

Recording Data - Single Measurements

Notebook:

Measurements must be recorded in the following format.

Written description symbol measurement Estimated uncertainty
Length of wooden block, L = 12.20 ± 0.15 cm ← unit

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Explanation of uncertainty estimate

Spreadsheet:

Length of wooden block, L (cm)	12.20	0.15
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Recording Data – Multiple or Related Measurements

Multiple measurements or groups of related measurements go in tables.

Notebook

Table 1: Dimensions of a rectangular wooden block

Table numbered with a clear description of contents

	Length of Block L (± 0.15 cm)	Width of block W (cm)
1	12.2	5.81 ± 0.03
2	12.3	5.87 ± 0.05
3	12.2	5.85 ± 0.04

First line: Written description

Second line: symbol

Third line: unit

Form if uncertainty is constant

Form if uncertainty varies

Explanation of uncertainty estimates goes here.

Spreadsheet

In a spreadsheet the uncertainties are entered in separate cells from the measurements.

Table 1: Dimensions of a rectangular wooden block

	Length of Block L (cm)	Uncertainty δL (cm)	Width of block W (cm)	Uncertainty δW (cm)
1	12.2	0.15	5.81	0.03
2	12.3	0.15	5.87	0.05
3	12.2	0.15	5.85	0.04

Explanation of uncertainty estimates goes here – or refer to notebook.