Table 2 Types of Collisions

Type of collision	Diagram	What happens	Conserved quantity
perfectly inelastic	m_1 $v_{1,i}$ $v_{2,i}$ $p_{2,i}$ p_{f} p_{f}	The two objects stick together after the collision so that their final velocities are the same.	momentum
elastic	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	The two objects bounce after the collision so that they move separately.	momentum kinetic energy
inelastic	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	The two objects deform during the collision so that the total kinetic energy decreases, but the objects move separately after the collision.	momentum

SECTION REVIEW

- **1.** Give two examples of elastic collisions and two examples of perfectly inelastic collisions.
- **2.** A 95.0 kg fullback moving south with a speed of 5.0 m/s has a perfectly inelastic collision with a 90.0 kg opponent running north at 3.0 m/s.
 - **a.** Calculate the velocity of the players just after the tackle.
 - **b.** Calculate the decrease in total kinetic energy as a result of the collision.
- **3.** Two 0.40 kg soccer balls collide elastically in a head-on collision. The first ball starts at rest, and the second ball has a speed of 3.5 m/s. After the collision, the second ball is at rest.
 - **a.** What is the final speed of the first ball?
 - **b.** What is the kinetic energy of the first ball before the collision?
 - **c.** What is the kinetic energy of the second ball after the collision?
- **4. Critical Thinking** If two automobiles collide, they usually do not stick together. Does this mean the collision is elastic?
- **5. Critical Thinking** A rubber ball collides elastically with the sidewalk.
 - **a.** Does each object have the same kinetic energy after the collision as it had before the collision? Explain.
 - **b.** Does each object have the same momentum after the collision as it had before the collision? Explain.