FLOATING BALL

Dynamics of Fluids



Concept:

Demonstrates Bernoulli's Principle which states that, "For an ideal fluid (low speed air is a good approximation), with no work being performed on the fluid, an increase in velocity occurs simultaneously with decrease in pressure or a change in the fluid's gravitational potential energy.."¹

Procedure:

- 1. Assemble the tripod, three-finger clamp, and rod clamp (see picture).
- 2. Mount one end of the air hose to the air supply. Plug the air supply into outlet.
- 3. Mount the other end into the three-finger clamp (see picture).
- 4. Turn on the power supply and set the air output to 1-2 cfm.
- 5. Take the beach ball and carefully position it into the air stream. The ball will float as seen in the picture.
- 6. Tilt the air hose at an angle (picture 2). If you exceed a specific angle the ball will fall.





Equipment:

- Air supply with air hose
- Short, heavy tripod
- Three-finger clamp
- 1" rod clamp
- Beach ball

Notes and Extras:

Demo Video Link

•¹ Bernoulli's Principle on Wikipedia