

37.58 A pump is used to distribute $90^{\circ}F$ water from an open tank at $5gpm$. The centerline of the pump is located $8ft$ above the surface of the water. The manufacturer's specifications state the inlet pressure for this arrangement must be at least $30psi$. What is the net positive suction head required?

- A. $35ft$
- B. $61ft$
- C. $69ft$
- D. $103ft$

Net Positive Suction Head Required, or $NPSH_R$, is always provided by the pump manufacturer. In this case, the manufacturer has provided the required inlet pressure, which is the same information given in psi rather than ft of head. The additional information in the problem statement will impact the net positive suction head *available*, but the net positive suction head *required* is purely a specification from the manufacturer. Simply convert the units from psi to ft . There is no need to add atmospheric pressure. The atmosphere may help contribute to the required head / pressure.

$$NPSH_R = (30psi) \left(2.31 \frac{ft}{psi} \right) = 69ft$$

Answer C