**Dobson unit**  
*in atmospheric chemistry*

Unit sometimes used in the description of the total ozone in a column of air overhead. It is given as the thickness (in units of $10^{-3}$ cm or $10^{-5}$ m) of that layer which would be formed by the total ozone in a column reduced to the pressure of 760 Torr and temperature of 0 °C.

**Source:**  
PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2185