Answer on Question 69677, Physics, Other

Question:

Block of mass 500 kg is at rest on a horizontal table. What steady force is required to give the block a velocity of 200 cm/s in 4 s?

Solution:

Let's first find the acceleration of the block from the kinematic equation:

$$v = v_0 + at,$$

here, $v_0 = 0$ is the initial velocity of the block, v is the final velocity of the block, a is the acceleration of the block and t is the time.

Then, we get:

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t} = \frac{200 \frac{cm}{s} \cdot \frac{1 m}{100 cm}}{4 s} = 0.5 \frac{m}{s^2}.$$

Finally, from the Newton's Second Law of Motion we can find the force:

$$F = ma = 500 \ kg \cdot 0.5 \ \frac{m}{s^2} = 250 \ N.$$

Answer:

F = 250 N.

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