

Find the speed at which the mass of a particle will be double?

Solution.

The mass of the moving particle is:

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}};$$

where m_0 - is the mass of the rest particle, kg;

v – is the speed of the moving particle, m/s;

$c = 299792458$ m/s – is the speed of light in vacuum;

In this case $m = 2 \cdot m_0$:

$$2 \cdot m_0 = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}};$$

Find the speed of the moving particle:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \rightarrow \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow v^2 = \frac{3}{4} c^2 \rightarrow v = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 299792458 \approx 259627885 \text{ m/s}; \end{aligned}$$

Answer: the speed of the moving particle is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c$ or **259627885 m/s**.