

Momentum Worksheet (p. 1)

Physics

Answer completely on your own paper.

1. Which has a greater momentum, a heavy truck at rest or a moving skateboard?
2. What is the momentum of a 0.50 kg hockey puck traveling at 50.0 m/s east?
25 kg·m/s east
3. A 1.5 kg football is thrown with a momentum of 22.5 kg·m/s forward. What is the velocity of the football?
15 m/s forward
4. The momentum of a 0.2 kg bullet is 100 kg·mi/h. How fast is the bullet traveling?
500 mi/h
5. What would be the momentum of a 1500 kg truck moving at 20 m/s? Would this momentum be different on the moon? Explain and give new momentum if necessary.
30,000 kg·m/s
6. A 1200 kg car has a momentum of 36,000 kg·m/s. How fast is the car travelling?
30 m/s
7. Can you run fast enough to have the same momentum as an automobile rolling at 1 mi/h? Explain.
8. Usain Bolt ran his world record 100 m race with an average speed of 10.4 m/s and his mass was about 93 kg. What was Usain's momentum?
967.2 kg·m/s
9. Josef Martinez takes an 85 mi/h shot on goal during an Atlanta United game. The momentum of the ball in flight is about 38.25 kg·mi/h. What is the mass of the ball?
0.45 kg
10. Which has more momentum...an elephant (3000 kg) walking at 0.5 m/s or a cheetah (52 kg) running at 27 m/s?
e – 1500 kg·m/s c – 1404 kg·m/s
11. For the same force, which cannon gives the larger speed to a cannonball - a long cannon or a short one? Explain.
12. Why might a glass survive a fall onto a carpeted floor but not onto a concrete floor?
13. Why would it be a bad idea to have the back of your hand up against a wall when you catch a baseball?
14. Which undergoes the greatest change in momentum: (a) a basketball that is caught, (b) a basketball that is thrown, or (c) a basketball that is caught and then thrown back, if the basketball has the same speed just before being caught and just after being thrown?
15. "It's not the fall that hurts you, it's the sudden stop!" Use impulse to verify this statement with a real example.

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16. Explain why it is a good thing that you did not bounce in the previous question.
17. A 2 kg jackrabbit is running with a velocity of 18 m/s. It experiences about 200 N of net force when it runs into some briars and gets stuck. How much impulse did the jackrabbit experience while getting stuck? *-36 kg·m/s*
18. How much time did it take for the jackrabbit in #17 to get stuck in the briars? *0.18 s*
19. A 72 kg pig is running with a momentum of 216 kg m/s. It then runs through some mud for 1.5 s. After running through the mud its momentum is 58 kg m/s. What was the impulse of the pig due to the mud? *-158 kg·m/s*
20. How much net force did the pig in #19 experience while running through the mud? *-105.3 N*
21. When a bullet is fired, its momentum changes! And the momentum of the recoiling rifle changes. Why can we say that when a rifle fires a bullet, momentum is conserved?
22. The momentum of a train traveling at 50 m/s west is equal in magnitude to the momentum of a plane that is traveling at 2500 m/s east. If the two collide head-on what will be the velocity of the resulting pile of metal? *zero*
23. Railroad car A rolls at a certain speed and makes a perfectly elastic collision with car B of the same mass. After the collision, car A is observed to be at rest. How does the speed of car B compare with the initial speed of car A?
24. If the same two cars in the previous question stick together after colliding inelastically, how does their speed after the collision compare with the initial speed of car A.
25. Two automobiles, each of mass 1000 kg, are moving at the same speed, 20 m/s, towards each other when they have an inelastic collision. In what direction and at what speed does the wreckage move. *stops*
26. A railroad diesel engine has a mass of 160,000 kg and a single freight car has a mass of 40,000 kg. If the diesel engine coasts at 5 km/h into a freight car that is initially at rest, how fast do the two coast after they couple together? *4 km/h*
27. A 5.0 kg gun fires a 0.012 kg bullet at 300 m/s. What is the recoil velocity of the gun? *-0.72 m/s*
28. A 25.0 kg bumper car moving to the right at 5.0 m/s collides with a 35.0 kg bumper car moving to the left at -0.83 m/s. After the collision, the 25.0 kg bumper car is going 1.50 m/s to the right. What is the final velocity of the 35.0 kg bumper car? *1.67 m/s*
29. A 2,000 kg truck going 20 m/s East collides head-on with an 800 kg car going 15 m/s West. After the collision, the car and the truck stick together. What velocity will the car-truck system have after the collision? *10 m/s east*

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30. Two astronauts are in frictionless space, in static equilibrium. Jan's mass is 150 kg and Sam's mass is 80 kg. They decide to high five each other and Jan moves away with a velocity of 2.0 m/s. What is Sam's resulting velocity. 3.75 m/s

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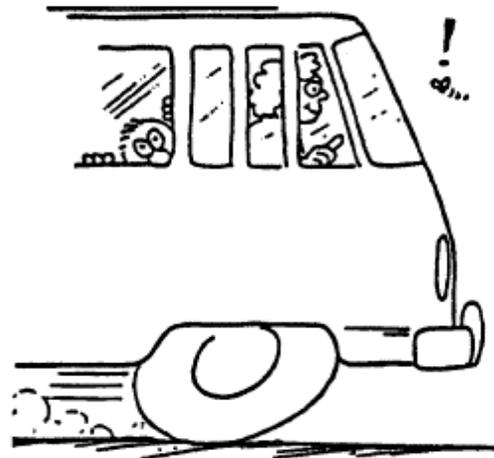
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31. A moving car has momentum. If it moves twice as fast, its momentum is _____ as much.
32. Two cars, one twice as heavy as the other, move down a hill at the same speed. Compared to the lighter car, the momentum of the heavier car is _____ as much.
33. The recoil momentum of a cannon that kicks is
(more than) (less than) (the same as)
the momentum of the cannonball it fires.
34. If a man firmly holds a cannon when fired, then the momentum of the cannonball is equal to the recoil momentum of the
(cannon alone) (cannon-man system) (man alone)

Suppose you are traveling in a bus at highway speed on a nice summer day and the momentum of an unlucky bug is suddenly changed as it splatters onto the front window.

35. Compared to the force that acts on the bug, how much force acts on the bus?
(more) (the same) (less)
36. The time of impact is the same for both the bug and the bus. Compared to the impulse on the bug, this means the impulse on the bus is
(more) (the same) (less)
37. Although the momentum of the bus is very large compared to the momentum of the bug, the *change* in momentum of the bus, compared to the *change* of momentum of the bug is
(more) (the same) (less)
38. Which undergoes the greater acceleration?
(bus) (both the same) (bug)
39. Which, therefore, suffers the greater damage?
(bus) (both the same) (the bug of course!)



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40. Granny whizzes around the rink and is suddenly confronted with Ambrose at rest directly in her path. Rather than knock him over, she picks him up and continues in motion without "braking."



Consider both Granny and Ambrose as two parts of one system. Since no outside forces act on the system, the momentum of the system before collision equals the momentum of the system after collision.

- a. Complete the before-collision data in the table below.

BEFORE COLLISION	
Granny's mass	80 kg
Granny's speed	3 m/s
Granny's momentum	_____
Ambrose's mass	40 kg
Ambrose's speed	0 m/s
Ambrose's momentum	_____
Total momentum	_____

- b. After collision, does Granny's speed increase or decrease?

- c. After collision, does Ambrose's speed increase or decrease?

- d. After collision, what is the total mass of Granny + Ambrose?

- e. After collision, what is the total momentum of Granny + Ambrose?

- f. Use the conservation of momentum law to find the speed of Granny and Ambrose together after collision. (Show your work in the space below.)



New speed = _____

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41. What is the impulse experienced each by Granny and Ambrose?
42. What is the total impulse of the Granny-Ambrose system during the collision?