

Determine piston cubic inch displacement = Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems

**Program Task:** Diagnose engine drivability problems.

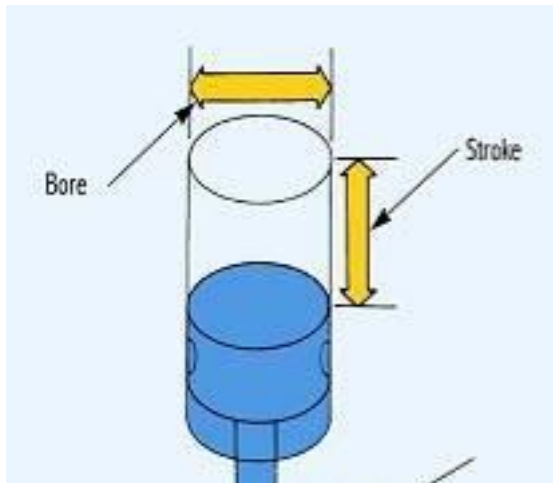
**Program Associated Vocabulary:**  
STROKE, VOLUME, BORE, DISPLACEMENT

**Program Formulas and Procedures:**

cu.in. displacement of a cylinder =

$$CID = \frac{\text{bore}^2 \pi \text{stroke}}{4} \text{ or } V = \pi r^2 h$$

Piston bore (the diameter of the cylinder) squared times 3.14 (or  $\pi$ ) times the stroke (the distance the piston travels up and down) divided by 4. We divide by 4 because we squared the diameter.



Bore = 5, Stroke = 10

$$\text{ci. in.} = \frac{\text{bore}^2 \pi \text{stroke}}{4}$$

$$\text{ci. in.} = \frac{5^2 \pi 10}{4}$$

$$\text{ci. in.} = 25 \times \pi \times 10 \div 4$$

$$\text{ci. in.} = 196.3495 \text{ in.}^3 \text{ (196.4 in.}^3 \text{ rounded)}$$

**PA Core Standard:** CC.2.3.HS.A.12

**Description:** Explain volume formulas and use them to solve problems.

**Math Associated Vocabulary:**

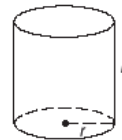
AREA, VOLUME, LENGTH, WIDTH, HEIGHT, RECTANGULAR, ROUND, CYLINDRICAL, BASE, RADIUS, RECTANGULAR PRISM

**Formulas and Procedures:**

**Volume:**

**Cylinder:**

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$



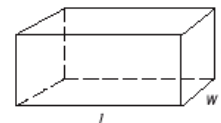
**Cone:**

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$



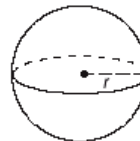
**Rectangular Prism:**

$$V = lwh$$



**Sphere:**

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$



**Pyramid:**

$$V = \frac{1}{3} (\text{area of the base})h$$

h = height    b = base

ℓ = slant length or slant height



**Example:**

How many cubic inches of air can a beach ball hold if it has a diameter of 14 inches? Round to the nearest whole number.

**Steps to finding volume:**

1. Identify the solid. (sphere)
2. Write the formula for calculating the volume of that solid using the formula sheet.  
 $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$
3. Identify what information you are given in the example.  
Given: diameter (d) = 14"
4. Solve for radius using the formula radius (r) = 1/2 (diameter).  
 $r = \frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 7$
5. Perform the necessary mathematical operations to obtain your answer.  
 $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} (3.14) (7^3) = 1,436 \text{ in}^3$
6. Write the appropriate unit after your answer.  
1,436 in<sup>3</sup>

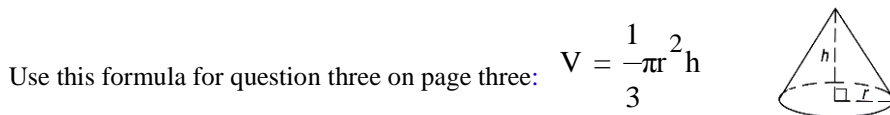
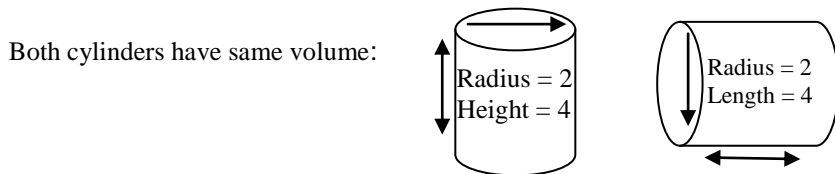
**Instructor’s Script – Comparing and Contrasting**

Whether calculating piston volume or mathematical volume, the math concepts and the formulas used are very similar. Occasionally, automotive texts describe volume formulas in terms of diameter (**d**) instead of radius (**r**). When this happens,  $\pi$  is often replaced with

0.7854, (which is the same as  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ ): Cylinder volume:  $V = \pi r^2 h = 0.7854dh$

If the volume involves a circular or spherical shape (cylinder, sphere, cone), then  $\pi$  will be part of the calculation. The best way to use  $\pi$  in your calculations is to use a  $\pi$  key on the calculator, if available. Otherwise, using 3.14 as an approximation is fine.

The mathematical formulas for volume indicate a certain type of orientation that may not match the application in question. For example, h will designate height of a cylinder, but if the cylinder is horizontal, h will be the same as the length:



**Common Mistakes Made By Students:**

**Students may use an incorrect formula to solve a problem:** To rectify these errors have the students correctly identify the type of object they are dealing with and use the appropriate formula. Frequently two formulas may be needed for complex problems.

**Most volume formulas need radius (r), not diameter (d):** If you are given a diameter, halve it to get the radius before using the formula. Example: Diameter is 10 inches; radius =  $10 \div 2 = 5$  inches

**Using consistent units:** If the problem asks for the answer in square feet instead of square inches, be sure to either convert your given measurements into feet first (inches  $\div 12 =$  feet) or convert your cubic inch answer into cubic feet (sq. in.  $\div 1,728 =$  cu. ft.).

1 cubic foot is a box 12 inches by 12 inches by 12 inches, so the calculation to convert cubic inches to cubic feet (or vice versa) must use  $12 \times 12 \times 12 = 1,728$  cu. in. per cu. ft.

1 cubic yard is a box 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet, so the conversion of cubic feet to cubic yards uses 27 cu. ft. per cu. yd.

**CTE Teacher's Extended Discussion**

Some of the automotive technology topics that require an understanding of volume as well as the ability to calculate volume in a variety of scenarios would include (but would definitely not be limited to):

1. Volume of cylinders/combustion chamber
2. Volume/displacement (propane, butane, oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen, diesel, etc., differences between gas/liquid uses).
3. Tubing and piping systems (AC suction and liquid lines)
4. Coolant systems (calculating anti-freeze temperature/pressure relationships within closed loop systems).
5. How many examples can you add?

| Problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Career and Technical Math Concepts | Solutions |
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| 1. What is the cubic inch displacement of a single cylinder with a 3.5” bore and a 4.5” stroke; what is the total engine displacement if the engine has 8 cylinders?                                                                                                                                                                       |                                    |           |
| 2. Your car’s engine is a “301.” 301 means the engine displaces 301in <sup>3</sup> . You find the bore=4”, & stroke=3” What is the displacement of one cylinder? How many cylinders does this engine have?                                                                                                                                 |                                    |           |
| 3. The eight orange traffic cones used on a test track to measure brake stopping distance need to be filled with concrete to keep them from moving. The height (h) = 36” & the diameter (d) is 15”. What is the volume of each pyramid in in <sup>3</sup> ? What is the volume of all 8 pyramids in in <sup>3</sup> & in ft <sup>3</sup> ? |                                    |           |
| Problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Related, Generic Math Concepts     | Solutions |
| 4. One soup can has a d = 3 inches and h = 4 inches; another soup can has a d = 4 inches and h = 3inches. Which can holds more soup?                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                    |           |
| 5. A size 7 regulation basketball has a d = 9.39 inches. What is the volume of the basketball?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                    |           |
| 6. How much water would you need to fill a rectangular fish tank with a height of 16.5 inches, a length of 32 inches, and a width of 8.5 inches?                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                    |           |
| Problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | PA Core Math Look                  | Solutions |
| 7. Find the volume of a cylinder if d = 12.5 inches and h = 28.45 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                    |           |
| 8. Find the volume of a sphere if d = 27.75 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |           |
| 9. Find the volume of a 4-sided pyramid with a square base side of 10 inches, and a height of 25 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |           |

| Problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Career and Technical Math Concepts | Solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1. What is the cubic inch displacement of a single cylinder with a 3.5” bore and a 4.5” stroke; what is the total engine displacement if the engine has 8 cylinders?                                                                                                                                                                       |                                    | $V = \pi \times 1.75^2 \times 4.5 = 43.295 \text{ in.}^3 \text{ or}$ $\text{CID} = \frac{3.5^2 \times \pi \times 4.5}{4} = 43.295 \text{ in.}^3$ $\text{cu. in. displacment} = 43.3 \times 8 = 346 \text{ in.}^3$                                                                   |
| 2. Your car’s engine is a “301.” 301 means the engine displaces 301in <sup>3</sup> . You find the bore=4”, & stroke=3” What is the displacement of one cylinder? How many cylinders does this engine have?<br><br>This engine has _____ cylinders.                                                                                         |                                    | $\text{Piston Displacement (V)} = \pi \times 2^2 \times 3 = 37.7 \text{ in.}^3 \text{ or}$ $V = \frac{4^2 \times \pi \times 3}{4} = 37.7 \text{ in.}^3$ $301 \div 37.7 = 7.98 \text{ (an "8" cylinder engine)}$                                                                     |
| 3. The eight orange traffic cones used on a test track to measure brake stopping distance need to be filled with concrete to keep them from moving. The height (h) = 36” & the diameter (d) is 15”. What is the volume of each pyramid in in <sup>3</sup> ? What is the volume of all 8 pyramids in in <sup>3</sup> & in ft <sup>3</sup> ? |                                    | $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \rightarrow V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \times 7.5^2 \times 36 \rightarrow V = 2121 \text{ in.}^3$ $2121 \times 8 = 16968 \text{ in.}^3 \text{ (There are 1728 cu.in. in 1cu.ft. [144} \times 12])$ $16968 \div 1728 = 9.8 \text{ rounded to } 10 \text{ ft.}^3$ |

| Problems                                                                                                                                         | Related, Generic Math Concepts | Solutions                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 4. One soup can has a d = 3 inches and h = 4 inches; another soup can has a d = 4 inches and h = 3inches. Which can holds more soup?             |                                | $V = \pi r^2 h$ $\text{Can 1 : } V = \pi(1.5)^2 4 \qquad \text{Can 2 : } V = \pi(2)^2 3$ $V = 28.27 \text{ in.}^3 \qquad V = 37.70 \text{ in.}^3$               |
| 5. A size 7 regulation basketball has a d = 9.39 inches. What is the volume of the basketball?                                                   |                                | $V = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^3 \longrightarrow V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 4.695^3$ $V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 103.5 \qquad V = 433.43 \text{ in.}^3$ |
| 6. How much water would you need to fill a rectangular fish tank with a height of 16.5 inches, a length of 32 inches, and a width of 8.5 inches? |                                | $V = lwh \qquad V = (32)(8.5)(16.5) = 4,488 \text{ in}^3$                                                                                                       |

| Problems                                                                                                 | PA Core Math Look | Solutions                                                                                                                                                |
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| 7. Find the volume of a cylinder, d = 12.75 inches and h = 28.45 inches.                                 |                   | $V = \pi r^2 h$ $V = \pi \times 6.375^2 \times 28.45 = 3632.39 \text{ in.}^3$                                                                            |
| 8. Find the volume of a sphere if d = 27.75 inches.                                                      |                   | $V = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^3 \qquad V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 13.875^3$ $V = 1.333 \times \pi \times 2671.15 \qquad V = 11186 \text{ in.}^3$ |
| 9. Find the volume of a 4-sided pyramid with a square base side of 10 inches, and a height of 25 inches. |                   | $V = \frac{1}{3} (\text{area of base})h \rightarrow V = \frac{1}{3} (10)(10)(25) = 833.33 \text{ in.}^3$                                                 |