

Volume of Rectangular Prisms

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Q Quick Review

Volume is the amount of space inside a solid figure — how much it can hold. A **rectangular prism** is a box shape with a length, a width, and a height. To find its volume, multiply all three: $V = l \times w \times h$. You can also think of it as the area of the bottom layer times how many layers tall it is. Volume is measured in **cubic units**, like cubic inches (in^3) or cubic centimeters (cm^3), because you are filling space in three directions. The order you multiply in does not matter — you will get the same answer.

◇ **Example:** Find the volume of a rectangular prism with a length of 8 cm, a width of 5 cm, and a height of 3 cm.
 ⇒ Use the formula $V = l \times w \times h$. Start by multiplying the length and width: $8 \times 5 = 40$ — that is the area of the bottom of the box. Now multiply by the height to stack up the layers: $40 \times 3 = 120$. Because we measured in centimeters, the volume is in cubic centimeters.

Answer: 120 cm^3

PRACTICE

Find the volume of each rectangular prism. Use cubic units where given.

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| 1. Prism: $l = 2, w = 3, h = 4$ | _____ | 11. Prism: $l = 12, w = 3, h = 4$ | _____ |
| 2. Prism: $l = 5, w = 2, h = 3$ | _____ | 12. Prism: $l = 10, w = 10, h = 2$ | _____ |
| 3. Prism: $l = 4, w = 4, h = 4$ | _____ | 13. Prism: $l = 7, w = 6, h = 5$ | _____ |
| 4. Prism: $l = 6, w = 3, h = 2$ | _____ | 14. Prism: $l = 15, w = 2, h = 4$ | _____ |
| 5. Prism: $l = 7, w = 5, h = 2$ | _____ | 15. Prism: $l = 8, w = 8, h = 8$ | _____ |
| 6. Prism: $l = 8, w = 3, h = 3$ | _____ | 16. Prism: $l = 2.5, w = 4, h = 6$ | _____ |
| 7. Prism: $l = 10, w = 2, h = 5$ | _____ | 17. Prism: $l = 3.5, w = 2, h = 4$ | _____ |
| 8. Prism: $l = 6, w = 6, h = 3$ | _____ | 18. Prism: $l = 20, w = 5, h = 3$ | _____ |
| 9. Prism: $l = 9, w = 4, h = 2$ | _____ | 19. Prism: $l = 1.5, w = 2.5, h = 4$ | _____ |
| 10. Prism: $l = 5, w = 5, h = 5$ | _____ | 20. Prism: $l = 11, w = 3, h = 3$ | _____ |

◆ Word Problems

21. An aquarium is shaped like a rectangular prism. It is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 16 inches tall. What is the volume of the aquarium? _____
22. A toy box measures 30 cm long, 20 cm wide, and 15 cm tall. How many cubic centimeters of space is inside the box? _____
23. A lunchbox is 8 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 4 inches tall. What is its volume? _____
24. A cereal box is 10 cm wide, 6 cm deep, and 30 cm tall. If the box is only half full of cereal, how many cubic centimeters of cereal are inside? _____



Answer Keys

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| 1. 24 | 13. 210 |
| 2. 30 | 14. 120 |
| 3. 64 | 15. 512 |
| 4. 36 | 16. 60 |
| 5. 70 | 17. 28 |
| 6. 72 | 18. 300 |
| 7. 100 | 19. 15 |
| 8. 108 | 20. 99 |
| 9. 72 | 21. 4608 in ³ |
| 10. 125 | 22. 9000 cm ³ |
| 11. 144 | 23. 192 in ³ |
| 12. 200 | 24. 900 cm ³ |

Step-by-Step Explanations

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| 1. Multiply all three: $2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$. | 14. Multiply $15 \times 2 = 30$, then $30 \times 4 = 120$. |
| 2. Multiply $5 \times 2 = 10$, then $10 \times 3 = 30$. | 15. Multiply $8 \times 8 = 64$, then $64 \times 8 = 512$. |
| 3. Multiply $4 \times 4 = 16$, then $16 \times 4 = 64$. | 16. Multiply $2.5 \times 4 = 10$, then $10 \times 6 = 60$. |
| 4. Multiply $6 \times 3 = 18$, then $18 \times 2 = 36$. | 17. Multiply $3.5 \times 2 = 7$, then $7 \times 4 = 28$. |
| 5. Multiply $7 \times 5 = 35$, then $35 \times 2 = 70$. | 18. Multiply $20 \times 5 = 100$, then $100 \times 3 = 300$. |
| 6. Multiply $8 \times 3 = 24$, then $24 \times 3 = 72$. | 19. Multiply $1.5 \times 2.5 = 3.75$, then $3.75 \times 4 = 15$. |
| 7. Multiply $10 \times 2 = 20$, then $20 \times 5 = 100$. | 20. Multiply $11 \times 3 = 33$, then $33 \times 3 = 99$. |
| 8. Multiply $6 \times 6 = 36$, then $36 \times 3 = 108$. | 21. Multiply length, width, and height: $24 \times 12 = 288$, then $288 \times 16 = 4608$ cubic inches. |
| 9. Multiply $9 \times 4 = 36$, then $36 \times 2 = 72$. | 22. Multiply $30 \times 20 = 600$, then $600 \times 15 = 9000$ cubic centimeters. |
| 10. Multiply $5 \times 5 = 25$, then $25 \times 5 = 125$. | 23. Multiply $8 \times 6 = 48$, then $48 \times 4 = 192$ cubic inches. |
| 11. Multiply $12 \times 3 = 36$, then $36 \times 4 = 144$. | 24. First find the full volume: $10 \times 6 \times 30 = 1800$ cubic centimeters. Since the box is half full, take half: $\frac{1}{2} \times 1800 = 900$ cubic centimeters. |
| 12. Multiply $10 \times 10 = 100$, then $100 \times 2 = 200$. | |
| 13. Multiply $7 \times 6 = 42$, then $42 \times 5 = 210$. | |



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