

Answer on Question #49944 – Physics - Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

An object is dropped from a helicopter which is moving horizontally at a constant velocity of 45 m/s 180m above the ground. Find the time taken for the object to reach the ground.

Solution:

$h = 180\text{ m}$ – height of the helicopter;

$V = 45\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ velocity of the helicopter;

Equation of motion for the object along Y – axis:

$$y: h = \frac{gt^2}{2}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 180\text{m}}{9.8\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}} = 6\text{ s}$$

Answer: time taken for the object to reach the ground is equal to 6 s.

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