

24. For the elastic collision of the two balls, we use momentum conservation:

$$m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 = m_1v_1' + m_2v_2'$$

$$(0.050 \text{ kg})(2.50 \text{ m/s}) + (0.150 \text{ kg})(1.00 \text{ m/s}) = (0.050 \text{ kg})v_1' + (0.150 \text{ kg})v_2'$$

Because the collision is elastic, the relative speed does not change:

$$v_1 - v_2 = -(v_1' - v_2') \text{ or } 2.50 \text{ m/s} - 1.00 \text{ m/s} = v_2' - v_1'$$

Combining these two equations, we get

$$v_1' = 0.750 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{and} \quad v_2' = 2.20 \text{ m/s}$$

25. (a) For the elastic collision of the two balls, we use momentum conservation:

$$m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 = m_1v_1' + m_2v_2'$$

$$(0.250 \text{ kg})(5.0 \text{ m/s}) + m_2(0) = (0.250 \text{ kg})(-3.7 \text{ m/s}) + m_2v_2'$$

Because the collision is elastic, the relative speed does not change:

$$v_1 - v_2 = -(v_1' - v_2') \text{ or } 5.0 \text{ m/s} - 0 = v_2' - (-3.7 \text{ m/s}), \text{ which gives } v_2' = 1.8 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) Using the result for v_2' in the momentum equation, we get

$$m_2 = 1.1 \text{ kg}$$

26. (a) For the elastic collision of the two bumper cars, we use momentum conservation:

$$m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 = m_1v_1' + m_2v_2'$$

$$(1500 \text{ kg})(3.70 \text{ m/s}) + (1500 \text{ kg})(2.70 \text{ m/s}) = (1500 \text{ kg})v_1' + (1500 \text{ kg})v_2'$$

Because the collision is elastic, the relative speed does not change:

$$v_1 - v_2 = -(v_1' - v_2') \text{ or } 4.0 \text{ m/s} - 3.7 \text{ m/s} = v_2' - v_1'$$

Combining these two equations, we get

$$v_1' = 3.62 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{and} \quad v_2' = 4.42 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) For the change in momentum of each, we have

$$\Delta p_1 = m_1(v_1' - v_1) = (1500 \text{ kg})(3.62 \text{ m/s} - 3.70 \text{ m/s}) = -120 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

$$\Delta p_2 = m_2(v_2' - v_2) = (1500 \text{ kg})(4.42 \text{ m/s} - 2.70 \text{ m/s}) = +2580 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

As expected, the changes are equal and opposite.

27. (a) For the elastic collision of the two balls, we use momentum conservation:

$$m_1v_1 + m_2v_2 = m_1v_1' + m_2v_2'$$

$$(0.250 \text{ kg})v_1 + m_2(0) = (0.250 \text{ kg})v_1' + m_2(v_2')$$

Because the collision is elastic, the relative speed does not change:

$$v_1 - v_2 = -(v_1' - v_2') \text{ or } v_1 - 0 = -(v_1' - v_2'), \text{ which gives } v_2' = -(v_1' - v_1)$$

Using the result in the momentum equation, we get

$$m_2 = 0.840 \text{ kg}$$

(b) The fraction transferred is

$$\text{fraction} = \frac{2m_1v_1}{m_1v_1 + m_2v_2} = \frac{2m_1v_1}{m_1v_1} = 2$$

$$= \frac{2(0.840 \text{ kg})(10.250 \text{ kg})}{(0.840 \text{ kg}) + (10.250 \text{ kg})} = 0.750$$