# Fluids Liquid Pressure Pascal's Principle Measuring Pressure 

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## Covered in "Lecture Module" Videos

- course intro
- definition of fluid
- pressure
- elastic moduli
- course policies


## Overview

- remote learning \& technology issues
- pressure and depth


## Remote Learning / Technology

- Zoom recordings of lectures - will be loaded to OneDrive, under Office365 app in MyPortal
- WebAssign: you need to go to WebAssign from Canvas to see the materials for this course; there is no course key!
- submitting pdfs to Canvas, you can scan with your phone (AdobeScan, CamScanner, TapScanner, iPhone Notes, or Microsoft Office Lens)
- short Zoom meetings with me
- please read your email \& course announcements


## Fluid Statics

We first consider fluid statics: fluids at rest in a container.


Fluids will exert pressure on objects submerged in them and also on the walls of the container.

## Pressure in a Liquid in a Gravitational Field

In a uniform gravitational field, liquid pressure depends on depth.

$$
P_{\text {liq }}=\rho g h
$$

where $\rho=m / V$ is the mass density of the liquid and $h$ is the depth.

It does not depend on the total amount of water involved, just the depth of water.

## Liquid Pressure

A slice of liquid of cross section $A$ at a depth $h$ must support all the water in a column directly above it.


## Pressure at

 depth h :$$
P=\rho g h
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The force exerted downward by the column of water is
$F=m g=\rho V g$.

## Liquid Pressure



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${ }^{1}$ Figure from HyperPhysics.

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Pressure at depth h :
P = pgh
$F=m g=\rho V g=\rho A h g$
Pressure, $P_{\text {liq }}=\frac{F}{A}=\frac{\rho A h g}{A}=\rho g h$.
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The total pressure or absolute pressure is the sum of the pressure due to the liquid and the pressure due to the atmosphere.

$$
P_{\text {total }}=P_{0}+\rho g h
$$

where $P_{0}=P_{\mathrm{atm}}=1.013 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~Pa}$.

## Pressure varies with Depth



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## Pascal's Barrel



Fig. 45.-Hydrostatic paradox. Pascal's experiment.

## Density of Water

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Originally, the gram was defined to be the mass of one cubic centimeter of water at the melting point of water.

## Questions

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## Liquid Pressure Question

The figure shows four containers of olive oil. Rank them according to the pressure at depth $h$, greatest first. ${ }^{3}$


A a, b, c, d
B a, d, c, b
C a, c, d, b
D All the same
${ }^{3}$ Halliday, Resnick, Walker, 9th ed, page 363.

## Summary

- pressure and depth

Test Wednesday, April 22, in class. (TBC!)


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