

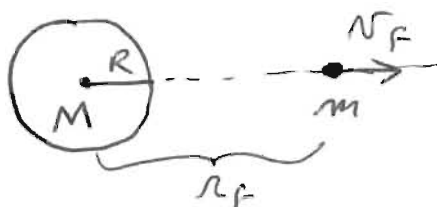
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$$M = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_i = R = 5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$$

$$v_i = 18 \text{ m/s}$$

$$r_f = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$$

$$v_f = ?$$

$$E_i = E_f$$

$$U_i + K_i = U_f + K_f$$

$$-\frac{GMm}{R} + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = -\frac{GMm}{r_f} + \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$v_f^2 = \frac{2GM}{r_f} - \frac{2GM}{R} + v_i^2 = 2GM \left(\frac{1}{r_f} - \frac{1}{R} \right) + v_i^2$$

$$v_f^2 = 2(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(2 \times 10^{15}) \left(\frac{1}{2 \times 10^4} - \frac{1}{5 \times 10^3} \right) + (18)^2$$

$$v_f^2 = 284.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$v_f = 16.9 \text{ m/s}$$