

Answer on Question #48758 – Physics – Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

1. Which has greater deceleration, a bicycle slowing from 3 m/s to a stop in 6 seconds or a car slowing from 20 m/s to 15 m/s in 6 seconds?

$$v_{10} = 3 \frac{m}{s}, v_1 = 0 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t_1 = 6 s$$

$$v_{20} = 20 \frac{m}{s}, v_2 = 15 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$t_2 = 6 s$$

$$a_1, a_2 - ?$$

Solution.

The acceleration of the bodies are:

$$a_1 = \frac{v_1 - v_{10}}{t_1}, \quad a_2 = \frac{v_2 - v_{20}}{t_2}.$$

$$\text{Let check the dimension: } [a_1] = [a_2] = \frac{m/s}{s} = \frac{m}{s^2}.$$

$$\text{Let evaluate the quantities: } a_1 = \frac{0 - 3}{6} = -0.5 \left(\frac{m}{s^2} \right), \quad a_2 = \frac{15 - 20}{6} \approx -0.83 \left(\frac{m}{s^2} \right).$$

So, a car decelerates faster.

Answer: the deceleration of a car is greater.