

Answer on Question 75137, Physics, Other

Question:

An elevator of mass 900 kg accelerates upward at 2 m/s^2 , the tension in the cable where it is attached to the elevator is?

Solution:

We can find the tension in the cable from the Newton's Second Law of Motion:

$$\sum F_y = ma,$$

$$T - mg = ma,$$

$$T = mg + ma = m(g + a) = 900\text{ kg} \cdot \left(10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} + 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) = 10800\text{ N}.$$

Answer:

$$T = 10800\text{ N}.$$

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