

83. The kinetic energy of the car of mass m moving at speed v is given by $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, while the potential barrier it has to tunnel through is $U = mgh$, where $h = 24$ m. According to Eq. 39-21 and 39-22 the tunneling probability is given by $T \approx e^{-2kL}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2m(U - E)}{h^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2m(mgh - \frac{1}{2}mv^2)}{h^2}} \\
 &= \frac{2\pi(1500 \text{ kg})}{6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}} \sqrt{2 \left[(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(24 \text{ m}) - \frac{1}{2}(20 \text{ m/s})^2 \right]} \\
 &= 1.2 \times 10^{38} \text{ m}^{-1} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $2kL = 2(1.2 \times 10^{38} \text{ m}^{-1})(30 \text{ m}) = 7.2 \times 10^{39}$. One can see that $T \approx e^{-2kL}$ is essentially zero.