

Study Guide

AP Physics C

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Applications of Newton's Laws

The student should know or be able to do the following:

1. Apply Newton's 1st law correctly in situations involving conditions of static and dynamic equilibrium to determine one or more physical quantities.
2. Draw a correct and complete free-body diagram for an object including coordinate axis, force vectors w/labels in their correct orientation direction, and resolved forces in their correct orientation direction.
3. Draw correct and complete free-body diagrams for objects on an incline and for situations involving a system of objects.
4. Apply Newton's 2nd law correctly in situations involving dynamics of an object or a system of objects to determine one or more physical quantities.
5. Distinguish between *static*, *kinetic*, and *rolling* friction and their coefficients and be able to apply the correct frictional force and coefficient in a given situation.
6. Correctly interpret and apply the information given in the F_f vs F_a graph for impending-relative motion.
7. Distinguish between *fluid resistance* and *drag*, know what factors these depend on, and use calculus methods to determine the *terminal velocity*, *drag coefficient* or the magnitudes of forces involved in drag force problems.
8. Correctly interpret and apply the information given in the graphs of acceleration, velocity, and position for an object falling with fluid resistance.
9. Describe the relationship between *terminal velocity* and fluid resistance and be able to correctly apply the derived functional equations to determine the vertical position, velocity, and acceleration at any time t for an object falling through a fluid.
10. Identify the features of centripetal force and centripetal acceleration for an object moving in horizontal or vertical circular motion, identify the source of centripetal force and correctly apply a FBD and Newton's 2nd law to solve problems involving the dynamics of circular motion.
11. Use the principles of dynamics of circular motion to interpret and solve problems involving motion on banked and unbanked curves.
12. Distinguish between *centrifugal* force and *centripetal* force and relate these forces to the dynamics of circular motion to describe why Newton's 1st and 2nd laws do not hold in a rotating non-inertial reference frame.

NOTE: Review diagrams, graphs, worksheets, applets/films and handout materials.