

104. We take $+x$ in the direction of motion, so $v_0 = +30$ m/s, $v_1 = +15$ m/s and $a < 0$. The acceleration is found from Eq. 2-11: $a = (v_1 - v_0)/t_1$ where $t_1 = 3.0$ s. This gives $a = -5.0$ m/s². The displacement (which in this situation is the same as the distance traveled) to the point it stops ($v_2 = 0$) is, using Eq. 2-16,

$$v_2^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x \Rightarrow \Delta x = -\frac{30^2}{2(-5)} = 90 \text{ m}.$$