

Answer on Question #48076, Physics, Other

A car's airbag will activate and increase the stopping time of a passenger from $1.0 \times 10^{-2}s$ to $3.0 \times 10^{-1}s$. If the person in the car has a mass of 70.0kg and the car is travelling at 100km/h (approximately 28 m/s), determine the magnitude of force that the person will exert on the airbag.

Momentum change of a body with airbag:

$$mv = F_{airbag}t_2 \rightarrow F_{airbag} = \frac{mv}{t_2}$$
$$F_{airbag} = \frac{70.0\text{kg} \cdot 28\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{3.0 \cdot 10^{-1}\text{s}} = 6.5 \cdot 10^3\text{N}$$

Answer: $F_{airbag} = 6.5 \cdot 10^3\text{N}$