

• ACCELERATION - A CHANGE IN SPEED, CHANGE IN DIRECTION OR BOTH.

- MEASURED IN  $\frac{m}{s^2}$
- THE RATE AT WHICH VELOCITY CHANGES.
- ACCELERATION DUE TO GRAVITY ON EARTH =  $9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$
- $a = \frac{(v_f - v_i)}{t}$        $a$  = ACCELERATION       $v_f$  = FINAL VELOCITY  
 $t$  = TIME       $v_i$  = INITIAL VELOCITY

EXAMPLE A:

A BALL ROLLS DOWN A RAMP STARTING FROM REST. AFTER 2 SECS ITS VELOCITY IS  $6 \frac{m}{s}$ . WHAT IS ITS ACCELERATION?

$$a = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t} = \frac{6 \frac{m}{s} - 0 \frac{m}{s}}{2s} = \frac{6}{2} = \boxed{3 \frac{m}{s^2}}$$

EXAMPLE B:

I SPEED MY CAR UP FROM ~~35~~  $35 \frac{m}{s}$  TO ~~70~~  $70 \frac{m}{s}$  IN ~~10~~ SECS. WHAT IS ITS ACCELERATION?

$$\frac{70 - 35}{10} = \frac{35}{10} = \boxed{3.5 \frac{m}{s^2}}$$