

Name Key Class _____ Date _____

Significant Figures & Scientific Notation

1. State the number of significant figures in each measurement.

3 a. 734 grams 1 d. 0.003 second
5 b. 82.400 meters 3 e. 607 liters
2 c. 92 000°C 1 f. 1×10^{-4} hertz

2. Round the number at left to the number of significant figures stated in each column.

| Number | Four significant figures | Three significant figures | Two significant figures | One significant figure |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 84.631 | 84.63 | 84.6 | 85 | 80 |
| 0.945 00 | 0.9450 | 0.945 | 0.95 | 0.9 |
| 7.953 10 | 7.953 | 7.95 | 8.0 | 8 |
| 2 058 268 | 2058000 | 2060000 | 2100000 | 2000000 |

3. Perform the following operations. Round the answers to the appropriate number of significant figures. Label.

a. $8.2 \text{ cm} \times 6.08 \text{ cm} \times 15.0 \text{ cm}$

750 cm

c. $23.4^\circ\text{C} - 8.4^\circ\text{C}$

15.0°C

b. $34.8 \text{ meter} / 3.048 \text{ seconds}$

11.4 m/s

d. $65.48 \text{ g} + 3.0 \text{ g} + 0.882 \text{ g} + 26.46 \text{ g}$

95.8g

4. Convert the following numbers from decimal to scientific notation. The answer must have the same number of significant figures and label as the original number.

$1.5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ km}$ a. 150 000 000 km (average distance between Earth and the sun)

$1.98 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$ b. 0.000 198 cm (diameter of a blood platelet)

$7.400 \cdot 10^3 \text{ g}$ c. 7400. grams (mass of a bowling ball)

$6 \cdot 10^0 \text{ km/hr}$ d. 6 km/hour (fast walking speed)

5. Convert the following numbers from scientific notation to decimal notation.

13000 km a. $1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ km}$ (diameter of Earth)

3850 000 mi² b. 3.85×10^6 square miles (area of the U.S.)

0.0080g c. 8.0×10^{-3} gram (mass of a small spider)