

1. Car on a Sloping Road

(a) Resistive Force

When the car moves at a constant speed, the net force is zero. Let the direction down the slope be positive. The forces along the slope are the driving force (F_{engine}), the component of gravity ($mg \sin(\theta)$), and the resistive force ($F_{\text{resistive}}$). The equation is:

$$F_{\text{engine}} + mg \sin(\theta) - F_{\text{resistive}} = 0$$

The driving force is calculated from the power ($P = 112.5 \text{ kW}$) and speed ($v = 20 \text{ m/s}$):

$$F_{\text{engine}} = \frac{P}{v} = \frac{112500 \text{ W}}{20 \text{ m/s}} = 5625 \text{ N}$$

The gravitational component is:

$$F_g = mg \sin(10^\circ) = (1200 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) \sin(10^\circ) \approx 2043.6 \text{ N}$$

Solving for the resistive force:

$$F_{\text{resistive}} = F_{\text{engine}} + F_g = 5625 \text{ N} + 2043.6 \text{ N} = 7668.6 \text{ N} \approx \mathbf{7670 \text{ N}}$$

(b) Minimum Braking Force

The total stopping distance is 40 m. The process has two stages:

1. **Reaction Time:** Distance covered in $t_{\text{reaction}} = 0.5 \text{ s}$ is $d_{\text{reaction}} = v \times t_{\text{reaction}} = 20 \times 0.5 = 10 \text{ m}$.
2. **Braking:** Remaining distance is $d_{\text{braking}} = 40 \text{ m} - 10 \text{ m} = 30 \text{ m}$.

The required acceleration to stop in 30 m is found using $v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$:

$$0^2 = (20)^2 + 2a(30) \implies a = -\frac{400}{60} = -\frac{20}{3} \approx -6.67 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Applying Newton's Second Law during braking (engine is off):

$$F_{\text{net}} = mg \sin(10^\circ) - F_{\text{resistive}} - F_{\text{brake}} = ma$$

$$F_{\text{brake}} = mg \sin(10^\circ) - F_{\text{resistive}} - ma$$

$$F_{\text{brake}} = 2043.6 - 7668.6 - (1200)\left(-\frac{20}{3}\right) = -5625 + 8000 = \mathbf{2375 \text{ N}}$$

(c) Impulse During Impact

The new braking force is $F'_{\text{brake}} = 0.95 \times 2375 \text{ N} = 2256.25 \text{ N}$. The new acceleration is:

$$a' = \frac{mg \sin(10^\circ) - F_{\text{resistive}} - F'_{\text{brake}}}{m} = \frac{2043.6 - 7668.6 - 2256.25}{1200} \approx -6.568 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The speed just before impact after traveling 30 m is:

$$v_{\text{impact}}^2 = v_i^2 + 2a'd = (20)^2 + 2(-6.568)(30) = 5.92 \implies v_{\text{impact}} \approx 2.43 \text{ m/s}$$

The impulse (J) is the change in momentum. Assuming the car stops after impact ($v_{\text{final}} = 0$):

$$J = \Delta p = mv_{\text{final}} - mv_{\text{impact}} = 0 - (1200 \text{ kg})(2.43 \text{ m/s}) = -2916 \text{ Ns}$$

The magnitude of the impulse is **2920** Ns.