

Calculate Vacuum Pressures at Sea Level

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This assumes sea level altitude and a barometric pressure reading of 29.92 in. of mercury (in./Hg).

San Diego, California experiences the least amount of pressure changes. Its barometric pressure range is 29.92 in. Hg. With an equivalent seal level pressure of 29.92 Hg, Denver, Co at 5250 ft above sea level it would have a barometric pressure of 21 in. Hg.

Understanding the vacuum pressure can be a little difficult, a vacuum of 18 Hg is 8.84 pounds of pressure per square inch. On a 144 square inch project (144 square inches X 8.84 lbs), the total pressure on the project would be approx. 1273 lbs over the project.

Keep in mind that a typical vacuum press for veneering is set at 21" of Hg which equals 1485 lbs/square inch.

1 Hg = 0.491159135559921 Lbs/Square Inch
1 Hg = 70.73000000000000 Lbs/Square Foot

Inches Hg	Lbs/Sq. In.	Lbs/Sq. Ft.
1	0.49	70.73
2	0.98	141.45
3	1.47	212.18
4	1.96	282.91
5	2.46	353.63
6	2.95	424.36
7	3.44	495.09
8	3.93	565.82
9	4.42	636.54
10	4.91	707.27
11	5.40	778.00
12	5.89	848.72
13	6.39	919.45
14	6.88	990.18
15	7.37	1060.90
16	7.86	1131.63
17	8.35	1202.36
18	8.84	1273.08
19	9.33	1343.81
20	9.82	1414.54
21	10.31	1485.27
22	10.81	1555.99
23	11.30	1626.72
24	11.79	1697.45
25	12.28	1768.17
29.92	14.70	2116.15