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Second Unit of Plane Angle

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A unit of angular measure equal to 1/60 arcminute or to 1/360 degree. Second is also called the arcsecond to distinguish it from the second of time. There are 1296000 seconds in a circle. The international standard ISO 31 recommends that angles be stated in degrees and decimal fractions of the degree, without use of arcminutes and arcseconds.