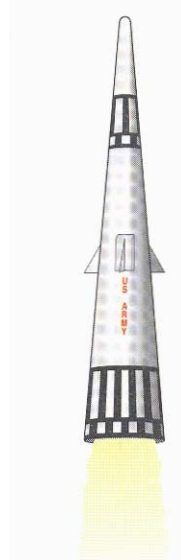


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**Example 2.2**

Missiles designed for defense against ballistic missiles achieve accelerations in excess of 100g or 100 times the acceleration due to gravity. If a missile has a constant acceleration of 100g how long does it take to go from rest to 60 mi/hr? What is its displacement during that time?

**Solution:**

Assume that the target velocity of  $v = 60 \text{ mi/hr} = 88 \text{ ft/s}$  occurs at  $t = t_1$ . Then in the first of Eqs. (2.17) we have  $v_0 = 0$  (missile starts from rest) and  $a = 100g - g = 99(32.2) \text{ ft/s}^2$  including the effect of gravity. This results in the relation:

$$88 = 0 + 99(32.2)t_1$$

or

$$t_1 = 0.0276 \text{ s}$$

To determine the distance traveled during this time,  $s_1$ , we use the second of Eqs. (2.17):

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= s_0 + v_0 t_1 + \frac{1}{2} a t_1^2 = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} (99)(32.2)(0.0276)^2 \\ &= 1.215 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$

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