

## 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 – 12,000 words
Technical Notes	1 – 3 pages;	2,500 – 3,500 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)
<b>Regular Articles</b>		
10-point type	20 – 26	22 – 28
12-point type	29 – 37	33 – 43
<b>Technical Notes</b>		
10-point type	5 – 7	6 – 8
12-point type	7 – 10	8 – 12
<b>Survey Papers</b>		
10-point type	30 – 33 ½	33 – 37
12-point type	43 – 47 ½	48 ½ – 54