

47. We work this using the English units (with $g = 32 \text{ ft/s}$), but for consistency we convert the weight to pounds

$$mg = (9.0 \text{ oz}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{16 \text{ oz}} \right) = 0.56 \text{ lb}$$

which implies $m = 0.018 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{s}^2/\text{ft}$ (which can be phrased as 0.018 slug as explained in Appendix D). And we convert the initial speed to feet-per-second

$$v_i = (81.8 \text{ mi/h}) \left(\frac{5280 \text{ ft/mi}}{3600 \text{ s/h}} \right) = 120 \text{ ft/s}$$

or a more “direct” conversion from Appendix D can be used. Equation 8-30 provides $\Delta E_{\text{th}} = -\Delta E_{\text{mec}}$ for the energy “lost” in the sense of this problem. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_{\text{th}} &= \frac{1}{2}m(v_i^2 - v_f^2) + mg(y_i - y_f) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(0.018)(120^2 - 110^2) + 0 \\ &= 20 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} . \end{aligned}$$