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2.12 The basic elements of a hydraulic press are shown in Fig. P2.12. The plunger has an area of 1 in.^2 , and a force, F_1 , can be applied to the plunger through a lever mechanism having a mechanical advantage of 8 to 1. If the large piston has an area of 150 in.^2 , what load, F_2 , can be raised by a force of 30 lb applied to the lever? Neglect the hydrostatic pressure variation.

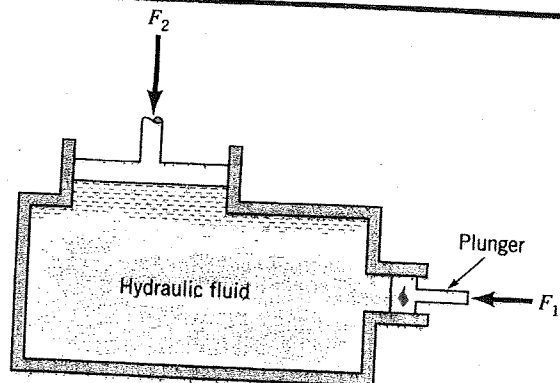


FIGURE P2.12

A force of 30 lb applied to the lever results in a plunger force, F_1 , of $F_1 = (8)(30) = 240 \text{ lb}$. Since $F_1 = pA_1$ and $F_2 = pA_2$ where p is the pressure and A_1 and A_2 are the areas of the plunger and piston, respectively. Since p is constant throughout the chamber,

$$\frac{F_1}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$$

so that

$$F_2 = \frac{A_2}{A_1} F_1 = \left(\frac{150 \text{ in.}^2}{1 \text{ in.}^2} \right) (240 \text{ lb}) = \underline{\underline{36,000 \text{ lb}}}$$