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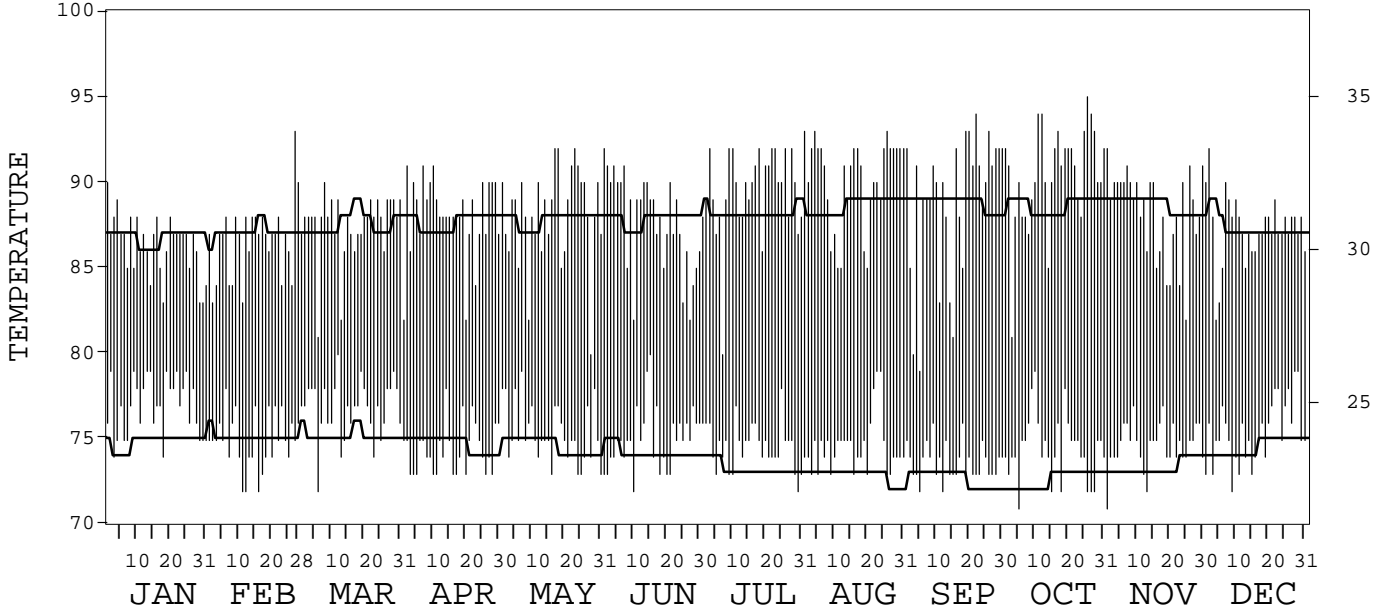
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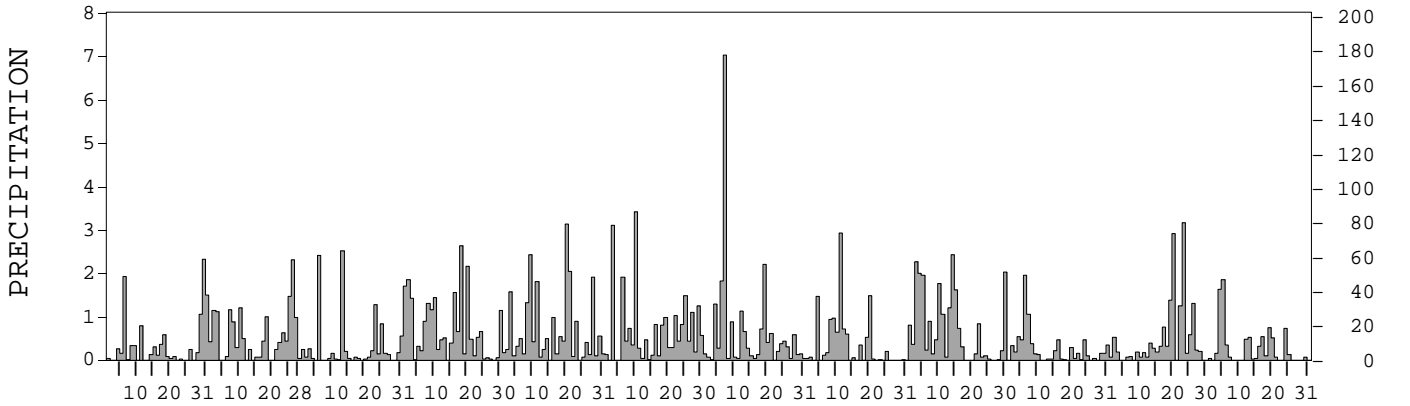
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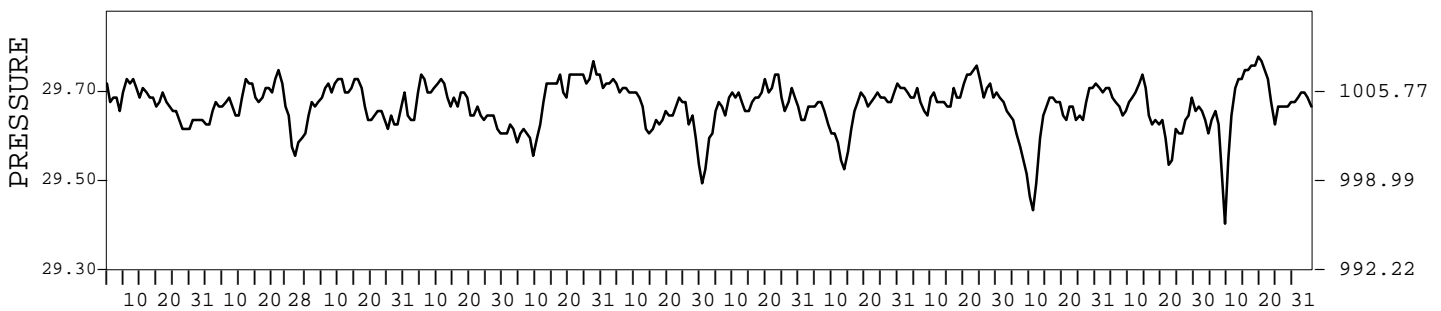
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2002

## POHNPEI, PC (PTTP)

LATITUDE: 6° 58' 0" N      LONGITUDE: 158° 13' 0" E      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 123      BARO: 126      TIME ZONE: 165 E MER (UTC - 11)      WBAN: 40504

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	86.4	86.6	87.5	88.1	88.2	87.8	89.5	90.2	88.9	90.5	88.3	87.3	88.3	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	90	93	90	91	92	92	93	94	95	92	92	92	95	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	27	08	10+	23+	01	28+	26+	22	26	01	02	OCT 26	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	76.9	75.0	76.8	74.5	75.4	75.1	74.6	74.6	73.7	74.5	74.7	75.5	75.1	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	74	72	72	73	73	72	72	73	72	71	71	72	71	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	18+	16+	06	28+	31+	10	30	27+	12+	05	01	09	NOV 01	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	81.7	80.8	82.2	81.3	81.8	81.5	82.1	82.4	81.3	82.5	81.5	81.4	81.7	
	MEAN WET BULB	76.6	76.7	77.0	76.9	77.8	77.6	77.6	77.3	77.1	77.7	77.4	77.0	77.2	
	MEAN DEW POINT	74.7	75.0	74.7	75.7	76.7	76.1	76.2	75.7	75.6	76.4	76.2	75.3	75.7	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	1	2	1	9	11	10	17	21	17	22	13	3		127
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	522	449	540	494	528	501	537	546	496	550	501	516	6180	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	81	83	79	88	87	85	86	84	86	86	86	82	84	
	HOUR 05 LST	85	87	82	94	92	91	93	92	93	94	93	86	90	
	HOUR 11 LST	75	77	73	76	79	77	76	73	75	73	77	76	76	
	HOUR 17 LST	78	80	76	84	82	83	81	79	81	82	80	81	81	
	HOUR 23 LST	82	88	82	92	91	88	93	90	94	93	89	85	89	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	24	34	54	30	31	33								
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	THUNDERSTORMS	1	0	0	3	2	4	2	0	1	0	1	3	17	
CLOUDINESS	AVG. SKY COVER (OKTAS)														
	SUNRISE - SUNSET	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	
	MIDNIGHT - MIDNIGHT	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PARTLY CLOUDY	0	0	2	3	2	3	0	2	5	6	9	6	38		
CLOUDY	31	28	29	27	29	27	31	29	25	25	21	25	327		
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	29.67	29.67	29.66	29.67	29.67	29.65	29.66	29.65	29.69	29.63	29.64	29.67	29.66	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	29.82	29.82	29.82	29.83	29.83	29.81	29.82	29.81	29.85	29.79	29.80	29.83	29.82	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	2.7	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.1	1.4	0.2	3.8	0.9	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	09	06	08	08	28	08	10	20	19	09	08	07	09	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	7.1	6.6	8.5	5.8	6.2	6.5	5.6	6.1	6.4	5.7	5.7	8.1	6.5	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	06	06	07	09	09	09	22	24	25	24	09	09	06	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	14	21	18	16	16	17	18	32	18	21	16	21	32	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	04	10	05	11	08	08	30	25	26	23	06	29	25	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26+	25	26	17+	09	28+	05	11	14	09+	16	04	AUG 11	
	PEAK GUST:														
	SPEED (MPH)	25	31	32	38	31	44	41	53	45	37	39	44	53	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	NE	E	E	E	NW	E	NW	SW	W	SW	E	SW	SW		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	26+	24	29	16	17	17+	05	11	13	09	13	05	AUG 11		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	10.81	15.13	9.66	22.11	21.35	21.56	20.14	11.28	21.69	7.64	14.81	8.34	184.52	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	2.42	2.86	2.52	3.07	4.94	3.42	8.85	2.93	2.69	2.43	4.21	2.40	8.85	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	30-31	25-26	13	17-18	20-21	10	06-07	11	13-14	06-07	22-23	04-05	JUL 06-07	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	22	22	24	28	29	27	30	19	25	25	24	19	294	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	16	18	14	22	26	25	22	13	21	18	19	13	227		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	4	6	3	10	7	7	5	3	9	2	5	2	63		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

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ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	86.8	87.0	87.5	87.6	87.8	87.8	88.2	88.6	88.8	88.7	88.6	87.3	87.9
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	50	86.4	86.5	86.9	87.1	87.4	87.5	87.7	88.2	88.3	88.3	88.0	87.0	87.4
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	52	93	93	95	94	93	94	94	97	96	95	95	95	97
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2000	2002	1950	1997	1997	1991	1997	2001	2001	2002	1989	1996	AUG 2001
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	50	89.3	89.2	89.9	90.1	90.5	90.5	90.8	91.6	91.7	91.7	91.3	90.5	90.6
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	74.8	75.1	75.2	74.7	74.6	74.2	73.2	72.8	72.6	72.6	73.3	74.5	74.0
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	50	74.9	75.2	75.2	74.8	74.6	74.2	73.1	72.8	72.5	72.8	73.3	74.6	74.0
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	52	61	63	65	61	61	67	66	63	62	63	64	65	61
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	1999	1999	1998	1998	1999	1999	MAY 2000
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	50	70.6	70.1	71.1	70.7	71.0	70.7	70.3	70.2	69.8	69.9	69.7	70.5	70.4
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	81.0	81.2	81.4	81.2	81.2	80.9	80.4	80.6	80.5	80.6	80.8	81.1	80.9
	MEAN DRY BULB	50	80.8	81.0	81.2	81.1	81.1	80.8	80.4	80.5	80.5	80.5	80.7	80.9	80.8
	MEAN WET BULB	19	76.1	76.0	76.3	76.7	77.1	77.0	76.7	76.6	76.6	76.8	76.9	76.8	76.6
	MEAN DEW POINT	19	74.1	74.0	74.4	74.9	75.6	75.5	75.2	75.2	75.1	75.5	75.5	75.1	75.0
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	1.2	1.2	3.0	4.0	6.7	5.9	8.0	10.0	10.0	11.6	9.4	4.3	75.3	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	490	449	506	485	501	480	486	487	471	486	477	493	5811
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	80	80	81	84	86	86	87	88	87	87	86	83	85
	HOUR 05 LST														
	HOUR 11 LST														
	HOUR 17 LST														
	HOUR 23 LST														
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	44	38	41	45	42	41	40	44	44	44	39	39	36	41
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY≤1/4 MI)	51	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	THUNDERSTORMS	51	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	23.5
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	50	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.1
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	24	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.0
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	50	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.2	4.6
PARTLY CLOUDY	50	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.3	4.9	6.1	6.5	5.7	6.2	6.2	4.9	64.5	
CLOUDY	50	26.4	23.6	26.0	24.7	25.3	24.8	23.8	23.4	23.1	23.7	23.1	25.3	293.2	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	14	29.63	29.65	29.66	29.65	29.66	29.66	29.65	29.66	29.66	29.64	29.62	29.63	29.65
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	19	29.78	29.79	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.77	29.78	29.79
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	19	7.6	7.7	7.2	6.5	6.1	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.9	6.7	5.9
	PREVAIL.DIR(TENS OF DEGS)														
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	14	28	21	20	26	23	18	18	32	21	23	35	23	35
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		02	10	02	29	10	09	30	25	02	16	02	02	02
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1992	2002	1991	1997	1998	1999	2002	2002	1994	2001	1991	1990	NOV 1991
	PEAK GUST :														
SPEED (MPH)	19	55	41	45	56	53	44	41	53	45	47	62	56	62	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		NW	NE	SE	NW	NW	E	NW	SW	W	SW	SW	NW	SW	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1992	1985	1986	1997	1986	2002	2002	2002	2002	1997	1991	1990	NOV 1991	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	12.52	9.78	13.96	16.94	19.41	17.06	16.72	16.37	14.94	16.30	14.74	15.87	184.61
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	52	26.67	19.76	35.30	38.65	38.43	27.97	37.20	32.74	38.81	28.26	31.79	33.35	38.81
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1962	1964	1991	1959	1980	1987	1965	1976	1991	1989	1957	1975	SEP 1991
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	52	0.64	1.05	1.52	2.03	2.21	9.35	8.09	8.46	6.57	7.64	4.55	2.40	0.64
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1998	1977	1983	1983	1983	1997	1998	1999	1979	2002	1963	1957	JAN 1998
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	52	13.16	8.91	9.97	12.81	7.72	6.26	8.85	13.25	11.11	6.55	22.48	8.04	22.48
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1992	1968	1997	1997	1980	1980	2002	1976	1990	1985	1957	1975	NOV 1957
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	21.8	19.6	22.4	24.1	27.1	26.8	26.7	26.3	23.8	25.2	24.5	25.4	293.7
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	3.9	3.1	4.3	5.5	7.0	5.7	6.2	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.3	4.8	61.2
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	52	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE															
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1973	3.31	3.70	7.71	24.38	16.28	23.40	9.40	17.85	18.15	21.32	10.38	18.16	174.04
1974	10.66	16.56	18.81	22.24	16.74	21.27	21.57	18.77	8.84	17.30	20.79	12.32	205.87
1975	6.61	4.26	15.99	16.79	17.50	18.83	15.60	11.26	12.61	22.25	17.22	33.35	192.27
1976	6.02	12.76	25.30	20.18	24.39	20.99	13.04	32.74	24.11	16.94	26.34	13.48	236.29
1977	4.45	1.05	12.65	15.93	26.17	14.70	16.97	18.72	10.88	20.00	16.14	4.95	162.61
1978	16.38	6.18	6.17	18.91	12.82	19.27	10.28	13.62	11.44	16.97	13.19	14.00	159.23
1979	8.16	6.65	11.98	23.38	18.76	23.85	17.07	22.35	6.57	17.57	20.09	19.58	196.01
1980	14.01	18.63	8.11	15.10	38.43	23.21	15.87	15.79	15.32	11.70	7.96	10.07	194.20
1981	14.59	13.75	8.55	10.47	23.00	17.92	16.20	13.41	15.04	15.43	16.46	17.47	182.29
1982	14.06	16.35	12.94	16.59	22.67	17.28	23.00	17.99	25.58	8.42	9.94	16.05	200.87
1983	1.89	1.72	1.52	2.03	2.21	15.91	24.55	14.29	12.36	20.05	20.99	16.10	133.62
1984	23.24	13.24	9.43	5.85	6.73	17.49	10.49	11.49	12.51	16.75	17.79	13.89	158.90
1985	14.83	12.91	5.15	24.22	13.04	13.80	14.62	14.02	12.48	18.81	19.95	20.11	183.94
1986	10.14	9.02	19.80	11.03	28.35	14.16	21.47	13.22	16.88	7.67	15.48	6.33	173.55
1987	17.77	5.86	25.91	20.18	9.22	27.97	25.80	16.52	11.96	16.61	19.46	15.09	212.35
1988	8.62	5.74	8.93	14.85	21.92	14.06	10.54	13.15	13.45	21.58	15.16	17.06	165.06
1989	18.72	10.66	14.37	24.26	19.83	14.59	21.77	23.21	9.24	28.26	8.72	26.21	219.84
1990	11.72	8.24	13.20	17.87	21.56	15.13	8.37	20.37	26.72	15.94	15.12	15.34	189.58
1991	6.18	8.73	35.30	21.43	22.91	14.68	17.30	18.37	38.81	12.51	23.26	9.06	228.54
1992	21.77	2.28	2.60	5.95	9.98	19.16	19.06	15.89	15.36	19.94	14.85	9.45	156.29
1993	15.83	10.07	19.44	18.91	20.41	21.56	19.60	17.07	9.07	15.40	12.03	25.55	204.94
1994	8.34	10.94	13.24	12.27	25.16	12.34	14.74	11.98	10.23	12.73	4.75	24.92	161.64
1995	12.29	7.52	11.73	18.09	16.74	13.71	9.92	15.47	12.41	20.90	10.70	17.30	166.78
1996	23.33	6.84	8.68	24.30	28.01	12.62	12.27	13.57	11.54	12.30	14.08	12.84	180.38
1997	17.17	16.01	14.67	28.41	13.25	9.35	17.41	17.98	12.53	13.72	10.86	3.38	174.74
1998	0.64	1.98	2.95	4.96	16.08	16.19	8.09	14.93	10.75	14.81	17.35	19.91	128.64
1999	18.22	18.05	27.33	21.21	12.13	11.55	13.93	8.46	13.57	10.99	13.33	25.89	194.66
2000	19.50	18.63	21.68	21.18	20.09	13.33	13.58	19.56	10.44	15.14	10.35	21.95	205.43
2001	21.71	12.51	9.00	12.17	11.17	14.83	15.68	19.28	7.35	17.48	14.47	18.56	174.21
2002	10.81	15.13	9.66	22.11	21.35	21.56	20.14	11.28	21.69	7.64	14.81	8.34	184.52
POR= 52 YRS	12.48	10.67	14.10	17.92	19.12	16.66	17.03	16.22	15.63	15.89	15.86	15.92	187.50

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2002 POHNPEI (PONAPE), PC (PTTP)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1973	81.0	80.7	82.2	81.0	81.5	81.3	81.5	80.9	80.6	80.4	81.6	81.1	81.2
1974	79.8	81.5	80.9	80.8	81.1	79.6	79.8	80.5	80.2	80.1	80.7	80.8	80.5
1975	81.8	82.3	81.0	81.5	80.8	80.2	79.8	80.2	80.5	79.6	80.2	79.6	80.6
1976	81.6	80.2	81.1	80.1	80.2	80.4	80.3	79.8	79.6	80.9	80.8	80.8	80.5
1977	81.0	82.6	81.9	82.0	81.3	81.5	81.2	81.6	81.5	81.0	81.0	81.7	81.5
1978	81.1	81.3	82.6	81.4	82.0	80.6	80.8	81.3	80.9	80.9	80.8	81.6	81.3
1979	81.7	81.5	81.7	80.6	81.6	81.7	81.4	80.7	81.8	81.6	81.7	81.1	81.4
1980	81.9	81.7	82.8	82.4	80.9	81.7	81.3	81.3	81.0	81.3	81.9	82.3	81.7
1981	81.7	81.7	82.2	82.0	82.3	81.5	81.2	81.6	81.9	81.8	81.8	81.9	81.8
1982	81.4	81.7	81.7	81.8	81.2	81.6	80.3	80.6	80.4	80.7	81.0	82.1	81.2
1983	81.4	81.7	82.4	83.4	84.4	82.8	81.5	81.5	81.7	81.3	81.9	81.5	82.1
1984	80.8	81.5	82.7	83.0	83.3	81.4	81.6	81.1	81.2	81.0	80.8	81.8	81.7
1985	81.3	81.9	82.3	81.0	82.1	81.1	80.5	80.8	81.3	80.9	81.4	81.5	81.3
1986	82.1	81.7	81.3	81.8	80.6	81.6	80.9	81.5	80.9	81.4	81.5	81.4	81.4
1987	81.6	81.3	81.2	81.3	82.0	81.2	80.1	80.9	81.0	81.7	81.2	81.7	81.3
1988	81.7	82.2	82.7	82.1	81.4	81.0	81.0	81.2	80.6	80.2	80.3	80.5	81.2
1989	80.8	81.0	80.8	81.3	80.7	81.0	81.3	80.7	81.0	81.4	81.9	80.7	81.1
1990	81.7	80.7	82.1	81.6	81.3	81.5	81.2	80.9	80.5	81.4	81.1	80.2	81.2
1991	80.5	80.8	79.9	81.0	80.9	81.1	81.5	81.3	80.4	80.2	79.0	79.4	80.5
1992	79.0	80.0	80.0	81.1	81.9	81.6	80.9	81.5	81.3	81.1	80.2	80.5	80.8
1993	79.6	80.2	79.8	80.0	80.7	80.8	80.7	79.9	80.6	80.2	80.3	79.3	80.2
1994	80.3	81.2	81.2	81.3	80.9	80.9	80.5	81.1	79.8	80.7	81.6	80.7	80.9
1995	80.7	80.7	81.8	81.5	81.7	81.2	81.4	81.9	82.0	80.7	81.1	81.7	81.4
1996	80.5	81.9	81.6	80.1	79.9	80.4	81.3	80.8	81.1	80.9	81.0	81.1	80.9
1997	80.2	80.3	81.5	80.9	81.3	81.1	80.6	80.1	80.0	80.1	80.3	80.1	80.5
1998	80.2	79.5	81.1	81.8	80.7	81.2	80.7	80.4	80.3	80.2	79.8	79.4	80.4
1999	78.9	79.4	78.8	79.2	79.4	79.8	78.9	79.0	79.2	79.2	78.6	79.1	79.1
2000	79.2	79.0	79.0	79.5	79.5	80.3	80.2	79.6	80.0	80.2	81.1	80.1	79.8
2001	80.4	81.3	81.9	81.8	81.4	81.9	81.5	82.1	82.5	81.4	81.5	81.1	81.6
2002	81.7	80.8	82.2	81.3	81.8	81.5	82.1	82.4	81.3	82.5	81.5	81.4	81.7
POR= 51 YRS	80.8	81.0	81.2	81.0	81.0	80.8	80.4	80.5	80.4	80.5	80.6	80.9	80.8

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2002 POHNPEI (PONAPE), PC (PTTP)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1983-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984-85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985-86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986-87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987-88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989-90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990-91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991-92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1992-93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1993-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994-95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995-96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996-97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997-98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998-99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1999-00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2002 POHNPEI (PONAPE), PC (PTTP)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1973	504	447	541	486	520	495	519	500	473	485	505	507	5982
1974	464	467	501	480	506	446	464	489	463	476	476	497	5729
1975	525	491	501	503	498	464	467	481	471	461	459	458	5779
1976	522	445	507	459	477	470	479	464	444	499	481	498	5745
1977	504	498	530	518	511	504	507	522	499	505	490	525	6113
1978	508	459	554	501	536	476	497	513	484	498	479	523	6028
1979	524	465	525	477	520	506	516	494	512	524	508	503	6074
1980	531	488	557	530	502	507	514	512	487	515	511	544	6198
1981	526	474	540	519	546	503	509	521	513	530	511	531	6223
1982	512	472	527	508	509	507	481	491	469	495	486	537	5994
1983	513	473	548	562	609	544	519	519	509	511	512	516	6335
1984	497	488	559	547	576	499	520	504	490	504	479	528	6191
1985	513	481	544	487	535	489	490	496	495	501	500	519	6050
1986	539	474	508	511	493	504	502	516	485	517	500	519	6068
1987	523	463	506	498	532	492	477	502	486	524	493	524	6020
1988	523	507	556	516	517	487	504	507	475	477	468	486	6023
1989	502	454	497	493	494	484	513	495	488	515	514	495	5944
1990	526	448	536	504	513	500	507	500	468	511	489	479	5981
1991	488	449	465	490	498	491	518	514	467	481	428	456	5745
1992	441	440	471	488	534	503	501	516	494	504	465	488	5845
1993	460	430	467	458	493	479	493	469	474	478	470	450	5621
1994	482	461	508	496	501	484	485	507	452	494	505	493	5868
1995	493	445	529	502	525	493	517	532	519	493	492	524	6064
1996	487	496	522	461	471	470	513	494	489	499	485	504	5891
1997	481	434	518	482	515	489	488	475	458	478	465	476	5759
1998	478	410	505	513	491	491	494	486	467	479	452	453	5719
1999	438	410	435	430	454	450	435	440	433	449	415	445	5234
2000	445	412	439	443	456	466	478	458	458	478	491	472	5496
2001	486	460	532	510	515	515	519	537	533	516	501	504	6128
2002	522	449	540	494	528	501	537	546	496	550	501	516	6180

SNOWFALL (inches) 2002 POHNPEI (PONAPE), PC (PTTP)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1998-99	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1999-00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2000-01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2002-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
POR= 51 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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REFERENCE NOTES:

<p>PAGE 1: THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).</p> <p>PAGE 2 AND 3: H/C INDICATES HEATING AND COOLING DEGREE DAYS. RH INDICATES RELATIVE HUMIDITY W/O INDICATES WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS S INDICATES SUNSHINE. PR INDICATES PRESSURE. CLOUDINESS ON PAGE 3 IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT EIGHTHS(OKTAS).</p> <p>GENERAL: T INDICATES TRACE PRECIPITATION, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN THE LOWEST REPORTABLE VALUE. + INDICATES THE VALUE ALSO OCCURS ON EARLIER DATES. BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING OR UNREPORTED DATA. NORMALS ARE 30-YEAR AVERAGES (1961 - 1990). ASOS INDICATES AUTOMATED SURFACE OBSERVING SYSTEM. PM INDICATES THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. POR (PERIOD OF RECORD) BEGINS WITH THE JANUARY DATA MONTH AND IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS USED TO COMPUTE THE MEAN. INDIVIDUAL MONTHS WITHIN THE POR MAY BE MISSING. WHEN THE POR FOR A NORMAL IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS, THE NORMAL IS PROVISIONAL AND IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED. 0.* OR * INDICATES THE VALUE OR MEAN-DAYS-WITH IS BETWEEN 0.00 AND 0.05. CLOUDINESS FOR ASOS STATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE NON-ASOS OBSERVATION TAKEN BY A HUMAN OBSERVER. ASOS STATION CLOUDINESS IS BASED ON TIME-AVERAGED CEILOMETER DATA FOR CLOUDS AT OR BELOW 12,000 FEET AND ON SATELLITE DATA FOR CLOUDS ABOVE 12,000 FEET. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS FOR ASOS STATIONS IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA FOR THE SUNRISE TO SUNSET PERIOD.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTINUED: CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS. WHEN AT LEAST ONE OF THE ELEMENTS (CEILOMETER OR SATELLITE) IS MISSING, THE DAILY CLOUDINESS IS NOT COMPUTED. WIND DIRECTION IS RECORDED IN TENS OF DEGREES (2 DIGITS) CLOCKWISE FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM. "36" INDICATES TRUE NORTH. RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR AVERAGE OF THE SPEED AND DIRECTION. AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS THE SUM OF THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DIVIDED BY 2. SNOWFALL DATA COMPRISE ALL FORMS OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION, INCLUDING HAIL. A HEATING (COOLING) DEGREE DAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE AND 65° F. DRY BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE AMBIENT AIR. DEW POINT IS THE TEMPERATURE TO WHICH THE AIR MUST BE COOLED TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY. WET BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE THE AIR WOULD HAVE IF THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS INCREASED TO 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY.</p> <p>ON JULY 1, 1996, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BEGAN USING THE "METAR" OBSERVATION CODE THAT WAS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE THE CHANGE IN UNITS FROM TENTHS TO EIGHTS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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POHNPEI (PONAPE),  
EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS, PACIFIC (PTTP)

Pohnpei, about 129 square miles in area, is a nearly circular island of volcanic origin, encircled by coral barrier reefs, and covered with lush, tropical vegetation. The island, located less than 500 miles north of the equator, rises from the Pacific Ocean to an elevation of 2,595 feet, the highest point in the Caroline Islands. The topography is a complicated system of ridges and valleys, interlaced with small rivers and intermittent streams, and covered with tall grasses, tropical trees and flowers, and the coconut palms which are the backbone of the island economy. The interior of the island is covered by a rain forest which acts as a watershed area supplying fresh water the year-round.

The Weather Station lies a little north of the center of a bowl-shaped valley, about 3 miles south of the Pacific Ocean. Encircling it on a radius of 1 to 3 miles are volcanic outcroppings which rise rapidly from the ocean to an average elevation of about 2,100 feet in the east, south, and southwest, but to only about 700 feet to the west and northwest. With the exception of the cliff area in the northwest, the vegetation is lush and extremely dense. The valley is relatively level compared to the rest of the island. A small stream, oriented northeast-southwest lies about one-eighth of a mile to the east of the station.

From about November to June the climate of Pohnpei is chiefly influenced by the northeasterly trade winds. Wind speeds in the vicinity of the weather station, Pohnpei, are reduced somewhat due to the surrounding terrain. By about April the trades begin to diminish in strength, and by July have given way to the lighter and more variable winds of the doldrums. Between July and November the island is frequently under the influence of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ - also called the Intertropical Front) which has moved northward into the area. This is also the season when moist southerly winds and tropical disturbances, many of them associated with the ITCZ, are most frequent and when humidities are often oppressively high.

Rainfall at Pohnpei is heavy and frequent throughout the year, averaging 192 inches annually. The wettest period is April and May. Measurable rain (.01 inch or more) falls on about 300 days a year.

The temperature is remarkably uniform throughout the year, with only slightly more than 1 degree separating the averages of the warmest and coolest months. High temperatures normally range in the mid to upper 80s and lows in the low to mid 70s. Temperature extremes above 90 degrees and below 70 degrees have occurred in every month of the year. Humidities are usually high throughout the year.

On most days, cumulus clouds predominate and usually cover more than eight-tenths of the sky. Days are normally cloudier than nights. High clouds, such as cirrus or cirrostratus often form and are obscured by clouds at lower altitudes. Clouds at middle heights, usually altocumulus, sometimes combined with altostratus, occur quite frequently, especially if there are tropical disturbances in the vicinity.

Although Pohnpei is located within the spawning grounds of typhoons, the major typhoon tracks of the Western Pacific lie well to the north and west. Typhoons have caused extensive damage to crops and buildings on the island on several occasions.

The steep slopes surrounding the Weather Station reduce the wind speed. They can cause gentle up and downslope air currents which augment the land and sea breezes. The temperature and humidity are also greatly influenced by the reduced circulation and dense vegetation.

# STATION LOCATION

POHNPEI (PONAPE), EASTERN  
CAROLINE ISLANDS, PACIFIC

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	REMARKS
						GROUND											
						SEA LEVEL GROUND TEMPERATURE	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING GAUGE BUCKET	WEIGHING RAIN GAGE	8 INCH RAIN GAGE	HYGROMETER			
Ponape Island	1900	1913														German administration. Meteorological observations taken intermittently.	
Ponape Island	1/1927	12/1943		6°58'	158°13'	99		5								Japanese administration. Eight observations daily to 1935; six observations daily through 1939; and three observations daily afterward.	
Ponape Island	1/1946	6/1950		6°58'	158°13'	92										U.S. Naval administration.	
Agriculture Building Ponape Island	6/1950	6/30/51	2600 ft. SSW	6°58'	158°13'	112	69	3	3					39		U.S. Naval administration.	
Agriculture Building Ponape Island	7/01/51	3/20/56	No Change	6°58'	158°13'	112	69	3	3					a2		U.S. Weather Bureau a. 39 feet until early 1954.	
Air Force Site Ponape Island	3/21/56	1/14/58	1/4 mi. NNE	6°58'	158°13'	119	28	3	3					3			
Weather Bureau Building Ponape Island +	1/14/58	Present	170 ft. S	6°58'	158°13'	c123	32 b33	4	4	%6	3	NA	3	NA	NA	b. Effective 5/1/61. % - Commissioned 3/1/65. c. Ground elevation.	
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