

Excel Lookup Functions

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- How can we get Excel to do this for us?

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Excel Lookup Functions

- Lookup-type functions can return particular information from a series of a table of data
- The two most common lookup functions are:

VLOOKUP (for Vertical **LOOKUP**)
HLOOKUP (for Horizontal **LOOKUP**)

- Both these function lookup a particular value or text entry in a table and return the related information

Excel Lookup Functions

- The **VLOOKUP** function moves vertically down the rows of a lookup table, looking for matching information in the first column of the table
- The **HLOOKUP** function moves horizontally across the columns of a lookup table, looking for matching information in the first row of the table

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- The format of the **VLOOKUP** function is:

**VLOOKUP(lookup_value,table_array,
 col_index_num,range_lookup)**

lookup_value the value to be searched for in the first column of the array

table_array is the table of two or more columns of data

col_index_num is the column number in **table_array** from which the matching value must be returned

range_lookup is a logical value that specifies whether you want **VLOOKUP** to find an exact match or an approximate match

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**VLOOKUP(lookup_value,table_array,
col_index_num,range_lookup)**

- The **lookup_value** can be a value, a reference, or a text string
- The **table_array** is a reference to a range
- A **col_index_num** of 1 returns the value in the first column in **table_array**; a **col_index_num** of 2 returns the value in the second column in **table_array**, and so on
- ...

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col_index_num,range_lookup)**

- If **col_index_num** is less than 1, **VLOOKUP** returns the #VALUE! error value
- If **col_index_num** is greater than the number of columns in **table_array**, **VLOOKUP** returns the #REF! error value

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**VLOOKUP(lookup_value,table_array,
col_index_num,range_lookup)**

- If **range_lookup** is TRUE or omitted, an approximate match is returned
- In other words, if an exact match is not found, the next largest value that is less than **lookup_value** is returned
- If **range_lookup** is FALSE, **VLOOKUP** will find an exact match
- If one is not found, the error value #N/A is returned

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col_index_num,range_lookup)**

- If **range_lookup** is TRUE, the values in the first column of **table_array** must be placed in ascending order: ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ..., A-Z, FALSE, TRUE; otherwise **VLOOKUP** may not give the correct value
- If **range_lookup** is FALSE, **table_array** does not need to be sorted

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**VLOOKUP(lookup_value,table_array,
col_index_num,range_lookup)**

- You can put the values in ascending order by choosing the **Sort** command from the **Data** menu and selecting **Ascending**
- The values in the first column of **table_array** can be text, numbers, or logical values
- Uppercase and lowercase text are equivalent

VLOOKUP Examples

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17						
18		x	x^2	x^3	x^4	
19		0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	
20	1.5	2.3	3.4	5.1		
21	2.2	4.8	10.6	23.4		
22	2.5	6.3	15.6	39.1		
23	3.1	9.6	29.8	92.4		
24	4.8	23.0	110.6	530.8		
25						

VLOOKUP(1,E19:H24,1,TRUE) returns 0.9

VLOOKUP Examples

	D	E	F	G	H	I
17						
18		x	x^2	x^3	x^4	
19	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7		
20	1.5	2.3	3.4	5.1		
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23	3.1	9.6	29.8	92.4		
24	4.8	23.0	110.6	530.8		
25						

VLOOKUP(0.8,E19:H24,1,TRUE) returns #N/A

VLOOKUP Examples

	D	E	F	G	H	I
17						
18		x	x^2	x^3	x^4	
19	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7		
20	1.5	2.3	3.4	5.1		
21	2.2	4.8	10.6	23.4		
22	2.5	6.3	15.6	39.1		
23	3.1	9.6	29.8	92.4		
24	4.8	23.0	110.6	530.8		
25						

VLOOKUP(3,E19:H24,3,TRUE) returns 15.6

VLOOKUP Examples

	D	E	F	G	H	I
17						
18		x	x^2	x^3	x^4	
19	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7		
20	1.5	2.3	3.4	5.1		
21	2.2	4.8	10.6	23.4		
22	2.5	6.3	15.6	39.1		
23	3.1	9.6	29.8	92.4		
24	4.8	23.0	110.6	530.8		
25						

VLOOKUP(3,E19:H24,3,TRUE) returns #N/A

VLOOKUP Examples

	D	E	F	G	H	I
17						
18		x	x^2	x^3	x^4	
19	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7		
20	1.5	2.3	3.4	5.1		
21	2.2	4.8	10.6	23.4		
22	2.5	6.3	15.6	39.1		
23	3.1	9.6	29.8	92.4		
24	4.8	23.0	110.6	530.8		
25						

VLOOKUP(2.2,E19:H24,4,TRUE) returns 23.4

VLOOKUP Examples

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											

VLOOKUP("3 to 4",B4:J7,4,TRUE) returns 340

VLOOKUP Examples											
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Maximum aggregate size (in)											
4	Slump(in)	0.375	0.500	0.750	1.000	1.500	2.000	3.000	6.000		
5	1 to 2	350	335	315	300	275	260	220	190		
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9											
10											

VLOOKUP("1 to 2",B4:J7,9) returns 190

VLOOKUP Examples											
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8	Air Content	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%		
9											
10											

VLOOKUP("1 to 7",B4:J7,1) returns "1 to 2"

Excel MATCH Function											
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
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7	6 to 7	410	385	360	340	315	300	270	210		
8	Air Content	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%		
9											
10											

MATCH("lookup_value",lookup_array,match_type)

lookup_value is the value you want to match in the *lookup_array*
lookup_array is a contiguous range of cells containing possible lookup values
match_type is the number -1, 0, or 1

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9											
10											

MATCH(lookup_value,lookup_array,match_type)

- The *lookup_value* is the value you want to match in *lookup_array*.
- Lookup_value* can be a value (number, text, or logical value) or a cell reference to a number, text, or logical value.

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- If *match_type* is 1, MATCH finds the largest value that is less than or equal to *lookup_value*. *Lookup_array* must be placed in ascending order: ...-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ..., A-Z, FALSE, TRUE.
- If *match_type* is 0, MATCH finds the first value that is exactly equal to *lookup_value*. *Lookup_array* can be in any order.
- If *match_type* is -1, MATCH finds the smallest value that is greater than or equal to *lookup_value*. *Lookup_array* must be placed in descending order: TRUE, FALSE, Z-A,...2, 1, 0, -1, -2,..., and so on.
- If *match_type* is omitted, it is assumed to be 1.

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MATCH(lookup_value,lookup_array,match_type)

- MATCH does not distinguish between uppercase and lowercase letters when matching text values
- If MATCH is unsuccessful in finding a match, it returns the #N/A error value
- If *match_type* is 0 and *lookup_value* is text, *lookup_value* can contain the wildcard characters, asterisk (*) and question mark (?)

An asterisk (*) matches any sequence of characters; a question mark (?) matches any single character

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MATCH(4.0,F19:F24,1)

returns 2

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MATCH(4.0,F19:F24,0)

returns #N/A

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MATCH(4.0,F19:F24,1)

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- Write one function or a series of nested functions that return the amount water required for a concrete mix based on the slump and the maximum aggregate size

➤ Hint: Consider VLOOKUP and MATCH

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VLOOKUP("3 to 4",B4:J7,MATCH(0.75,B4:J4))

returns 340

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Questions?

