

Gauge pressure

Most pressure gauges compare to Atmospheric
(i.e. this room is at 0 Gauge)

Absolute p is 1 atm more

$$P = P_{\text{gauge}} + 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 760 \text{ Torr} = 14.7 \text{ psi}$$

Example – What is the absolute pressure (In Torr and Pa) if you have a gauge pressure of 312 Torr?

$$312 + 760 = 1072 \text{ Torr absolute}$$

$$(1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa/atm})(1072 \text{ Torr})/(760 \text{ Torr/atm}) =$$

$$1.43\text{E}5 \text{ Pa}$$

1072 Torr absolute

1.43E5 Pa

What is the absolute pressure if you read 35 psi gauge? Answer in psi (1 atm = 14.7 psi) and Pascals

$$P = P_{\text{gauge}} + 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$P = 35 \text{ psi} + 14.7 \text{ psi} = 49.7 \text{ psi}$$

$$1.013\text{E}5 * 49.7 / 14.7 = 3.42\text{E}5 \text{ Pa}$$

49.7 psi, 3.42E5 Pa

If you have an absolute pressure of 812 Torr, what is the gauge pressure? Answer in Torr (1 atm = 760 Torr)

$$P = P_{\text{gauge}} + 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$812 = P_{\text{gauge}} + 760 \text{ Torr}$$

$$P_{\text{gauge}} = 52 \text{ Torr}$$

52 Torr

What is the absolute pressure if the gauge pressure is $2.17 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
($1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$)

$$P = P_{\text{gauge}} + 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$P = 2.17 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} + 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$3.18 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

If you have an absolute pressure of 42.0 kPa, what is the gauge pressure in kPa?

(1 atm = 1.013×10^5 Pa = 101.3 kPa)

$$P = P_{\text{gauge}} + 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$42.0 \text{ kPa} = p_{\text{gauge}} + 101.3 \text{ kPa}$$

-59.3 kPa