

TABLE D-2. Approximate Energy Requirements in METs for Horizontal and Grade Walking

% Grade	mph	1.7	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.4	3.75
	m·min ⁻¹	45.6	53.6	67.0	80.4	91.2	100.5
0		2.3	2.5	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.9
2.5		2.9	3.2	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.2
5.0		3.5	3.9	4.6	5.4	5.9	6.5
7.5		4.1	4.6	5.5	6.4	7.1	7.8
10.0		4.6	5.3	6.3	7.4	8.3	9.1
12.5		5.2	6.0	7.2	8.5	9.5	10.4
15.0		5.8	6.6	8.1	9.5	10.6	11.7
17.5		6.4	7.3	8.9	10.5	11.8	12.9
20.0		7.0	8.0	9.8	11.6	13.0	14.2
22.5		7.6	8.7	10.6	12.6	14.2	15.5
25.0		8.2	9.4	11.5	13.6	15.3	16.8

TABLE D-3. Approximate Energy Requirements in METs for Horizontal and Grade Jogging/Running

% Grade	mph	5	6	7	7.5	8	9	10
	m·min ⁻¹	134	161	188	201	214	241	268
0		8.6	10.2	11.7	12.5	13.3	14.8	16.3
2.5		9.5	11.2	12.9	13.8	14.7	16.3	18.0
5.0		10.3	12.3	14.1	15.1	16.1	17.9	19.7
7.5		11.2	13.3	15.3	16.4	17.4	19.4	
10.0		12.0	14.3	16.5	17.7	18.8		
12.5		12.9	15.4	17.7	19.0			
15.0		13.8	16.4	18.9				

TABLE D-4. Approximate Energy Requirements in METs During Leg Cycle Ergometry

Body Wt.		Power Output (kg·m·min ⁻¹ and W)						
		300	450	600	750	900	1,050	1,200 (kg·m·min ⁻¹)
kg	lb	50	75	100	125	150	175	200 (W)
50	110	5.1	6.6	8.2	9.7	11.3	12.8	14.3
60	132	4.6	5.9	7.1	8.4	9.7	11.0	12.3
70	154	4.2	5.3	6.4	7.5	8.6	9.7	10.8
80	176	3.9	4.9	5.9	6.8	7.8	8.8	9.7
90	198	3.7	4.6	5.4	6.3	7.1	8.0	8.9
100	220	3.5	4.3	5.1	5.9	6.6	7.4	8.2

TABLE D-5. Approximate Energy Requirements in METs During Arm Ergometry

Body Wt.		Power Output (kg·m·min ⁻¹ and W)					
		150	300	450	600	750	900 (kg·m·min ⁻¹)
kg	lb	25	50	75	100	125	150 (W)
50	110	3.6	6.1	8.7	11.3	13.9	16.4
60	132	3.1	5.3	7.4	9.6	11.7	13.9
70	154	2.8	4.7	6.5	8.3	10.2	12.0
80	176	2.6	4.2	5.8	7.4	9.0	10.6
90	198	2.4	3.9	5.3	6.7	8.1	9.6
100	220	2.3	3.6	4.9	6.1	7.4	8.7

ment of the task is eight times that of rest. Metabolic equivalents (METs) are calculated as $\text{METs} = \dot{V}\text{O}_2 (\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1})/3.5$.

For purposes of prescribing exercise, another utility of the metabolic equations is to estimate a *target* work rate that will elicit a desired level of oxygen uptake or energy expenditure. The equations are solved for the unknown variable on the workload side of the equation. In the case of treadmill exercise, when there are two unknown variables (i.e., speed and fractional grade), it is best to select an appropriate speed based on the ability and comfort of the client, and then solve for the fractional grade.

If knowledge of the caloric cost of exercise is desired, the $\dot{V}\text{O}_2$ should first be expressed in *net* terms (gross $\dot{V}\text{O}_2$ minus resting $\dot{V}\text{O}_2$). Once the net $\dot{V}\text{O}_2$ is determined, convert the value to caloric expenditure per minute using either of the following methods.

Method #1:

1. Convert $\dot{V}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ or METs) into the absolute unit of $\text{L}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$
2. If starting from $\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$:
 - a. Multiply the $\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ by the kg body mass and divide by 1,000
 - b. $\text{mL}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ kg body mass/1,000 (i.e., 1,000 mL per Liter).

TABLE D-6. Approximate Energy Requirements in METs During Stair Stepping

Step Height		Stepping Rate per Minute					
		20	22	24	26	28	30
in	m						
4	0.102	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.8
6	0.152	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.8
8	0.203	4.9	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9
10	0.254	5.6	6.1	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.9
12	0.305	6.3	6.8	7.4	7.9	8.4	9.0
14	0.356	7.0	7.6	8.2	8.8	9.4	10.0
16	0.406	7.7	8.4	9.0	9.7	10.4	11.1
18	0.457	8.4	9.1	9.9	10.6	11.4	12.1