

Problems of Pressure and hydrostatics, Pascal's and Arquimedes' principles

- 1) A 990 kg car rests on 4 tires each inflated to 200 kPa. What surface area (in cm^2) does each tire have in contact with the ground? (assume the weight is evenly distributed on each wheel).
Answer: 121 cm^2 .
- 2) Find the pressure (in pascals) produced by a kilogram of nickel on a horizontal surface if the area it rests on is 370 cm^2 .
Answer: 265 Pa .
- 3) Find the pressure (in pascals) exerted on the floor by a 260 N box whose bottom area is $36 \text{ cm} \times 69 \text{ cm}$.
Answer: 1050 Pa .
- 4) Find the pressure exerted on the ground (in pascals) by a 45 kg person who is sitting on a chair whose 4 legs touch the ground with an area of $4 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm}$ each.
Answer: $1.38 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$.
- 5) Find the force exerted on a $3 \text{ m} \times 50 \text{ m}$ wall by the atmosphere, if atmospheric pressure is 101325 Pa .
Answer: $1.52 \times 10^7 \text{ N}$.
- 6) A human hand has an area of 100 cm^2 . Determine the amount of force it experiences at one atmosphere of pressure (101325 Pa).
Answer: 1013 N .
- 7) If your mass is 95 kg and the total area of the soles of your feet is 405 cm^2 , what pressure would you exert on the ground?
Answer: $23000 \text{ N/m}^2 = 23000 \text{ Pa}$.
- 8) Find the pressure exerted on the ground by a three legged milking stool if the stool has a mass of 8 kg, the mass of the milker is 68 kg and the legs are circular each with a diameter of 3 cm.
Answer: $3.51 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 3.51 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$.
- 9) Find the gauge pressure, in pascals, at a depth of 110 m in fresh water.
Answer: $1.078 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$.
- 10) If the density of sea water is 1041 kg/m^3 , what is the gauge pressure, in pascals, at 35 m below sea level?
Answer: $3.571 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$.

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11) The density of sea water is 1040 kg/m^3 . Find the absolute pressure, in pascals, at 189 m below the surface of the sea. Atmospheric pressure is 101325 Pa.

Answer: $2.028 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$.

12) At what depth below the surface of the sea is absolute pressure five times atmospheric pressure? Atmospheric pressure is 101325 Pa. Density of sea water is 1039 kg/m^3 .

Answer: 39.8 m.

13) The density of mercury is 13550 kg/m^3 , what is the gauge pressure, in pascals, under 19 m of mercury?

Answer: $2.523 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$.

14) At what depth of mercury would the absolute pressure seven times atmospheric pressure? Density of mercury is 13600 kg/m^3 . Atmospheric pressure is 101325 Pa.

Answer: 4.561 m.

15) My friend goes swimming at diving pool. She goes down to a depth of 5 m. Determine the gauge pressure, in pascals, she is experiencing. Density of water is 1000 kg/m^3 .

Answer: 49000 Pa.

16) If in a hydraulic lift, one of the areas is three times larger than the other and a force of 330 N is applied to the larger area, what force will be measured at the smaller area?

Answer: 110 N.

17) In a hydraulic lift a force $F_1 = 510 \text{ N}$ is applied to a piston with area $A_1 = 1200 \text{ cm}^2$. If the force on the other piston is 2168 N, find the area of the other piston.

Answer: $0.51 \text{ m}^2 = 5100 \text{ cm}^2$.

18) We want to build a hydraulic press to be able to squeeze metal bars down to thin metal disks. The small piston has a radius of 4 cm and we will be able to exert a force of 590 N on it. If the large piston has a radius of 84 cm determine the force against the metal bars.

Answer: $2.602 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$.

19) In a hydraulic lift a force $F_1 = 320 \text{ N}$ is applied to a piston with area $A_1 = 0.07 \text{ m}^2$. If the area of the other piston is 0.46 m^2 , find the force on the other piston.

Answer: 2103 N.

20) A rock with a mass of 760 kg and a volume of 255 dm^3 lies at the bottom of a freshwater lake. How much force is needed to lift it at constant velocity?

Answer: 4949 N.

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21) A 37-cm^3 block of wax weighs 0.2839 N . The wax is submerged in a container of gasoline. One cm^3 of gasoline weighs $7.036 \times 10^{-3}\text{ N}$. **a)** What is the weight of the gasoline displaced by the wax? **b)** Will the block sink or float in the gasoline? **c)** Find the density of the block.

Answer: **a)** 0.2603 N , **b)** Sink, **c)** 783 kg/m^3 .

22) A ring weighs 0.2352 N in air and 0.2006 N when submerged in water. **a)** What is the volume of the ring? **b)** What is the density of the ring?

Answer: **a)** 3.529 cm^3 , **b)** 6800 kg/m^3 .

23) A motor boat is being launched at a freshwater lake. When it is placed in the water, it sinks into the water enough to displace 5 m^3 of water. Assuming that this is enough for the boat to float, determine the mass of the motor boat.

Answer: 5000 kg .

24) Find the upthrust on an object of volume 700 dm^3 submerged in water. What would it be if it were submerged in mercury? Density of water is 1000 kg/m^3 and density of mercury is 13580 kg/m^3 .

Answer: 6860 N , 93160 N .