

Question #55932, Physics / Classical Mechanics |

A car of mass m has an engine which can deliver power P . The minimum time in which car can be accelerated from rest to a speed v is

- (a) $(mv^2)/2P$
- (b) Pmv^2
- (c) $2Pmv^2$
- (d) $(mv^2)P/2$

Answer:

Kinetic energy of car which is needed to provide speed v is:

$$E = (mv^2)/2$$

From another hand, $P = E/t$, where t – the time of acceleration.

Thus, $t = E/P = (mv^2)/2P$. **Answer is (a).**