



# Air resistance – Practice

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1. This question is about the drag force on two different cars.

 <p>Toyota Camry frontal area = <math>0.70 \text{ m}^2</math> drag coefficient = <math>0.27</math></p>	 <p>Hummer H2 frontal area = <math>2.44 \text{ m}^2</math> drag coefficient = <math>0.57</math>.</p>
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- (a) Calculate the drag force on each car, travelling at  $50 \text{ km/hr}$ . ( $22\text{N}$ ,  $161\text{N}$ )
- (b) Calculate the factor by which the drag force on either car increases when the speed increases to  $110 \text{ km/hr}$ . ( $4.8$ )
2. A man, mass  $70 \text{ kg}$ , does a parachute jump. His parachute has mass  $5 \text{ kg}$  and, when deployed, is of a circular cross-section with radius  $4.0 \text{ m}$ .  
drag coefficient =  $0.8$
- Calculate the steady speed at which he descends. ( $5.5 \text{ m/s}$ )
3. A  $75 \text{ kg}$  skydiver has an area of  $0.33 \text{ m}^2$  and reaches a terminal velocity of  $60 \text{ m/s}$ .  
density of air =  $1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
Calculate the drag coefficient. ( $1.03$ )
4. The drag coefficient of a car at the design conditions of  $1$  atmosphere pressure,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $90 \text{ km/h}$  is measured experimentally in a wind tunnel.
- The height of the car is  $1.40 \text{ m}$ ,  
The width of the car is  $1.65 \text{ m}$ .  
The horizontal force acting on the car is  $300 \text{ N}$ .  
density of air =  $1.164 \text{ kg/m}^3$  (at  $1$  atmosphere and  $25^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Calculate the drag coefficient of this car. ( $0.36$ )