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as feedstocks to refineries change there must be an accompanying change in refinery technology this means a movement from conventional means of refining heavy feedstocks using typically coking technologies to more innovative processes that will coax the last drips of liquid fuels from the feedstock this book presents the evolution of refinery processes during the last century and as well as the means by which refinery processes will evolve during the next three to five decades chapters contain material relevant to 1 comparisons of current feedstocks with heavy oil and bio feedstocks 2 evolution of refineries since the 1950s 3 properties and refinability of heavy oil and bio feedstocks 4 thermal processes vs hydroprocesses and 5 evolution of products to match the environmental market process innovations that have influenced refinery processing over the past three decades are presented as well as the relevant patents that have the potential for incorporation into future refineries comparison of current feedstocks with heavy oil and bio feedstocks evolution of refineries over the past three decades properties and refinability of heavy oil and bio feedstocks thermal processes vs hydroprocesses evolution of products to match the environmental market investigates the engineering and plant design challenges presented by heavy oil and bio feedstocks explores the legislative and regulatory climate including increasingly stringent environmental requirements

examines the trade offs of thermal processes vs hydroprocesses

the people vs big oil how a working class company town harnessed the power of local politics to reclaim their community with a foreword by bernie sanders home to one of the largest oil refineries in the state richmond california was once a typical company town dominated by chevron this largely nonwhite working class city of 100 000 suffered from poverty pollution and poorly funded public services it had one of the highest homicide rates per capita in the country and a jobless rate twice the national average but when veteran labor reporter steve early moved from new england to richmond in 2012 he discovered a city struggling to remake itself in refinery town early chronicles the 15 years of successful community organizing that raised the local minimum wage defeated a casino development project challenged home foreclosures and evictions and sought fair taxation of big oil a short list of richmond s activist residents helps to propel this compelling chronicle 94 year old betty reid soskin the country s oldest full time national park ranger and witness to richmond s complex history gayle mclaughlin the green party mayor who challenged chevron and won police chief chris magnus who brought community policing to richmond and is now one of america s leading public safety reformers part urban history part call to action refinery town shows how concerned citizens can harness the power of local politics to reclaim their community and make municipal government a source of much needed policy innovation refinery town provides an inside look at how one american city has made radical and progressive change seem not only possible but sensible david helvarg the progressive

clearly divided into three main sections this practical book familiarizes readers with the area of planning in petroleum refining and petrochemical industry while introducing several planning and modeling strategies encompassing single site refinery plants multiple refinery networks petrochemical networks and refinery and petrochemical planning systems it equally provides an insight into possible research directions and recommendations for the area of refinery and petrochemical planning furthermore several appendices are included to explain the general background necessary including stochastic programming chance constraint programming and robust optimization for engineers and managers working in the petroleum industry as well as academic researchers in production logistics and supply chain management

maples presents an organized look at yield data and properties of products from refinery processes how to use this information in performing various process economics studies and discusses operating and capital costs for economic evaluation of both single processes and complete refineries yield correlations are presented for all of the important

commercially established petroleum refinery processes each accompanied by operating requirements and capital cost of a typical unit here the user has all of the information required to perform a preliminary economic evaluation for each process yield correlation a simplified process flow diagram and brief process description is given contents correlation methodology crude oils hydrocarbons and refinery products refinery processing overview energy resources and transportation fuels the environment and the refinery crude oil and residual oil processing solvent deasphalting visbreaking and aquaconversion delayed coking fluid coking flexicoking heavy distillate processing fluid catalytic and heavy oil cracking hydrocracking hydrotreating light distillate processing naphtha desulfurization catalytic reforming light hydrocarbon processing isomerization alkylation catalytic polymerization and dehydration oxygenates treating and other auxiliary processes aromatics extraction hydrogen manufacture sour water stripping sweetening acid gas removal sulfur recovery tail gas cleanup water treatment and waste disposal blending process economics economics

fundamentals of petroleum refining presents the fundamentals of thermodynamics and kinetics and it explains the scientific background essential for understanding refinery operations the text also provides a detailed introduction to refinery engineering topics ranging from the basic principles and unit operations to overall refinery economics the book covers important topics such as clean fuels gasification biofuels and environmental impact of refining which are not commonly discussed in most refinery textbooks throughout the source problem sets and examples are given to help the reader practice and apply the fundamental principles of refining chapters 1 10 can be used as core materials for teaching undergraduate courses the first two chapters present an introduction to the petroleum refining industry and then focus on feedstocks and products thermophysical properties of crude oils and petroleum fractions including processes of atmospheric and vacuum distillations are discussed in chapters 3 and 4 conversion processes product blending and alkylation are covered in chapters 5 10 the remaining chapters discuss hydrogen production clean fuel production refining economics and safety acid gas treatment and removal and methods for environmental and effluent treatments this source can serve both professionals and students on undergraduate and graduate levels of chemical and petroleum engineering chemistry and chemical technology beginners in the engineering field specifically in the oil and gas industry may also find this book invaluable provides balanced coverage of fundamental and operational topics includes spreadsheets and process simulators for showing trends and simulation case studies relates processing to planning and management to give an integrated picture of refining

a comprehensive review of the theory and practice of the simulation and optimization of the petroleum refining processes

petroleum refinery process modeling offers a thorough review of how to quantitatively model key refinery reaction and fractionation processes the text introduces the basics of dealing with the thermodynamics and physical property predictions of hydrocarbon components in the context of process modeling the authors three experts on the topic outline the procedures and include the key data required for building reaction and fractionation models with commercial software the text shows how to filter through the extensive data available at the refinery and using plant data to begin calibrating available models and extend the models to include key fractionation sub models it provides a sound and informed basis to understand and exploit plant phenomena to improve yield consistency and performance in addition the authors offer information on applying models in an overall refinery context through refinery planning based on linear programming this important resource offers the basic information of thermodynamics and physical property predictions of hydrocarbon components in the context of process modeling uses the key concepts of fractionation lumps and physical properties to develop detailed models and workflows for atmospheric cdu and vacuum vdu distillation units discusses modeling fcc catalytic reforming and hydroprocessing units written for chemical engineers process engineers and engineers for measurement and control this resource explores the advanced simulation tools and techniques that are available to support experienced and aid new operators and engineers

over the last several decades the petroleum industry has experienced significant changes in resource availability petro politics and technological advancements dictated by the changing quality of refinery feedstocks however the dependence on fossil fuels as the primary energy source has remained unchanged refinery feedstocks addresses the problems of changing feedstock availability and properties the refining process and solids deposition during refining this book will take the reader through the various steps that are necessary for crude oil evaluation and refining including the potential for the use of coal liquids shale oil and non fossil fuel materials biomass as refinery feedstocks other features describes the various types of crude oil and includes a discussion of extra heavy oil and tar sand bitumen includes basic properties and specifications of crude oil and the significance in refinery operations this book is a handy reference for engineers scientists and students who want an update on crude oil refining and on the direction the industry must take to assure the refinability of various feedstocks and the efficiency of the refining processes in the next fifty years non technical readers with help from the extensive glossary will also benefit from reading this book

guide to practical use of chemicals in refineries and pipelines delivers a well rounded collection of content references and patents to show all the practical chemical choices available for refinery and pipeline usage along with their purposes benefits

and general characteristics covering the full spectrum of downstream operations this reference solves the many problems that engineers and managers currently face including corrosion leakage in pipelines and pretreatment of heavy oil feedstocks something that is of growing interest with today's unconventional activity additional coverage on special refinery additives and justification on why they react the way they do with other chemicals and feedstocks is included along with a reference list of acronyms and an index of chemicals that will give engineers and managers the opportunity to recognize new chemical solutions that can be used in the downstream industry presents tactics practitioners can use to effectively locate and utilize the right chemical application specific to their refinery or pipeline operation includes information on how to safely perform operations with coverage on environmental issues and safety including waste stream treatment and sulfur removal helps readers understand the composition and applications of chemicals used in oil and gas refineries and pipelines along with where they should be applied and how their structure interacts when mixed at the refinery

the book covers the ins and outs of troubleshooting in petroleum refineries with an analysis of the problems faced the fundamentals behind them and logical reasoning and illustrations to solve the problems along with lessons learnt

the corrosion of carbon steels in amine units used for gas treatment in refining operations is a major problem for the petrochemical industry maximising amine unit reliability together with improving throughput circulation and treatment capacity requires more effective ways of measuring and predicting corrosion rates however there has been a lack of data on corrosion this valuable report helps to remedy this lack of information by summarising findings from over 30 plants it covers such amine types as methyl diethanolamine mdea diethanolamine dea monoethanolamine mea and di isopropanolamine dipa and makes recommendations on materials and process parameters to maximise amine unit efficiency and reliability covers such amine types as methyl diethanolamine mdea and di isopropanolamine makes recommendations on materials and process parameters to maximise amine unit efficiency and reliability

fouling in refineries is an important and ongoing problem that directly affects energy efficiency resulting in increased costs production losses and even unit shutdown requiring costly expenditures to clean up equipment and return capacity to positive levels this text addresses this common challenge for the hydrocarbon processing community within each unit of the refinery as refineries today face a greater challenge of accepting harder to process heavier crudes and the ongoing flow of the lighter shale oil feedstocks resulting in bigger challenges to balance product stability within their process equipment this text

seeks to inform all relative refinery personnel on how to monitor fouling characterize the deposits and follow all available treatments with basic modeling and chemistry of fouling and each unit covered users will learn how to operate at maximum production rates and elongate the efficiency of their refinery s capacity presents an understanding of the breakdown of fouling per refinery unit including distillation and coking units provides all the factors crude types and refining blends that cause fouling especially the unconventional feedstocks and high acid crudes used today helps users develop an analysis based treatment and control strategy that empowers them to operate refinery equipment at a level that prevents fouling from occurring

a pioneering and comprehensive introduction to the complex subject of integrated refinery process simulation using many of the tools and techniques currently employed in modern refineries adopting a systematic and practical approach the authors include the theory case studies and hands on workshops explaining how to work with real data as a result senior level undergraduate and graduate students as well as industrial engineers learn how to develop and use the latest computer models for the predictive modeling and optimization of integrated refinery processes additional material is available online providing relevant spreadsheets and simulation files for all the models and examples presented in the book

besides covering topics like catalytic cracking hydrocracking and alkylation this volume has chapters on waste water treatment and the economics of managing or commissioning the design of a petroleum refinery found only in this volume is material on operating a jointly owned and operated refinery over the last decade the ownership of many refineries has shifted to small companies from the large integrated companies because of this shift many refineries are now jointly owned and operated filled with handy process flow diagrams this volume is the only reference that a chemical engineer or process manager in a petroleum refinery needs for answers to everyday process and operations questions covers the technologies and operations of petroleum refineries provides material on operating a jointly owned and operated refinery gives readers a comprehensive introduction to petroleum refining as well as a full reference to engineers in the field

the refinery of the future second edition delivers useful knowledge that will help the engineer understand the processes involved feedstocks composition and future technologies covering the basic chemistry commercial processes already in use and future innovation this reference gives engineers and managers the tools needed to understand refining products feedstocks and the processes critical to convert feedstocks to desired outcomes new information concerning tight shale

formations and heavy oil process options is included for today's operations rounding out with future uses in shale bio liquids and refinery configurations this book gives engineers and refinery managers the knowledge to update and upgrade their refinery assets links basic petrochemical and refinery knowledge into application for today's oil and gas refining industry gives insights into the development and applications of refining process technology along with the types of feedstock and their properties updated with a focus on crude oils recovered from tight shale and sandstone formations along with increased emphasis on heavy oil and tar sand bitumen

winner of the 2015 Rachel Carson Prize presented by the Society for Social Studies of Science residents of a small Louisiana town were sure that the oil refinery next door was making them sick as part of a campaign demanding relocation away from the refinery they collected scientific data to prove it their campaign ended with a settlement agreement that addressed many of their grievances but not concerns about their health yet instead of continuing to collect data residents began to let refinery scientists' assertions that their operations did not harm them stand without challenge what makes a community move so suddenly from actively challenging to apparently accepting experts' authority refining expertise argues that the answer lies in the way that refinery scientists and engineers defined themselves as experts rather than claiming to be infallible they began to portray themselves as responsible committed to operating safely and to contributing to the well being of the community the volume shows that by grounding their claims to responsibility in influential ideas from the larger culture about what makes good citizens nice communities and moral companies refinery scientists made it much harder for residents to challenge their expertise and thus re-established their authority over scientific questions related to the refinery's health and environmental effects Gwen Ottinger here shows how industrial facilities' current approaches to dealing with concerned communities approaches which leave much room for negotiation while shielding industry's environmental and health claims from critique effectively undermine not only individual grassroots campaigns but also environmental justice activism and far reaching efforts to democratize science this work drives home the need for both activists and politically engaged scholars to reconfigure their own activities in response in order to advance community health and robust scientific knowledge about it

provides comprehensive coverage of corrosion inhibitors in the oil and gas industries considering the high importance of corrosion inhibitor development for the oil and gas sectors this book provides a thorough overview of the most recent advancements in this field it systematically addresses corrosion inhibitors for various applications in the oil and gas value chain as well as the fundamentals of corrosion inhibition and interference of inhibitors with co-additives corrosion inhibitors in

the oil and gas industries is presented in three parts the first part on fundamentals and approaches focuses on principles and processes in the oil and gas industry the types of corrosion encountered and their control methods environmental factors affecting inhibition material selection strategies and economic aspects of corrosion the second part on choice of inhibitors examines corrosion inhibitors for acidizing processes inhibitors for sweet and sour corrosion inhibitors in refinery operations high temperature corrosion inhibitors inhibitors for challenging corrosive environments inhibitors for microbiologically influenced corrosion polymeric inhibitors vapor phase inhibitors and smart controlled release inhibitor systems the last part on interaction with co additives looks at industrial co additives and their interference with corrosion inhibitors such as antisclalants hydrate inhibitors and sulfide scavengers presents a well structured and systematic overview of the fundamentals and factors affecting corrosion acts as a handy reference tool for scientists and engineers working with corrosion inhibitors for the oil and gas industries collectively presents all the information available on the development and application of corrosion inhibitors for the oil and gas industries offers a unique and specific focus on the oil and gas industries corrosion inhibitors in the oil and gas industries is an excellent resource for scientists in industry as well as in academia working in the field of corrosion protection for the oil and gas sectors and will appeal to materials scientists electrochemists chemists and chemical engineers

there is a renaissance that is occurring in chemical and process engineering and it is crucial for today s scientists engineers technicians and operators to stay current with so many changes over the last few decades in equipment and processes petroleum refining is almost a living document constantly needing updating with no new refineries being built companies are spending their capital re tooling and adding on to existing plants refineries are like small cities today as they grow bigger and bigger and more and more complex a huge percentage of a refinery can be changed literally from year to year to account for the type of crude being refined or to integrate new equipment or processes this book is the most up to date and comprehensive coverage of the most significant and recent changes to petroleum refining presenting the state of the art to the engineer scientist or student useful as a textbook this is also an excellent handy go to reference for the veteran engineer a volume no chemical or process engineering library should be without written by one of the world s foremost authorities this book sets the standard for the industry and is an integral part of the petroleum refining renaissance it is truly a must have for any practicing engineer or student in this area

this extensively updated second edition of the already valuable reference targets research chemists and engineers who have

chosen a career in the complex and essential petroleum industry as well as other professionals just entering the industry who seek a comprehensive and accessible resource on petroleum processing the handbook describes and discusses the key components and processes that make up the petroleum refining industry beginning with the basics of crude oils and their nature it continues with the commercial products derived from refining and with related issues concerning their environmental impact more in depth coverage of many topics previously covered in the first edition such as hydraulic fracturing or fracking as it is often termed help ensure this reference remains a relevant and up to date resource at its core is a complete overview of the processes that make up a modern refinery plus a brief history of the development of processes also described in detail are design techniques operations and in the case of catalytic units the chemistry of the reaction routes these discussions are supported by calculation procedures and examples which enable readers to use today's simulation software packages the handbook also covers off sites and utilities as well as environmental and safety aspects relevant to the industry the chapter on refinery planning covers both operational planning and the decision making procedures for new or revamped processes major equipment used in the industry is reviewed along with details and examples of the process specifications for each an extensive glossary and dictionary of the terms and expressions used in petroleum refining plus appendices supplying data such as converging factors and selected crude oil assays as well as an example of optimizing a refinery configuration using linear programming are all included to aid the reader the 2nd edition of the handbook of petroleum processing is an indispensable desk reference for chemists and engineers as well as an essential part of the libraries of universities with a chemical engineering faculty and oil refineries and engineering firms performing support functions or construction

for four decades petroleum refining has guided thousands of readers toward a reliable understanding of the field and through the years has become the standard text in many schools and universities around the world offering petroleum refining classes for self study training and as a reference for industry professionals the sixth edition of this perennial bestseller continues in the tradition set by jim gary as the most modern and authoritative guide in the field updated and expanded to reflect new technologies methods and topics the book includes new discussion on the business and economics of refining cost estimation and complexity crude origins and properties fuel specifications and updates on technology process units and catalysts the first half of the book is written for a general audience to introduce the primary economic and market characteristics of the industry and to describe the inputs and outputs of refining most of this material is new to this edition and can be read independently or in parallel with the rest of the text in the second half of the book a technical review of the main process units of a refinery is

provided beginning with distillation and covering each of the primary conversion and treatment processes much of this material was reorganized updated and rewritten with greater emphasis on reaction chemistry and the role of catalysis in applications petroleum refining technology economics and markets is a book written for users the practitioners of refining and all those who want to learn more about the field

a very detailed workable approach to improving energy efficiency and cost effectiveness in petroleum processing dealing with the role of management and refinery operators in achieving the best technological parameters the most rational utilization of energy as well as the greatest possible economic success the author provides a detailed and well founded approach to the methodology information and criteria necessary for analyzing energy use economics and the environmental impact as well as solutions for fulfilling the requirements of the kyoto agreement in addition he describes in sufficient detail the energy streams within a refinery a practical guide for refinery engineers managers and consultants as well as all engineers involved in the design of process technologies in developed as well as developing countries

handbook of refinery desulfurization describes the operation of the various desulfurization process units in a petroleum refinery it also explains the processes that produce raw materials for the petrochemical industry it illustrates all the possible processes to lower the sulfur contents in petroleum and its fractions to decrease emissions of su

special edition of the federal register containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect with ancillaries

the code of federal regulations is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the federal register by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government

in this investigation into the criminal underworld of the cities and villages of the italian south david lane provides an unrivaled exposé of the operations of the mafia today from naples home of mafia controlled mozzarella and toxic waste through the no less rotten calabria to sicily cradle of cosa nostra the hold of the mafia on southern italy is as strong as ever following a multi decade career as a journalist in italy david lane uses his extensive contacts into the world of organized crime to demonstrate how globalization has transformed the mafia into more than simply a global phenomenon in painful detail into the heart of the mafia describes the unceasing mafia pressure endured by priests and politicians businessmen trade unionists and ordinary

citizens and the risks undertaken by the policemen judges and politicians who fight to weaken the mafia s influence a travelogue with the most deadly of implications into the heart of the mafia stands as a guide like no other into the darkest side of italy

this book presents a detailed and practical description of various processes dewatering desalting and distillation that prepare refinery feedstocks for different conversion processes they will go through relevant process data are provided and process operations are fully described this accessible guide is written for managers professionals and technicians as well as graduate students transitioning into the refining industry key features describes feedstock evaluation and the effects of elemental chemical and fractional composition details the equipment and components and possible impacts due to composition explores the process options and parameters involved in dewatering desalting and distillation considers next generation processes and developments

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Decoding the Weight: Unveiling the Mystery of 850 kg to lbs

Have you ever stared at a shipping container, a hefty piece of machinery, or even a particularly large elephant and wondered about its weight? Often, these weights are listed in kilograms (kg), the standard unit of mass in the metric system. But what if you're more familiar with pounds (lbs), the unit of weight commonly used in the United States and other parts of the world? This seemingly simple conversion – from kilograms to pounds – opens a door to understanding fundamental concepts in measurement and highlights the importance of unit conversion in our daily lives. Let's dive into the fascinating world of converting 850 kg to lbs and explore its implications.

Understanding Kilograms and Pounds: A Tale of Two Systems

Before we embark on the conversion, let's establish a clear understanding of the units involved. Kilograms (kg) are the base unit of mass in the International System of Units (SI), the globally accepted standard. One kilogram is roughly equivalent to the mass of one liter of water. Think of it as a measure of how much "stuff" is present in an object. Pounds (lbs), on the other hand, are a unit of weight in the imperial system. Weight is a measure of the force of gravity acting on an object's mass. While mass remains constant, weight can vary depending on the gravitational pull. For example, an object weighing 1 lb on Earth would weigh less on the moon due to the moon's weaker gravity. However, for everyday purposes, especially on Earth, the distinction between mass and weight is often blurred, and we use pounds as a measure of both.

The Conversion Process: From Kilograms to Pounds

The conversion from kilograms to pounds is relatively straightforward. The key is knowing the conversion factor: 1 kilogram is approximately equal to 2.20462 pounds. This means that to convert kilograms to pounds, we simply multiply the number of

kilograms by this factor. For 850 kg, the calculation is: $850 \text{ kg} \times 2.20462 \text{ lbs/kg} \approx 1873.95 \text{ lbs}$. Therefore, 850 kilograms is approximately equal to 1873.95 pounds. We often round this to 1874 pounds for practical purposes.

Real-World Applications: Where This Conversion Matters

Understanding the conversion between kilograms and pounds has numerous practical applications across various fields:

- International Trade and Shipping:** Global commerce relies heavily on accurate weight measurements. Knowing how to convert between kg and lbs is essential for international shipping, ensuring accurate customs declarations and freight calculations. Imagine importing 850 kg of coffee beans – knowing their equivalent weight in pounds is crucial for pricing and logistics.
- Engineering and Construction:** Engineers and construction workers frequently encounter weight specifications in both kg and lbs. Designing a bridge, for instance, requires precise calculations involving the weight of materials, and being able to seamlessly convert units is crucial for accuracy and safety. The weight of 850 kg of steel reinforcement might be a significant factor in such calculations.
- Healthcare and Nutrition:** In healthcare, weight is a critical factor in determining dosages of medication and monitoring patient health. Converting between kg and lbs is necessary for seamless communication between healthcare professionals using different measurement systems. A patient's weight of 850 kg (a significantly high weight, requiring specialized medical care) would need to be accurately translated to lbs for effective treatment planning.
- Automotive Industry:** The automotive industry uses both systems for various specifications, such as vehicle weight limits, payload capacities, and engine specifications. Converting between kg and lbs allows for clear communication between different parts of the global supply chain. The weight of an automobile's parts, for example, might be specified in kilograms in the design phase and then converted to pounds for manufacturing in a different region.

Beyond the Calculation: Precision and Significance

While the conversion itself is simple, it's crucial to remember the approximate nature of the conversion factor. The value 2.20462 is a rounded figure. For extremely precise calculations, a more accurate conversion factor might be needed. Furthermore, the context of the weight is important. In some scenarios, rounding to the nearest pound is sufficient, while in

others, greater precision is required.

Summary: Mastering Kilograms and Pounds

Converting 850 kg to lbs, while seemingly a straightforward calculation, opens a window into the wider world of unit conversions and their real-world applications. Understanding the difference between kilograms (mass) and pounds (weight), although often used interchangeably in everyday language, is essential for accurate measurements across diverse fields, from international trade to healthcare. The ability to perform this conversion demonstrates not just mathematical proficiency, but also a practical understanding of measurement systems and their global implications.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is the conversion factor 2.20462 exact? No, it's an approximation. The exact conversion factor is a slightly longer decimal number. 2. Can I use a calculator or online converter for this? Absolutely! Online converters provide quick and accurate results for kilogram-to-pound conversions. 3. What if I need to convert pounds to kilograms? Simply divide the weight in pounds by 2.20462 to obtain the equivalent weight in kilograms. 4. Are there other units of weight besides kilograms and pounds? Yes, many other units exist, including grams, ounces, tons, and stones, each with its own conversion factors. 5. Why is it important to know these conversions? Understanding unit conversions is crucial for clear communication, accurate calculations, and effective problem-solving across various fields. It's a fundamental skill with widespread practical applications in the modern world.

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