

Question#19764

A race car has a mass of 833 kg. It accelerates uniformly from rest, and travels 48.9 m in 3.13 s. Find the net force acting on the car.

Solution:

Let:

$$m = 833 \text{ kg}$$

$$S = 48.9 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 3.13 \text{ s}$$

$F = ?$

According to the second Newton's law:

$$F = ma, \text{ where: } a - \text{acceleration}$$

Such as:

$$S = \frac{1}{2}at^2, a = \frac{2S}{t^2}$$

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$$F = m \frac{2S}{t^2}$$

$$F = 833 \frac{2 \cdot 48.9}{3.13^2} = 8315,63 \text{ N}$$

Answer: 8315.63 N