

Reflection of Mechanical Waves

| Medium | Longitudinal wave | Transverse wave | Change in direction | Phase change | Time change | Path change |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Reflection from rigid end/denser medium | Compression as rarefaction and vice-versa | Crest as crest and Trough as trough | Reversed | π | $\frac{T}{2}$ | $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ |
| Reflection from free end/rarer medium | Compression as compression and rarefaction as rarefaction | Crest as trough and trough as crest | No change | Zero | Zero | Zero |