- a. Find the probability that 1 randomly selected adult male has a weight greater than 156.25 lb.
- b. Find the probability that a sample of 16 randomly selected adult males has a mean weight greater than 156.25 lb (so that the total weight exceeds the maximum capacity of 2500 lb).

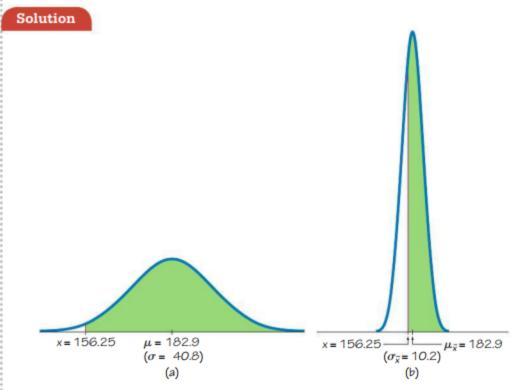


Figure 6-16 Elevator Weights

a. Approach Used for an Individual Value: Use the methods presented in Section 6-3 (because we are dealing with an individual value from a normally distributed population). We seek the area of the green-shaded region in Figure 6-16(a). If using technology (as described at the end of Section 6-3), we find that the green-shaded area is 0.7432. If using Table A-2, we convert the weight of x = 156.25 lb to the corresponding z score of z = -0.65 as shown here:

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{156.25 - 182.9}{40.8} = -0.65$$

We refer to Table A-2 to find that the cumulative area to the *left* of z=-0.65 is 0.2578, so the green-shaded area in Figure 6-16 (a) is 1-0.2578=0.7422. (The result of 0.7432 from technology is more accurate than the result found from Table A-2.)

b. Approach Used for the Mean of Sample Values: Use the central limit theorem (because we are dealing with the mean of a sample of 16 males, not an individual male).

Requirement check We can use the normal distribution if the original population is normally distributed or n > 30. The sample size is not greater than 30,