

SPEED BUMP

Particle of mass m

Ignore friction

$$g = 9.81 \text{ N/kg}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{speed bump arc} \\ -\theta < \phi < \theta \end{array} \right]$$

Speed bump, an arc of a circle of radius r

CASE 1 $v = \text{constant}$.

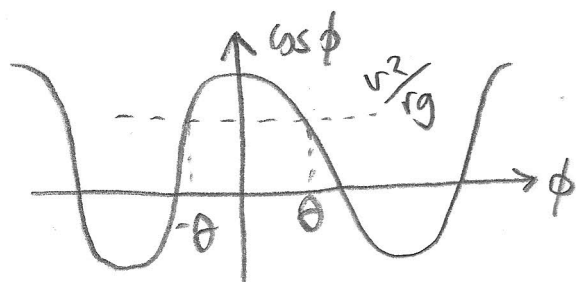
(i.e. driven car, tangential force from engine maintains speed)

Newton II radially inwards: $\frac{mv^2}{r} = mg \cos \phi - R$

$\therefore$ Contact force $R = mg \cos \phi - \frac{mv^2}{r}$

To maintain contact with speed bump $R \geq 0$

$$\therefore mg \cos \phi - \frac{mv^2}{r} \geq 0 \quad \therefore \cos \phi \geq \frac{v^2}{rg}$$



Minimum values for $\cos \phi$ are $\cos \theta$.

$$\therefore \text{if } \cos \theta \geq \frac{v^2}{rg} \text{ then}$$

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[This means if $R \geq 0$ when particle hits speed bump i.e. when $\phi = \theta$, then it will stay on the speed bump]

so if $\cos \theta \geq \frac{v^2}{rg}$

this means

$$\theta \leq \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{v^2}{rg} \right)$$

so if $v = 30 \text{ mph} = \frac{30}{2.237} \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $g = 9.81 \text{ N/kg}$, $\theta = 30^\circ$, $r \geq \frac{v^2}{g \cos \theta} = r_{\min}$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\min} = \left(\frac{30}{2.237} \right)^2 / 9.81 \times \cos 30^\circ = 21.2 \text{ m}$$