

Resonance: The Speed of Sound – Closed Tube

Trial	Tuning Fork Frequency, Hz	Resonant Tube Length, m	Tube Diameter, m	Wavelength, m	Experimental Speed of Sound, m/s	Air Temp, °C	Accepted Speed of Sound, m/s	Percent Error, %
1								
2								
3								

FOR EACH TRIAL:

- Calculate the wavelength of each resonant sound wave.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.



- Calculate the experimental speed of sound.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.

- Use the air temperature to find the accepted speed of sound.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.



- Calculate the % error for each speed of sound trial. *Show the formula and calculations in the space below.*

Resonance: The Speed of Sound – Open Tube

Trial	Tuning Fork Frequency, Hz	Resonant Tube Length, m	Tube Diameter, m	Wavelength, m	Experimental Speed of Sound, m/s	Air Temp, °C	Accepted Speed of Sound, m/s	Percent Error, %
1								
2								
3								

FOR EACH TRIAL:

- Calculate the wavelength of each resonant sound wave.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.



- Calculate the experimental speed of sound.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.

- Use the air temperature to find the accepted speed of sound.
Show the formula and calculations in the space below.



- Calculate the % error for each speed of sound trial. *Show the formula and calculations in the space below.*

You will now use the phenomenon of resonance to determine the unknown frequency of a tuning fork.

Trial	Resonant Tube Length, m	Tube Diameter, m	Wavelength, m	Air Temp, °C	Accepted Speed of Sound, m/s	Calculated Tuning Fork Frequency, Hz
1						
2						

FOR BOTH TRIALS:

1. Calculate the wavelength of the resonant sound wave. *Show the formula and calculations in the space below.*
2. Use the air temperature to find the accepted speed of sound. *Show the formula and calculations in the space below.*
3. Use the experimental wavelength and temperature-based accepted speed of sound to calculate the frequency of your tuning fork. *Show the formula and calculations in the space below.*
4. List sources of error in this lab.

