

STEM SMART Phase One, 2022

Physics Week 9 – Springs & Materials

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Essential GCSE Physics 37.3

GCSE - Practice (P1)
A Level - Practice (P1)

A company is making Newton meters using 150 N/m springs.

Part A 10 N mark

How far from the 0.0 N mark will the 10 N mark need to be?

Part B Distance between 4.0 N and 9.0 N

How far apart will the 4.0 N and 9.0 N marks will be on the Newton meter?



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B6.4

A Level - Practice (P1)

A brass pin has a cross sectional area of 0.50 cm^2 . Brass has a tensile strength of 190 MPa . Calculate the maximum tensile force it ought to be able to withstand without breaking.



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B6.5

A Level - Practice (P1)

Mild steel has a breaking strength of 500 MPa. If you want to support a 200 kg piano using a single steel wire, what is the minimum diameter of wire you require? Give your answer to 2 significant figures.



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B7.2

GCSE - Practice (P1)
A Level - Practice (P1)

A spring of natural length 10.0 cm and spring constant 4.00 N cm^{-1} has a load of 22.0 N placed on it. What is its new length?



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B7.3

GCSE - Practice (P1)
A Level - Practice (P1)

If a spring of natural length 1.50 cm stretches to 1.65 cm when a 16 N force is applied, what is its spring constant?



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B7.7

GCSE - Challenge (C1)
A Level - Challenge (C1)

Part A Tension in series

Two identical springs, each of natural length 2.0 m and spring constant 80 N m^{-1} are placed in series (that is, one joined to the end of the other), with a weight of 7.5 N suspended from the bottom spring.

State the tension in each spring.

Part B Total extension in series

Work out the total extension of the system.

Part C Tension in parallel

If the two identical springs were placed in parallel so that they can share the load, with the same weight of 7.5 N suspended from the combination, work out the tension in each of the springs.

Part D Total length in parallel

What is the total length of the system now? Give your answers to 3 significant figures.



Essential Pre-Uni Physics B7.8

GCSE - Challenge (C1)
A Level - Challenge (C1)

If three identical springs were put in series, how would:

Part A Spring constant

a) the spring constant of the system compare to just one of the springs on its own with the same force applied?

- ☐ A quarter of the original
 - ☐ $\frac{1}{3}$ as much
 - ☐ The same
 - ☐ Three times as large
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Part B Total extension

b) the total extension of the system compare to just one of the springs on its own with the same force applied?

- ☐ The same
 - ☐ A quarter of the original
 - ☐ Three times as much
 - ☐ A third as much
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GCSE - Challenge (C2)
A Level - Practice (P1)

Assume that extension is proportional to the tension.

60 J of work is done to stretch a spring with spring constant 7.5 N cm^{-1} from its natural length of 0.24 m to some new length. Work out this new length.



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GCSE - Challenge (C2)
A Level - Challenge (C1)

Assume that extension is proportional to the tension.

Calculate how much extra work must be done in order to stretch a spring from 17 cm to 20 cm, if its spring constant is 300 N m^{-1} and natural length 15 cm.



Physics. *You work it out.*

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