

An air plane travels 280 m through the runway before taking off. It starts from rest, moves with constant acceleration and takes off after 8 s. What is its speed when it takes off?

$$S = \frac{1}{2} (u + v) t$$

S is distance, 280 meters

u is initial velocity, zero

v is final velocity, what we are looking for

t is time spent taking off

$$280 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2} (0 + v) 8 \text{ secs}$$

$$280 \text{ m} = v (4 \text{ secs})$$

$$v = 280 \text{ m} / 4 \text{ secs} = 70 \text{ m/sec}$$