

BoxSand Energy and Intensity Quantitative Practice Problems

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.1: A source emits sound uniformly in all directions. There are no reflections of the sound. At a distance of 15 m from the source, the intensity of the sound is $4.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2$. What is the total sound power (P) emitted by the source?

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.2: At a distance of 6.2 m from a siren, the sound intensity is $4.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2$. Assuming that the siren radiates sound uniformly in all directions, find the total power radiated.

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.3: Suppose that a loud speaker emits sound uniformly in all directions and that there are no reflections. The intensity at a location 30 m away from the source is $3.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W/m}^2$. What is the intensity at a spot that is 95 meters away?

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.4: A person stands at the midpoint between two speakers that are emitting amplified static hiss uniformly in all directions. The speakers are 45.0 m apart and the total power of the sound coming from each speaker is 0.65 W. Find the total sound intensity that the person hears **(a)** when they are at their initial position halfway between the speakers and **(b)** after they have walked 7.0 m directly toward one of the speakers.

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.5: A loudspeaker has a circular opening with a radius of 0.086 m. The electrical power needed to operate the speaker is 19.5 W. The average sound intensity at the opening is 14.2 W/m^2 . What percentage of the electrical power is converted by the speaker into sound power?

Waves-Oscillations.Energy-Intensity.QP.BS.6: Two sources of sound are located on the x axis, and each emits power uniformly in all directions. There are no reflections. One source is positioned at the origin and the other at $x = +110 \text{ m}$. The source at the origin emits four times as much power as the other source. Where on the x axis are the two sounds equal in intensity? Note that there are two answers.