

What is the kinetic energy of a car of mass 1500 kg travelling at a speed of 65 mi / hr ?

Given:

Mass of the car:

$$m = 1500 \text{ kg}$$

Speed of the car:

$$v = 65 \text{ mi/hr} = 29 \text{ m/s}$$

Determine: kinetic energy of the car: KE

$$KE = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)mv^2 \text{ -----(1)}$$

Substituting for m and v in (1):

$$KE = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 1500 \times (29)^2 = 6.3 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$