

Definition: A **pica** is a typesetting unit of measurement commonly used for measuring lines of type. One pica equals 12 points. There are 6 picas to an inch. Also used to describe a typewriter type that prints 10 characters per inch (cpi).

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For all practical type measurement purposes we round 72 points to 1 inch. When we take spacing above and below a line of type into consideration, when set at 72 points that line of type will take up approximately an inch of vertical space.

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For many, the measurement system of choice for typesetting and publication design is picas and points.

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A standard US letter size page is 8.5 by 11 inches or 51 by 66 picas. (6 picas are approximately 25 mm)

The letter p is used to designate picas as in 22p or 6p. With 12 points to the pica, half a pica would be 6 points written as 0p6. 17 points would be 1p5 (1 pica = 12 pts, plus the leftover 5 pts).