

Length: metre (m)

The **metre (m)** is the standard unit of length. **Length** is a measure of how long or wide something is.

Tape measures can be used to measure length. They are marked in **millimetres (mm)**, **centimetres (cm)** and **metres (m)**.



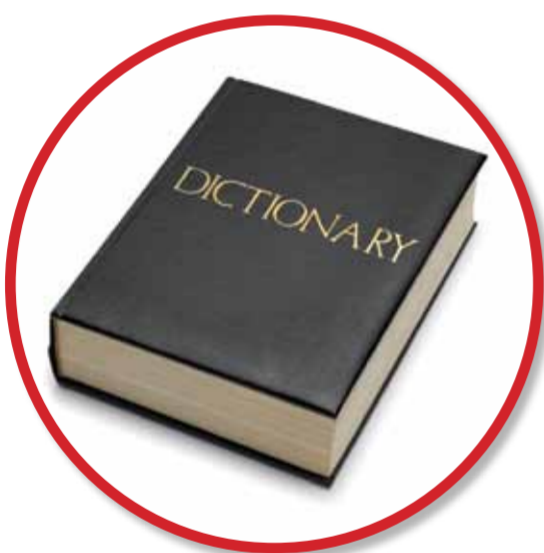
The Units of Length

10 millimetres (mm) = 1 centimetre (cm)

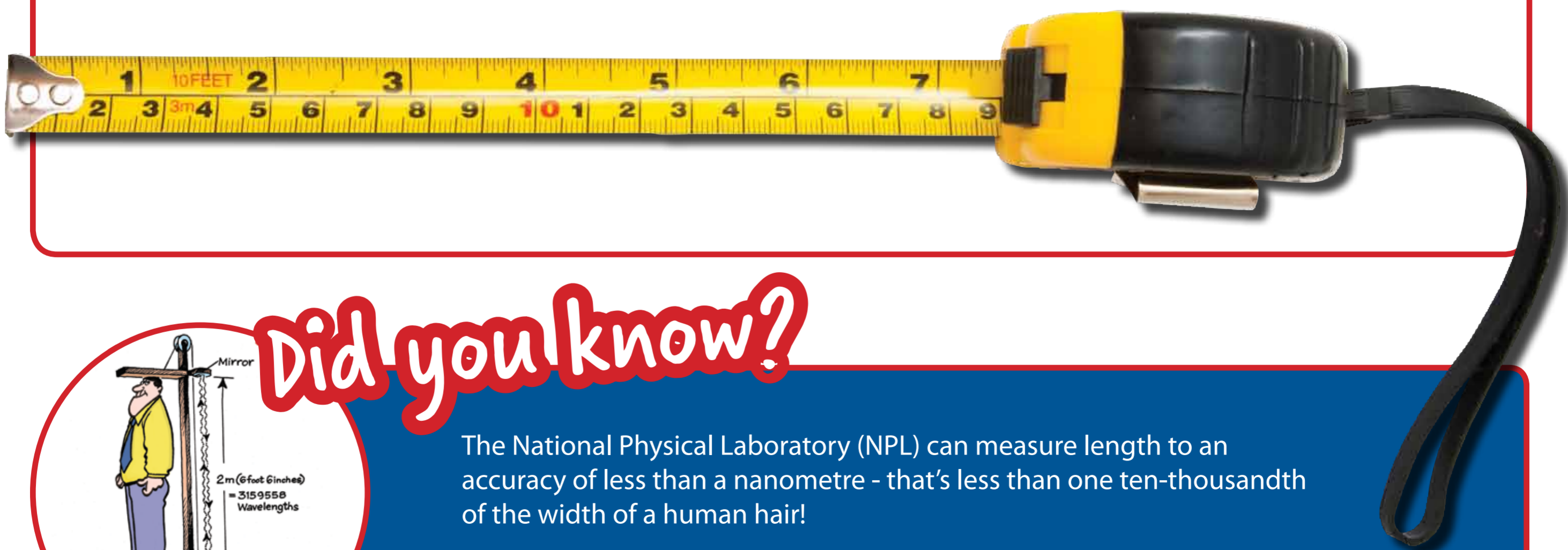
100 centimetres (cm) = 1 metre (m)

1000 metres (m) = 1 kilometre (km)

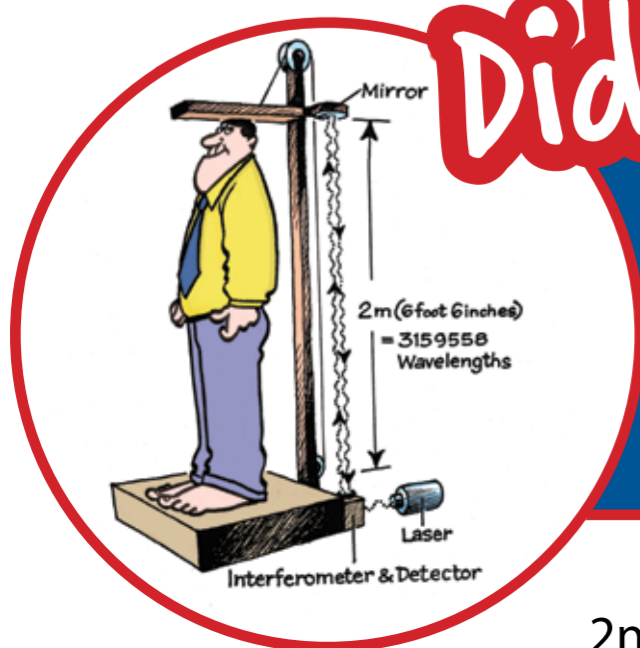
Which of these objects has a dimension nearest to 1 metre?



Find out by measuring them in your classroom.



Did you know?



The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) can measure length to an accuracy of less than a nanometre - that's less than one ten-thousandth of the width of a human hair!