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Let H be a k -uniform hypergraph, and F be a simple graph on the same vertex set. We say H is *Berge- F* if there exists a bijection $f : E(F) \rightarrow E(H)$ such that for each $e \in E(F)$, we have $e \subset f(e)$. If there exists a subhypergraph of H that is *Berge- F* we say that H contains *Berge- F* . A hypergraph, H is *Berge- F -saturated* if H does not contain *Berge- F* but $H + e$ contains *Berge- F* for every edge $e \in E(\overline{H})$. The k -uniform *saturation number* of *Berge- F* , denoted $sat_k(n, \text{Berge-}F)$, is the minimum number of edges in a k -uniform hypergraph H such that H is *Berge- F -saturated*. In this talk we will explore the saturation numbers of many Berge hypergraphs. (Received September 21, 2017)