

Foot pound definition

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There are two meanings listed in OED's entry for the noun foot-pound. See 'Meaning & use' for definitions, usage, and quotation evidence.

This word is used in U.S. English.

The earliest known use of the noun foot-pound is in the 1840s.

OED's earliest evidence for foot-pound is from 1847, in a translation by J. R. and L. D. B. Gordon.

foot-pound is formed within English, by compounding.

Etymons: foot n., pound n.1

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