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2.9 Bathyscaphes are capable of submerging to great depths in the ocean. What is the pressure at a depth of 5 km, assuming that seawater has a constant specific weight of 10.1 kN/m^3 ? Express your answer in pascals and psi.

$$p = \gamma h + p_0$$

At the surface $p_0 = 0$ so that

$$p = (10.1 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3})(5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}) = 50.5 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \underline{\underline{50.5 \text{ MPa}}}$$

Also,

$$p = (50.5 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2})(1.450 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}) = \underline{\underline{7320 \text{ psi}}}$$