

Answer on Question 48991, Physics, Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

Question:

A 5 kg box is tossed across the floor at 4 m/s and slides to a stop in 3 s. What is the average force of friction?

Solution:

From the definition of the impulse we have:

$$\bar{F} \Delta t = mv,$$

So, substituting data from the conditions of the problem we obtain:

$$\bar{F} = \frac{mv}{\Delta t} = \frac{5\text{kg} \cdot 4\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{3\text{s}} = 6.7\text{N}.$$

Answer:

Average force of friction is 6.7N.