

Automobile (FIA), the world's governing body for motor sport and land speed records, recorded the following land speed records. (Retrieved on February 5, 2006, from <http://www.landspeed.com/lrinfo.asp>.)

Speed (mph)	Driver	Car	Engine	Date
407.447	Craig Breedlove	Spirit of America	GE J47	8/5/63
413.199	Tom Green	Wingfoot Express	WE J46	10/2/64
434.22	Art Arfons	Green Monster	GE J79	10/5/64
468.719	Craig Breedlove	Spirit of America	GE J79	10/13/64
526.277	Craig Breedlove	Spirit of America	GE J79	10/15/65
536.712	Art Arfons	Green Monster	GE J79	10/27/65
555.127	Craig Breedlove	Spirit of America, Sonic 1	GE J79	11/2/65
576.553	Art Arfons	Green Monster	GE J79	11/7/65
600.601	Craig Breedlove	Spirit of America, Sonic 1	GE J79	11/15/65
622.407	Gary Gabelich	Blue Flame	Rocket	10/23/70
633.468	Richard Noble	Thrust 2	RR RG 146	10/4/83
763.035	Andy Green	Thrust SSC	RR Spey	10/15/97

Example 5: Distance and Time (GR 8-10)

The following data were collected using a car with a water clock set to release a drop in a unit of time and a meter stick. The car rolled down an inclined plane. Three trials were run. Create a data table with an average distance column and an average velocity column, create an average distance-time graph, and draw the best-fit line or curve. Estimate the car's distance traveled and velocity at six drops of water. Describe the motion of the car. Is it going at a constant speed, accelerating, or decelerating? How do you know?

Time (drops of water)	Distance (cm)
1	10,11,9