

Answer on Question 66881, Physics, Mechanics, Relativity

Question:

A parked plane has a PE of $35456 J$. If the plane is placed on a ramp that is $2.1 m$ high to work on the wheels, what is the mass of the plane?

Solution:

By the definition of the potential energy we have:

$$PE = mgh,$$

$$m = \frac{PE}{gh} = \frac{35456 J}{9.8 \frac{m}{s^2} \cdot 2.1 m} = 1723 \text{ kg}.$$

Answer:

$$m = 1723 \text{ kg}.$$

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