

## Units of energy and power

A host of different units are used to describe energy and power, which can seem a bit confusing. But the following Table 1, where we have listed and described some of the most frequently used units, should clarify the meaning of the various terms.

Energy		Power	
Name	Description	Name	Description
<b>Joule (J)</b>	Main scientific unit of energy	<b>Watt (W)</b>	Main scientific unit of power – defined as 1 joule per second
<b>Kilojoule (KJ)</b>	Equal to 1000 $10^3$ joules	<b>Milliwatt (mW)</b>	Equal to 1000th of a watt $10^{-3}$
<b>Megajoule (MJ)</b>	Equal to 1 million $10^6$ joules	<b>Kilowatt (kW)</b>	Equal to 1000 $10^3$ watts
<b>Gigajoule (GJ)</b>	Equal to 1 billion $10^9$ joules	<b>Megawatt (MW)</b>	Equal to 1 million $10^6$ watts
<b>Exajoule (EJ)</b>	Equal to 1 quintillion $10^{18}$ joules	<b>Gigawatt (GW)</b>	Equal to 1 billion $10^9$ watts
<b>Kilowatt-hour (kWh)</b>	The amount of energy produced by a power of 1 Kilowatt (1 kW) in one hour	<b>Terawatt (TW)</b>	Equal to 1 trillion $10^{12}$ watts
<b>Megawatt-hour (MWh)</b>	The amount of energy produced by a power of 1 Megawatt (1 MW) in one hour		
<b>Gigawatt-hour (GWh)</b>	The amount of energy produced by a power of 1 Gigawatt (1 GW) in one hour		