Physics 131-Physics for Biologists I



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For Homework: Assemble images into a pdf: Use Adobe Acrobat which can be downloaded for FREE from the Terpware store!

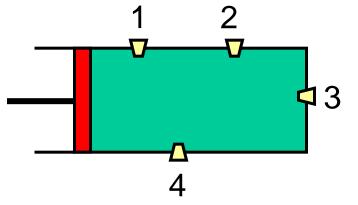
Foothold ideas: Pressure

• At a boundary or wall, the pressure in a constrained fluid creates a force perpendicular to the surface.

$$\vec{F} = p\vec{A}$$

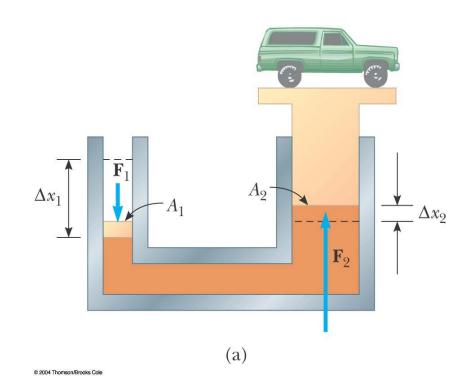
 The constrained gas or liquid has an internal pressure, meaning that it would create a force against any surface placed anywhere inside the gas or liquid in any orientation. A cylinder with a movable piston is filled with a uniform fluid. If the corks are all in equally tightly, which are most likely to pop when we push down on the piston?

- 1. Cork 1
- 2. Corks 1 & 2
- 3. Cork 3
- 4. Cork 4
- 5. Some other combination
- 6. All
- 7. None



A container is filled with oil and fitted on both ends with pistons. The area of the left piston is (0.1 inch)²; that of the right piston (10inch)². What weight must I place on the piston to balance the weight of a 1 ton (1000 kg) car?

- 1. 0.1 kg
- 2. 10 kg
- 3. 1,000 kg
- 4. 10⁶ kg
- 5. 10⁸ kg
- 6. insufficient information



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