

**33.35** 5gpm of water exits a pressure washer nozzle with a  $\frac{3}{4}$ in diameter. What is the force of the water as it exits the nozzle?

- A. 0.08lb<sub>f</sub>
- B. 0.3lb<sub>f</sub>
- C. 0.7lb<sub>f</sub>
- D. 2.5lb<sub>f</sub>

This problem relates to **Jet Propulsion** for an incompressible fluid. Use the equation for the **Propulsive Force** of a jet.

$$F = Q\rho v$$

For US customary units,  $g_c$  must be included in the denominator to make the units work. If the problem was stated in SI units the formula above would be valid.

$$F = \frac{Q\rho v}{g_c}$$

Change the volume flow rate units to  $\frac{ft^3}{s}$ .

$$Q = 5 \frac{gal}{min} \left( \frac{1ft^3}{7.48gal} \right) \left( \frac{1min}{60s} \right) = 0.011 \frac{ft^3}{s}$$

Determine the velocity.

$$Q = vA$$

$$v = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{0.011 \frac{ft^3}{s}}{\frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{\frac{3}{4}in}{12 \frac{in}{ft}} \right)^2} = 3.63 \frac{ft}{s}$$

Calculate the propulsive force.

$$F = \frac{Q\rho v}{g_c} = \frac{\left( 0.011 \frac{ft^3}{s} \right) \left( 62.4 \frac{lb_m}{ft^3} \right) \left( 3.63 \frac{ft}{s} \right)}{32.2 \frac{lb_m \cdot ft}{lb_f \cdot s^2}} = 0.08lb_f$$

**Answer A**