Problem 1



Consider a hybrid car that has $400 {
m kJ}$ of kinetic energy at certain speed. The car's regenerative braking is 37% efficient ($\eta=0.37$) at converting kinetic energy ($E_k=\frac{1}{2}mv^2$) to energy stored in a battery. When the car comes to a complete stop, what is the energy, ΔE , added to the car's battery?

37% of the kinetic energy are stored back into the battery, according to the problem. Therefore,

$$\Delta E = 0.37 \cdot 400 \text{kJ} = \boxed{148 \text{kJ}}$$

(The significant digits = 3)

Problem 2

If a battery is labeled at 1.5 V and 400 mAh, how much energy does it store?



The energy is

$$E = 1.5 \text{V} \cdot 400 \text{mAh} = 1.5 \text{V} \cdot 400 \cdot 0.001 \text{A} \cdot 3600 \text{s} = 2.16 \cdot 10^3 \text{J}$$

(The significant digits = 3)