

14. To find the center of mass speed v on the plateau, we use the projectile motion equations of Chapter 4. With $v_{0y} = 0$ (and using “ h ” for h_2) Eq. 4-22 gives the time-of-flight as $t = \sqrt{2h/g}$. Then Eq. 4-21 (squared, and using d for the horizontal displacement) gives $v^2 = gd^2/2h$. Now, to find the speed v_p at point P , we apply energy conservation, i.e., mechanical energy on the plateau is equal to the mechanical energy at P . With Eq. 11-5, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega^2 + mgh_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_p^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{com}}\omega_p^2$$

Using item (f) of Table 10-2, Eq. 11-2, and our expression (above) $v^2 = gd^2/2h$, we obtain

$$gd^2/2h + 10gh_1/7 = v_p^2$$

which yields (using the values stated in the problem) $v_p = 1.34$ m/s.