

Journal Page Limits and Word Count Guidelines

The manuscript text should be as brief and concise as proper presentation of the ideas will allow. AIAA provides word-count and manuscript length guidelines to streamline the submission and review process. A journal editor *at his or her own discretion* may request that a manuscript be shortened or expanded before or after peer review, to meet individual journal standards and to best convey the concepts being discussed.

Recommended *Published* Page Counts (1400 words* per published page)

Regular/Full Articles	7 – 10 pages;	10,000 – 13,000 words
Express Articles (AIAAJ only, invite only)	3 – 4 pages;	maximum 6000 words
Technical/Engineering Notes	1 – 3 pages;	2500 – 3500 words
Survey Papers	13 – 15 pages;	18,000 – 20,000 words

*Or equivalent space for figures/tables

Calculating Manuscript Word Counts

- *MS Word*: Take the software-generated word count for the text; add in word counts for the equivalent space taken up by tables and figures, roughly calculating the equivalent space as follows:
 - o Standard, single-column figure or table is equivalent to 200 words
 - o Standard, two-column figure or table is equivalent to 450 words
 - o Large, two-column table is equivalent to 700 words
- *LaTeX/PDF*: Count the number of words on 2 to 3 lines of the manuscript text and take the average per line; multiply the words/line by the number of lines on a full page of text to determine the words/page. Multiply the words/page by the total number of manuscript pages regardless of whether they contain text, figures, tables, displayed equations, or a combination thereof.

Equivalencies for Author Manuscripts

		Double-Spaced Manuscript Pages (one-inch margins)	
		Serif font (e.g., Times)	Sans serif font (e.g., Arial)
Regular Articles			
10-point	type	20 – 26	22 – 28
12-point		29 – 37	33 – 43
Express Articles (AIAAJ only, invite only)			
10-point		8 – 10	9 – 11
12-point		12 – 14	13 – 15
Technical/Engineering Notes			
10-point		5 – 7	6 – 8
12-point		7 – 10	8 – 12
Survey Papers			
10-point		30 – 33 ½	33 – 37
12-point		43 – 47 ½	48 ½ – 54