

Problem 1

You are designing an elevator that will be transporting passengers via a single cable. The cable has a tensile strength of 300 MPa. The empty car weighs 800 kg, and you want a maximum capacity of 1000kg. If we wish to have a safety factor of 3, what should the diameter of the cable be?



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$$F_{\text{load}} = 17658 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{design}} = 3 * F_{\text{load}} = 52974 \text{ N}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{N}{A}$$

$$300 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \frac{52,974 \text{ N}}{A}$$

$$A = 1.7658 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 = \pi r^2$$

$$r = .007497 \text{ m}$$

$$\boxed{d = 14.99 \text{ mm}}$$