

Answer on Question#39995 – Physics - Mechanics | Kinametics | Dynamics

A 2400 W engine pulls a 200 kg block at constant speed up a 12.0 m long, 25.0° incline. Determine long does it takes to cover this distance

Solution:

$m = 200\text{kg}$ – mass of the block;

$\alpha = 25^\circ$ – angle of the plane with the horizontal;

$P = 2400\text{ W}$ – power of the engine;

$S = 12.0\text{m}$ – traveled distance

F – force which engine acts of the block

The first law of equilibrium ($V = \text{const}$) along the X axis:

$$F - mg_x = 0$$

$$F = mg_x \quad (1)$$

From the right triangle ABC:

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{mg_x}{mg}; \quad mg_x = mg \cdot \sin \alpha \quad (2)$$

(2)in(1):

$$F = mg \cdot \sin \alpha$$

Work done by the engine:

$$A = F \cdot S = mg \cdot S \sin \alpha \quad (3)$$

Formula of the power (t – time of the work):

$$P = \frac{A}{t} \Rightarrow t = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{mg \cdot S \sin \alpha}{P} = \frac{200\text{kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}} \cdot 12\text{m} \cdot \sin 25^\circ}{2400\text{W}} = 4.1\text{s}$$

Answer: time to cover distance 12m is equal to 4.1s

