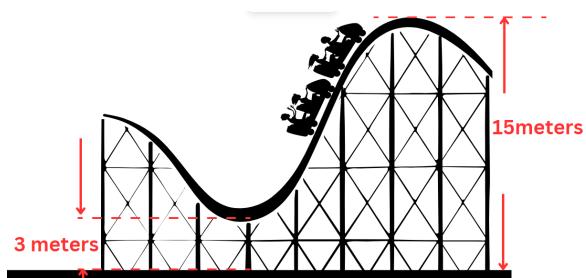


roller coaster



Question

A roller coaster cart has a mass of $m = 150\text{kg}$. if at the lowest point on the path it has a kinetic energy of $T = 150\text{kJ}$ what is the total energy at that point?

Using known expressions:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh$$

Given:

$$h = 3m$$

$$T = 150\text{kJ}$$

$$m = 1500\text{kg}$$

Solution:

$$U = 150,000 + 1500 * 3 * 9.81 = 194\text{kJ}$$