductivity or specific conductance is the inverse of the specific resistance:

$$K = 1 / \rho$$

K - Conductivity or specific conductance in $\Omega^{-1} \cdot m^{-1} = S / m$ (S = Siemens = $1 / \Omega$)