

KINETIC ENERGY

And Work-Energy Theorem

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 - m is mass in Kg
 - v is speed in m/s
 - E is energy in Joules: $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ Kg m}^2/\text{s}^2$

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1. Calculate the kinetic energy of a 1200 Kg car travelling along Bramalea road at 17 m/s (60 Km/h)?
– Answer: 1.7×10^5 J
2. If the speed of the car is doubled what will be the new kinetic energy ?
– Answer: 6.8×10^5 J

Kinetic Energy & Work

- **Work-Energy Theorem:**

The total work done on an object is equal to the object's change in kinetic energy!!

$$W = \Delta E_k$$

$$W = E_{kf} - E_{ki}$$

Work = Final Energy – Initial Energy

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- A skateboarder with a mass of 65.0 Kg increases his speed from 1.75 m/s to 4.20 m/s as he rolls down a ramp.
 - a) What is the initial kinetic energy?
 - b) What is the final kinetic energy?
 - c) What is the change in kinetic energy?
 - d) What is the work done on the skateboarder?

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- A weightlifter drops a 50.0 Kg bar from a height of 1.50 m. Assume that the force of gravity is the only force acting on the bar.
 - a) What is the *initial* Kinetic Energy of the bar?
 - b) What do we need to know to find the final Kinetic Energy of the bar (just before it hits the ground)?
 - c) What is the work done on the bar?
 - d) What is the *final* Kinetic Energy of the bar (just before it hits the ground)?
- **NOTE:** Use $W = F\Delta d$ to find the work done by gravity on the bar.