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Example

\[ \text{P} = 3,1415 \times 5 \times 3,1415 \times 5 / 5,000 \times 5,000 \times 38,500 \times 5 = 19,000 \text{ PSI} \]

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