

MASS MOMENTS OF INERTIA of USEFUL SOLID CONFIGURATIONS

Geometry	Inertia properties	Diagram of geometry
Slender Bar	$I_{xx} = I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}ml^2$ $I_{x'x'} = I_{y'y'} = \frac{1}{3}ml^2$	
Cylinder (To apply for thin disk, let $L \rightarrow 0$)	$I_{xx} = I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}m(3R^2 + L^2)$ $I_{zz} = \frac{1}{2}mR^2$	
Rectangular Prism (To apply for thin plate, let $L \rightarrow 0$)	$I_{xx} = \frac{1}{12}m(L^2 + a^2)$ $I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}m(L^2 + b^2)$ $I_{zz} = \frac{1}{12}m(a^2 + b^2)$	
Half-Cylinder	$I_{xx} = \frac{9\pi^2 - 64}{36\pi^2}mR^2 + \frac{1}{12}mL^2$ $I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}m(3R^2 + L^2)$ $I_{zz} = \frac{9\pi^2 - 32}{18\pi^2}mR^2 \quad \bar{r} = \frac{4R}{3\pi}$	
Half Cylindrical Shell	$I_{xx} = I_{yy} = \frac{1}{2}mR^2 + \frac{1}{12}mL^2$ $I_{zz} = \left(1 - \frac{4}{\pi^2}\right)mR^2$ $\bar{r} = \frac{2R}{\pi}$	
Cylindrical Shell	$I_{xx} = I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}m(6R^2 + L^2)$ $I_{zz} = mR^2$	
Isosceles Triangle of unit thickness	$I_G = \frac{1}{18}ma^2(3\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta)$	



Indicates mass center of body

General expression for mass moment of inertia:

$$I_O = \int r_O^2 dm$$

where: r_O is the location of the mass center of the differential mass element dm from point O .

Parallel axis theorem: $I_A = I_G + md_{GA}^2$

where: I_O mass moment of inertia about centroid, d_{GA} distance from mass center G and A .

Mass moment of inertia for a point mass spinning a distance l from center O : $I_O = ml^2$

Radius of gyration: $I_O = mk_O^2$ where k_O is the radius of gyration about point O .