

Conditions		Rain Rate Relationship	Rate Cap	Applications
$Z < 48$ <u>dBZ</u>	Below the bottom of the ML	$R = 4120A^{1.03}$ (if $\phi_{DP_span} \geq 3^\circ$)	7.9 in/ <u>hr</u>	Pure, steady rain (i.e. no ice, hail)
$48 \leq Z < 50$ <u>dBZ</u>		$\max\{ R(A) , R(Z) \}$ where $R(Z)$: $Z = 75R^{2.0}$ (east of 105W) $Z = 200R^{1.6}$ (west of 105W)	varies	Very light, sporadic, <u>stratiform</u> rain
$Z \geq 50$ <u>dBZ</u>		Weighted mean of $R(A)$ and $R(K_{DP})$ (linear weight of function of Z)	varies	---
---	50 km transition zone from bottom of ML	$R = 29 K_{DP} ^{0.770}$ ($\rho < 0.97$) $R = 44 K_{DP} ^{0.822}$ ($\rho \geq 0.97$)	4.9 in/ <u>hr</u> 6.9 in/ <u>hr</u>	Areas of potential hail & heavy rain
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Surface <u>Precip</u> Type	Z-R Relationship	Rate Cap
Warm stratiform rain	$Z = 75R^{2.0}$ when $Z < 40$ dBZ	1.9 in/ <u>hr</u>
Cool stratiform rain	$Z = 200R^{1.6}$ when $Z \geq 40$ dBZ	
Convective rain	$Z = 300R^{1.4}$	4.1 – 5.9 in/ <u>hr</u>
Hail	$Z = 300R^{1.4}$	2.1 – 5.9 in/ <u>hr</u>
Snow	$Z = 75R^{2.0}$	none
Tropical <u>Stratiform</u>	Weighted mean $Z = \beta * 250R^{1.2}$ $Z = \max\{75R^{2.0}, 200R^{1.6}\}$	varies, up to 8.7 in/ <u>hr</u>
Tropical Convective	Weighted mean $Z = \beta * 250R^{1.2}$ $Z = 300R^{1.4}$	

β increases in
tropical
environments