

Answer on Question #50089 – Physics - Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics

Vibrations

A horizontal frictionless mass-spring system is set to oscillate at 10 Hz. If the spring constant is 450 N/m, what is the mass of the object?

Solution:

$f = 10 \text{ Hz}$ – frequency;

$k = 450 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$ – spring constant;

m – mass of the object;

Formula for the frequency for the mass-spring system:

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}}$$

$$2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 1$$

$$4\pi^2 f^2 m = k$$

$$m = \frac{k}{4\pi^2 f^2} = \frac{450 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}}{4 \cdot 3.14 \cdot (10 \text{ Hz})^2} = 0.36 \text{ kg}$$

Answer: mass of the object is equal to 0.36 kg.