

Answer on Question #46895, Physics, Other

Task:

A particle of mass m strikes a wall with speed v at an angle 30° with the wall. The magnitude of impulse imparted to ball by wall is

- (1) mv
- (2) $mv/2$
- (3) $2mv$
- (4) $\sqrt{3}mv$

Solution:

the impulse was given perpendicular to the wall. The component of velocity perpendicular is

$v \sin 30^\circ = \frac{v}{2}$, so change velocity is twice that. Impulse $I = \frac{2mv}{2} = mv$