

Answer on Question #48894 – Physics - Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

The starting height for a frictionless coaster on earth is 25 m. It's mass with 2 passengers is 300 kg. calculate the maximum GPE

Solution:

$h = 25\text{m}$ – initial height;
 m – mass of the coaster

Maximum GPE is where the height is maximum. Formula for the gravitational potential energy:

$$GPE = mgh = 300\text{kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}} \cdot 25\text{m} = 73500 = 73.5 \text{ kJ}$$

Answer: maximum GPE is equal to 73.5 kJ

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