PhET Tips for Teachers   **Under Pressure**

Tips for controls:
- Try all the different tabs at the top of the simulation. The tabs are designed to help teachers scaffold lessons or make lessons age appropriate by using only some tabs.
- **Reset All** resets only the tab that you are presently using.
- This sim is also the **Pressure** tab in **Fluid Pressure and Flow**
- The **Grid** option is provided to help students see relative fluid height easily.
- The masses can only be set on the left column of water.
- Multiple tools can be used to make comparisons.
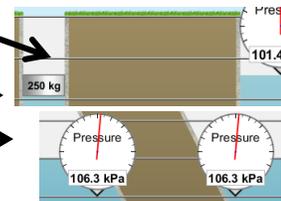
- You can **Pause** the sim and then use **Step** to incrementally analyze.
- If you are doing a lecture demonstration, set your screen resolution to 1024x768 so the simulation will fill the screen and be seen easily.

Important modeling notes / simplifications:
- The **Pressure** tab shows a thin slice of an underground basin with fluid in it. We used an underground situation where the top of the basin is at sea level
- The sensors are very sensitive, so you may expect some variations in answers.

Insights into student use / thinking:
- Because the Gravity slider has few tick marks, it is easy for a student to think they have set the meter back to Earth but not have exactly 9.8 m/s^2. For example: Exact values between 1.0 and 20.0 can be typed in the white readout box.
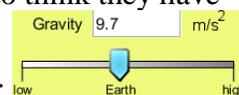
Suggestions for sim use:
- For tips on using PhET sims with your students see: **Guidelines for Inquiry Contributions** and **Using PhET Sims**
- The simulations have been used successfully with homework, lectures, in-class activities, or lab activities. Use them for introduction to concepts, learning new concepts, reinforcement of concepts, as visual aids for interactive demonstrations, or with in-class clicker questions. To read more, see **Teaching Physics using PhET Simulations**
- For activities and lesson plans written by the PhET team and other teachers, see: **Teacher Ideas & Activities**
- Related sims: **Fluid Pressure and Flow**, **Density**, **Buoyancy**

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