

Stopping Distances

Sim Objective: Learn that stopping distances can vary depending on frictional forces, speed of an object and mass.

You are presented with a road on which there is a shopping trolley.

Select a vehicle by clicking on the car or lorry.

Then, select a surface on which they can stop safely at the stop sign, without skidding and hitting the trolley.

Begin

Reaction Time Activity

focused/distracted



<http://www.schooltube.com/video/4386d84344d2a7345c5e/ATT-The-Last-Text-Documentary>

TOTAL STOPPING DISTANCE =

THE TIME IN METRES
IT TAKES YOU TO
HIT THE BRAKES

+

HOW MANY
METRES IT TAKES
YOU TO ACTUALLY
STOP THE CAR



100m

a v_1 v_2 d

$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2 a d$

$d = vt$
uM

$a = -8.3 \text{ m/s}^2$

$V_1 = \frac{60 \text{ km/h}}{3.6}$

$V_1 = 16.7 \text{ m/s}$

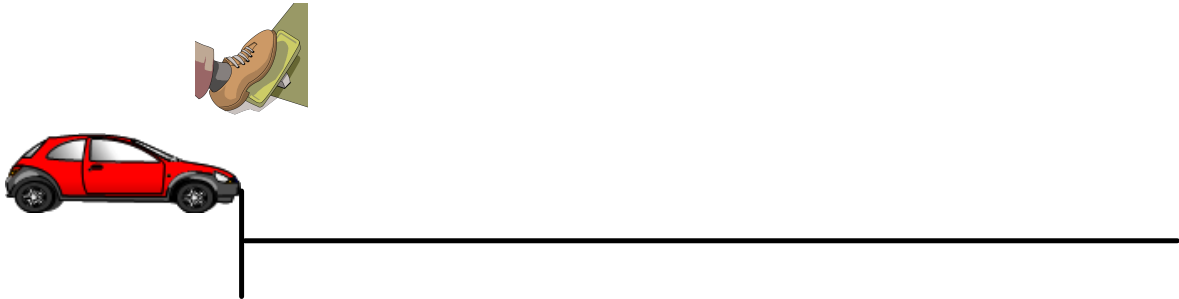
drivers reaction time = 0.8 s

\vec{a}

(uM) $d = vt \rightarrow (16.7)(0.8)$
 $d = 13.36 \text{ m}$

$$d = 30.16 \text{ m}$$

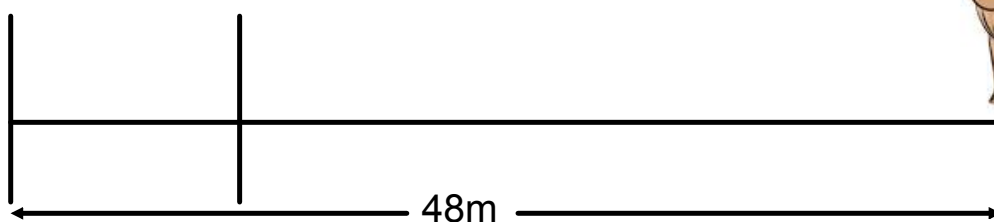
$$d = 16.8 \text{ m}$$



Ford Focus: stopping distance of 52.7m when travelling at 112 km/h.

What is the driver's reaction time if it actually takes 60m to come to a stop?

Is this another moose-vehicle crash??



$$v_1 = 110 \text{ km/h}$$

$$t_{\text{reaction}} = 0.68 \text{ s}$$

$$a = -8.9 \text{ m/s}^2$$



1. What is the stopping distance of a Toyota Celica ($a = -9.2 \text{ m/s}^2$) from 97 km/h where the driver has a reaction time of 0.55 s ?

2. An automobile is travelling at 25 m/s on a country road when the driver suddenly notices a cow in the road 30 m ahead. The driver attempts to brake the automobile but the distance is too short. With what velocity would the car hit the cow if the car decelerated at 7.84 m/s^2 and the driver's reaction time was 0.75 s ?

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$$v_1 = 10$$

$$v_2 = -20$$

$$a = -9.8$$

$$d = ?$$

$$t = ?$$

$$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2ad$$

$$-20^2 = 10^2 + 2(-9.8)d$$

$$400 = 100 - 19.6d$$

$$\frac{300}{-19.6} = \frac{-19.6d}{-19.6}$$

$$-15.3\text{m} = d$$

$$v_2 = v_1 + at$$

$$-20 = 10 + (-9.8)t$$

$$\frac{-20 - 10}{-9.8} = \frac{-9.8t}{-9.8}$$

$$3.1\text{s} = t$$

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$$a = -20 \frac{\text{km/h}}{\text{s}} \rightarrow -5.5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

d

$$v_i = 50 \text{ km/h} \rightarrow 13.88 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_f = 5 \text{ m/s} \quad \checkmark$$

$$5^2 = 13.88^2 + 2(-5.5)d$$

$$25 = 192.93 + (-11)d$$

$$\frac{25 - 192.93}{-11}$$

$$-11$$

$$d = 15 \text{ m}$$

