

Table 1. The Speed of Light: Some Selected Measurements

Date	Experimenter	Country	Method	Speed (10^8 m/s)	Uncertainty (m/s)
1600	Galileo	Italy	Laterns & shutters	"Fast"	?
1676	Roemer	France	Moons of Jupiter	2.14	?
1729	Bradley	England	Aberration of light	3.08	?
1849	Fizeau	France	Toothed wheel	3.14	?
1879	Michelson	United States	Rotating mirror	2.99910	75,000
	Michelson	United States		2.999798	22,000
1950	Essen	England	Microwave cavity	2.997925	1,000
1958	Froome	England	Interferometer	2.997925	100
1972	Evenson et al.	United States	Laser method	2.997924574	1.1
1974	Blaney et al.	England	Laser method	2.997924590	0.6
1976	Woods et al.	England	Laser method	2.997924588	0.2