# What is Static Pressure?



## **Key Pressure Terms**

- Static Pressure used for fan selection
- Velocity Pressure used for measuring CFM in a system
- Total Pressure used to find velocity pressure

$$P_T = P_S + P_V$$

All measured in Inches of Water Gauge (W.G.)



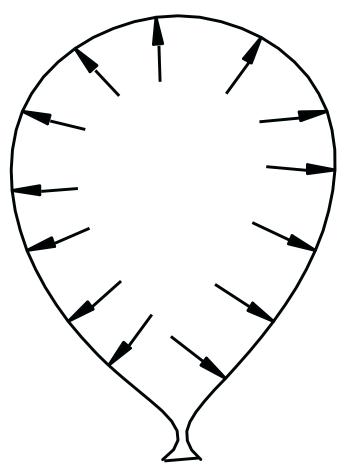
#### **Static Pressure**

• The resistance to flow (energy added by the fan) measured in Inches of Water Gauge (in wg)

Fan selection is typically based upon a CFM and Static Pressure (i.e. 500 CFM @ 0.125" wg)



## **Static Pressure**



- Resistance to flow
- Equal in all directions
- Can be Positive or Negative
- Independent of air velocity
- Measured by pressure tap perpendicular to airflow



## **Total Pressure**

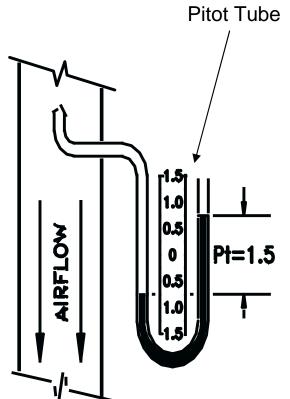
• A fluid in motion will exert a Total Pressure on an object in its path.





## **Total Pressure**

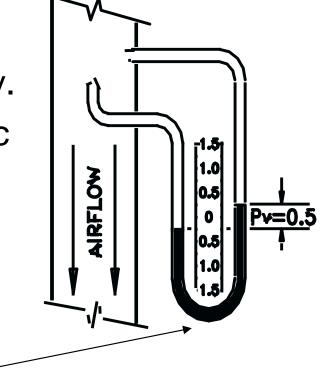
 Measured by pressure tap pointed directly into the air stream





#### **Velocity Pressure**

- Cannot be measured directly.
- A Pitot Tube uses both Static pressure and Total pressure taps.



Pitot Tube



#### **Velocity Pressure**

 $Velocity(ft/min) = 1096 \sqrt{P_v} / \rho$ 

 $\rho = 0.75 lb / ft^2$ 

 $Velocity = 4005 \sqrt{P_V}$ 

