

Answer on Question #49062 – Engineering – Other

1. A car of mass 1000 kg is cruising at 120 km/hr. At this velocity the drag and friction forces that the engine needs to work against is equivalent to 450 N.

Q Calculate the kinetic energy of the car when cruising at 120 km/hr.

Give your answer in Joules.

$$m = 10^3 \text{ kg}$$

$$v = 120 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} = 33.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$F = 450 \text{ N}$$

$$E = ?$$

Solution.

The kinetic energy of an object, which has a mass m and moves with the speed v is $E = \frac{mv^2}{2}$.

Let check the dimension: $[E] = \text{kg} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{J}.$

Let evaluate the quantity: $E = \frac{10^3 \cdot 33.3^2}{2} = 5.54 \cdot 10^5 \text{ (J)}.$

Answer: $5.54 \cdot 10^5$ Joules.