

2. A satellite orbits the Earth in one day and it flies around the Earth an altitude of twice the Earth's radius, find the following: (hint use reference tables to find the Earth's radius)


A. The period of the satellite (in seconds).

$$1 \text{ DAY} \times \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{1 \text{ DAY}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{60 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ min}} = \boxed{86,400 \text{ s}}$$

B. The speed of the satellite.

$$3r_E = (6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}) \cdot 3 = 1.91 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \frac{2\pi(1.91 \times 10^7 \text{ m})}{(86,400 \text{ s})}$$

$$v = \boxed{1,390 \text{ m/s}}$$


C. The centripetal acceleration of the satellite.

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{(1,390 \text{ m/s})^2}{1.91 \times 10^7 \text{ m}} = \boxed{0.101 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

3. A man on a motorcycle is traveling around in a spherical steel cage (radius = 3 m) with an acceleration of  $133 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Find the motorcycle circular speed of the motorcycle.

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \rightarrow v = \sqrt{a_c r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(133 \text{ m/s}^2)(3 \text{ m})}$$

$$v = \boxed{20.0 \text{ m/s}}$$

4. A 2000 kg car goes around a circular track with a speed of 25 m/s. What is the time it takes the car to complete one lap if the radius of the track is 100 m?

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} \rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2(\pi)(100 \text{ m})}{25 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$T = \boxed{25.1 \text{ s}}$$

5. Find the radius of an object in circular motion if it has a speed of 2 m/s and an acceleration of  $5 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{v^2}{a_c} = \frac{(2 \text{ m/s})^2}{5 \text{ m/s}^2} = \boxed{0.8 \text{ m}}$$