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Subject: Physics

Title: Collision HW

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Question 1) A bullet of mass 0.1 kg traveling horizontally at a speed of 300 m/s embeds itself in a block of mass 3.5 kg that is sitting at rest on a nearly frictionless surface.

a. What is the speed of the block after the bullet embeds itself in the block?

$$P=mv$$

$$P=0.1 \times 300 = 30 \text{ kgm/s}$$

$$30 = mv \quad 30 = 3.6v$$

$$V = 8.33 \text{ m/s}$$

b. Calculate the kinetic energy of the bullet and the block before the collision.

$$Ke_1(\text{block}) = 0 \text{ J}$$

$$Ke_2(\text{bullet}) = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1 \times 300^2 = 4500 \text{ J}$$

c. Calculate the kinetic energy of the bullet and the block after the collision.

$$Ke = \frac{1}{2} \times 3.6 \times 8.33^2 = 124.9 \text{ J}$$

d. Was this collision elastic or inelastic? Explain your answer.

Inelastic, Energy was transferred out of the system because the energy was inelastic.

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Question 2) A 4500.0 kg pickup truck is moving at 15.0 m/s. A 2500.0 kg Tesla Model X is sitting at rest at a stop sign. The pickup truck collides with the Tesla and the cars DO NOT stick together. After the collision, the Tesla is moving at 12.0 m/s.

a. What is the final velocity of the truck?

$$P_1 = mv = 4500 \times 15 = 67500 \text{ kgm/s}$$

$$P_2 = mv = 2500 \times 12 = 30000 \text{ kgm/s}$$

$$67500 - 30000 = 37500$$

$$37500 = 4500$$

$$V = 8.33 \text{ m/s}$$

b. What is the total initial kinetic energy of the two-car system?

$$K_e = 0$$

$$K_e = \frac{1}{2} 4500 \times 15^2 = 506,250$$

c. What is the total final kinetic energy of the two-car system?

$$K_e = \frac{1}{2} 2500 \times 12^2 = 180,000 \text{ J}$$

$$K_e = \frac{1}{2} 4500 \times 8.33^2 = 156,125.025$$

$$\text{Total} = 180,000 + 156,125.025 = \mathbf{336125.025}$$

d. What type of collision is this? Explain your answer.

Inelastic, energy is transferring out the system