

The pressure at 10 m below the surface of the ocean is about 2.0×10^5 Pa. Which of these statements is true?

- a) The weight of a column of seawater 1 m^2 in cross section and 10 m high is about 2.0×10^5 N
- b) The weight of a column of seawater 1 m^2 in cross section and 10 m high plus the weight of a column of air with the same cross section extending up to the top of the atmosphere is about 2.0×10^5 N
- c) The weight of 1 m^3 of seawater at 10 m below the surface of the ocean is about 2.0×10^5 N
- d) The density of seawater is about 2.0×10^5 N times the density of air at sea level.

It depends on if you are talking about gauge pressure or total pressure.

- a) The weight of a column of seawater 1 m^2 in cross section and 10 m high is about $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$

This is for gauge pressure, which takes into account the surrounding air pressure, and only reads off pressure above air pressure.

- b) The weight of a column of seawater 1 m^2 in cross section and 10 m high plus the weight of a column of air with the same cross section extending up to the top of the atmosphere is about $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$

This is total pressure, which takes into account the pressure of everything above a certain height.

A 9 m x 24 m x 3 m high pool is filled with water. What is the pressure on the bottom of the pool due to the water?

$$2.94 \times 10^4$$

$$\text{Pressure} = \text{density} * g * h$$

Remember to convert your units!

$$P = (1 \text{ g/cm}^3)(1 \text{ kg}/1000 \text{ g})(100 \text{ cm}/1\text{m})^3(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(3 \text{ m})$$