

# Solar system distances in au





## Overview

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One AU, about 93 million miles (150 million kilometers), represents the average distance from the Sun to the Earth. It would take an airliner more than 20 years to fly that distance — and that's just a one-way ticket. (That's traveling at about 400 mph or 644 kilometers per hour.) What is the astronomical unit (AU)?

Scientists figured out a while ago that writing out those huge numbers wasn't the best use of their time, so they invented the Astronomical Unit (AU). One AU, about 93 million miles (150 million kilometers), represents the average distance from the Sun to the Earth.

How many miles in 1 AU?

Calculate the scale value for each Solar System object using a scale factor of 10 centimeters per astronomical unit (AU). 1 AU is equal to about 150 million kilometers (93 million miles)!

What is the distance from the sun to planets in astronomical units?

Distance from the Sun to planets in astronomical units (au): Planet Distance from Sun (au) Mercury 0.39 Venus 0.72 Earth 1 Mars 1.52 Jupiter 5.2 Saturn 9.54 Uranus 19.2 Neptune 30.06 Diameter of planets and their distance from the Sun in kilometers (km):.

How far is Mars from the Sun?

As noted earlier, Earth's average distance to the Sun is about 93 million miles (150 million kilometers) from the Sun. That's 1 AU. Mars is on the three-yard line of our imaginary football field. The red planet is about 142 million miles (228 million kilometers) on average from the Sun. That's 1.5 AU. On this scale, Mars is about 0.08 millimeters.



What is the astronomical units column?

The Astronomical units (AU) column is the average distance between Earth and the Sun and is the most common way for scientists to measure distance in our Solar System. Below is a table of the distances between each of the planets in our solar system.

How do we calculate the distance between planets?

For this reason, to calculate the distance, we use the average to measure how far planets are from one another. The Astronomical units (AU) column is the average distance between Earth and the Sun and is the most common way for scientists to measure distance in our Solar System.



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### The Solar System

Distances in the solar system are commonly measured in Astronomical Units (AU). An AU is simply the average distance between the Earth and the Sun. Because the Earth's orbit around the Sun is an ellipse, the Earth is not always the same distance from the

### Planet Distance Chart

Planet Distance Chart. Calculate the scale value for each Solar System object using a scale factor of 10 centimeters per astronomical unit (AU). 1 AU is equal to about 150 million kilometers (93 ...



### [Astronomical Unit Calculator, Convert AU](#)

Converting from astronomical units to kilometers results, at least for the inner Solar System, in measurements still somewhat understandable: the minimum distance between Earth and Mars is a surprisingly low 0.37 a u 0.37  $\text{au}$  0.37 au. This value, in

### Exploring the Distant World: Which Planet Lies 20 AU from the Sun?

Image taken by: <https://pinimg> In the captivating realm of space exploration, understanding the vast distances that separate celestial bodies within our solar system is paramount. This intricate cosmic choreography requires precise



measurement techniques, and at the heart of this celestial dance lies the concept of Astronomical Units (AU).



### Reference Guide Solar System Sizes and Distances

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### Solar System

Overview General characteristics Formation and evolution Sun Inner Solar System Outer Solar System Trans-Neptunian region Miscellaneous populations

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SCIENCE 101 - DISTANCES IN ASTRONOMY - LECTURE NOTES Distances in the Solar System o Distance to Venus can be obtained using radar



ranging o Send signal, determine how long it takes to return o Radio waves move at the speed of light, which is 8

### Cosmic Distances

For much greater distances -- interstellar distances -- astronomers use light years. A light year is the distance a photon of light travels in one year, which is about 6 trillion miles (9 trillion kilometers, or 63,000 AU). Put another way, a light year is how far you'd



### Astronomical unit (AU, or au) , Definition, Conversion, & Facts

The astronomical unit provides a convenient way to express and relate distances of objects in the solar system and to carry out various astronomical calculations. For ...

### What units are used to measure distances in the solar system?

Astronomical units (AU) are primarily used to measure distances within our solar system, specifically the distance from Earth to the Sun. Outside the solar system, distances are typically measured



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### Chapter 1: The Solar System

Page One , Page Two , Page Three Chapter Objectives Upon completion of this chapter, you will be able to classify objects within the solar system, state their distances of in terms of light-time, describe the Sun as a typical star, relate its share of the mass within the solar system, and compare the terrestrial [...]

### **Astronomical Unit (AU)**

Since 1 AU is approximately equal to 150 million kilometers, astronomers often use this conversion to calculate distances in the solar system. Another common conversion is between AU and light-years, with 1 AU being equal to about 0.0000158 light-years.



### **Data Table for Planets & Dwarf Planets: AU, Inclination, ...**

\*Negative values of rotation period indicate that the planet rotates in the direction opposite to that in which it orbits the Sun. This is called retrograde rotation. The semimajor axis (the average distance to the Sun) is given in ...

### 19.1 Fundamental Units of Distance

From the various (related) solar system distances, astronomers selected the average distance from Earth to the Sun as our standard "measuring stick" within the solar system. When Earth and the Sun are closest, they are about 147.1 million kilometers apart; when Earth and the Sun are farthest, they are about 152.1 million kilometers apart.





### Model the Distances between Planets in our Solar System

You will make a model of the solar system. Imagine you shrink the solar system so much that the distance from Earth to the Sun becomes 10 cm. When you shrink the solar system this much, all the planets shrink in size, so they become too small to see. You



### The Solar System

To measure distances in the solar system, astronomers frequently use the astronomical unit (AU), which is the average distance from the center of the Earth to the center of the Sun. One AU is equal to 149,597,871 kilometers or 92,955,807 miles.



### How Far Is Each Planet?

At 1.52 AU, Mars is 1.5 times further from the sun than the Earth is. Outer Solar System The four gas giants of the outer solar system. Image credit: NASA First up in the outer solar system is Jupiter. There is a big jump in distances between Mars and Jupiter

### Student Project: Make a Scale Solar System , NASA/JPL Edu

1. Learn about sizes and distances in our solar system
2. Decide what kind of model you want to build
3. Choose where your model solar system will go
4. Calculate scale distances
5. Calculate scale planet sizes
6. Calculate combined scale distance and 9.





Units for Distance and Size in the Universe

Distances in the solar system are often measured in astronomical units (abbreviated AU). An astronomical unit is the average distance between the Earth and the Sun: 1 AU = 1.496 x 10<sup>8</sup> km = 93 million miles Jupiter is about 5.2 AU from the Sun and Pluto is



**Solar System to Scale**

Solar System to Scale Sun is scaled one meter (39") in diameter Actual Size of Sun: 1,391,000 km (864,000 mi) AU ("Astronomical Unit") is the average distance between the Sun and Earth: 150 million km (93 million mi) A little more than 100 Sun diameters



How Far Are The Planets From The Sun?

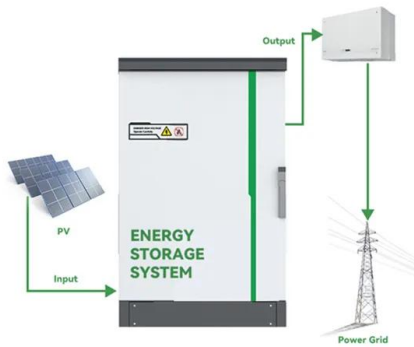
Uranus and Neptune, the Solar System's ice giant planets. Credit: Wikipedia Commons Pluto: Closest: 4.44 billion km / 2.76 billion miles (29.7 AU) Farthest: 7.38 billion km / 4.59 billion miles



**Astronomical unit (AU, or au) , Definition, Conversion, & Facts**

Astronomical unit, a unit of length effectively equal to the average, or mean, distance between Earth and the Sun, defined as 149,597,870.7 km (92,955,807.3 miles). The astronomical unit provides a convenient way to express and relate distances of objects in the solar system and to carry out astronomical calculations.





### Astronomical unit

With the definitions used before 2012, the astronomical unit was dependent on the heliocentric gravitational constant, that is the product of the gravitational constant,  $G$ , and the solar mass,  $M$ . Neither  $G$  nor  $M$  can be measured to high accuracy separately, but the value of their product is known very precisely from observing the relative positions of planets (Kepler's third law ...

### Oort Cloud and Scale of the Solar System (Infographic)

This artist's concept puts solar system distances -- and the travels of NASA's Voyager 2 spacecraft -- in perspective. The scale bar is in astronomical units, with each set distance beyond 1 AU representing 10 times ...



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### Solar System Scale2

Solar System Scale After Activity D-5 in Solar Project Astro Resource Notebook Grades: 6-12 Subject: Space Science Purpose: Students create a scale model of planetary distances in the solar system. It is a good way to demonstrate the vast distances among

### 22.6: Planets of the Solar System

Distances in the Solar System Distances in the solar system are often measured in astronomical units (AU). One astronomical unit is defined as the distance from Earth to the Sun. 1 AU equals about 150 million km (93 million miles). Listed below is the distance





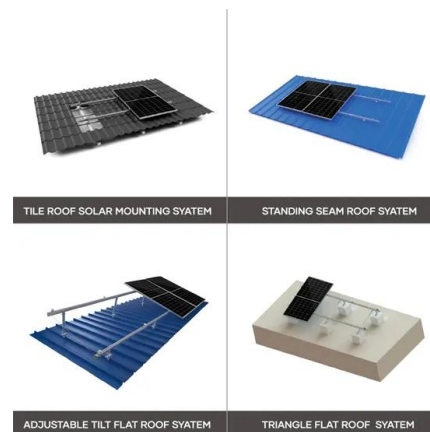
### Oort Cloud and Scale of the Solar System (Infographic)

One AU is the distance from the sun to the Earth, which is about 93 million miles or 150 million kilometers. Neptune, the most distant planet from the sun, is about 30 AU. Informally, the term "solar system" is often used ...



#### 18.1: Introduction to the Solar System

Distances in the solar system are often measured in astronomical units (AU). One astronomical unit is defined as the distance from Earth to the Sun. 1 AU equals about 150 million km, or 93 million mi. Table below shows the distances to the planets (the average radius of orbits) in AU.



#### How far are the planets from the Sun?

The eight planets in our solar system each occupy their own orbits around the Sun. They orbit the star in ellipses, which means their distance to the sun varies depending on where

#### Scale and Size , Solar System , Space FM

15 ?· Understanding the size differences of objects in the solar system as well as their correct distances from each other is important. There are many good projects that will show you how to make your own scale model. Use the ...





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