

A 2.5 kg block slides from rest down a 2.0 m ramp of angle 30 degrees.

a) If frictionless, use ME conservation to find the speed at the bottom.

b) If $\mu = 0.20$ use TE to determine the speed at the bottom.

$F_g = F_g \cos 30^\circ$
 $= (2.5)(9.8) \cos 30^\circ$
 $= 21.2 \text{ N}$

$F_f = F_g \sin 30^\circ$
 $= (2.5)(9.8) \sin 30^\circ$
 $= 12.25 \text{ N}$

$F_{net} = F_g - F_f$
 $= 21.2 - 12.25$
 $= 8.95 \text{ N}$

$m a = F_{net}$
 $2.5 a = 8.95$
 $a = 3.58 \text{ m/s}^2$

$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2 a d$
 $v_f^2 = 0 + 2(3.58)(2.0)$
 $v_f^2 = 14.32$
 $v_f = 3.78 \text{ m/s}$

$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{h}{2.0}$
 $h = 1.0$

a) $ME = ME'$
 $mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$ (no friction)
 $\sqrt{v^2} = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{2(9.8)(1.0)} = \sqrt{19.62 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} = 4.43 \text{ m/s}$

b) $TE = TE'$
 $ME = ME' + \text{heat loss}$
 $mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + W_f$
 $(2.5)(9.8)(1.0) = \frac{1}{2}(2.5)v^2 + 8.496 \text{ J}$
 $24.5 \text{ J} = \frac{1}{2}(2.5)v^2 + 8.496 \text{ J}$
 $16.004 \text{ J} = \frac{1}{2} v^2$
 $\frac{1}{2}(2.5) = v^2$
 $3.5845 = v$

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