Answer on Question #54085 - Math - Algebra

The average weight of a midsize car is 1 3/4 tons. The average weight of a compact car is 6/7 of the weight of a midsize car. How many tons does a compact car weigh?

Solution

Weight of midsize car is $1\frac{3}{4}$ tons. It is equal to $\frac{7}{4}$ tons.

Weight of a compact car is 6/7 of the weight of a midsize car:

 $\frac{6}{7} \cdot \frac{7}{4} = \frac{6 \cdot 7}{7 \cdot 4} = \frac{6}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{7} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

Answer: weight of a compact car is $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

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