

Answer on Question #50086 – Physics – Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

Pressure and force

A pneumatic ram has a chamber piston diameter of 150 mm and is subjected to a variable source of pressure for actuation. What pressure will be required to produce an actuation force of 2 kN (consider the cylinder to be friction less)

Solution:

$$F = 2kN = 2000 \text{ N} - \text{actuation force};$$
$$d = 150 \text{ mm} = 0.15 \text{ m} - \text{piston diameter};$$

Pressure is defined as force per unit area.

$$p = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{5\text{kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}}}{10^{-4} \text{m}^2} = 490 \text{ kPa} \quad (1)$$
$$A = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \quad (2)$$

(2)in(1):

$$p = \frac{F}{\frac{\pi d^2}{4}} = \frac{4F}{\pi d^2} = \frac{4 \cdot 2000 \text{ N}}{3.14 \cdot (0.15 \text{ m})^2} = 113.2 \text{ kPa}.$$

Answer: pressure is equal to $p = 113.2 \text{ kPa}$.