



UNDERSTANDING METRIC TERMS

MILLIMETERS	VERBALLY	INCHES	VERBALLY	VISUALLY
0.001	1 THOUSANDS MM OR 1 MICRON	0.000040	40 MILLIONTHS	SLIP FIT OF DOWELL WITH NO SHAKE
0.002	2 THOUSANDS MM	0.000080	80 MILLIONTHS	TENTH IS AN ACCEPTABLE SHOP TERM FOR TEN THOUSANDTHS THE CELLOPHANE ON A CIGARETTE PACK
0.0025	2½ THOUSANDS MM	0.0001	1 TENTHS	
0.005	5 THOUSANDS MM	0.0002	2 TENTHS	
0.010	10 THOUSANDS MM	0.0004	4 TENTHS	
0.025	25 THOUSANDS MM	0.001	1 THOUSANDTHS	
0.050	50 THOUSANDS MM	0.002	2 THOUSANDTHS	
0.100	100 THOUSANDS MM	0.004	4 THOUSANDTHS	
0.500	½ MILLIMETER	0.020	20 THOUSANDTHS	
1.0	1 MILLIMETER (THE TERM MICRON IS OFTEN SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TERM THOUSANDS)	0.039	39 THOUSANDTHS	THICKNESS OF A DIME OR PAPER CLIP

