

43. (a) The thrust of the rocket is given by  $T = Rv_{\text{rel}}$ , where  $R$  is the rate of fuel consumption and  $v_{\text{rel}}$  is the speed of the exhaust gas relative to the rocket. For this problem  $R = 480 \text{ kg/s}$  and  $v_{\text{rel}} = 3.27 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$ , so

$$T = (480 \text{ kg/s})(3.27 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}) = 1.57 \times 10^6 \text{ N} .$$

- (b) The mass of fuel ejected is given by  $M_{\text{fuel}} = R\Delta t$ , where  $\Delta t$  is the time interval of the burn. Thus,  $M_{\text{fuel}} = (480 \text{ kg/s})(250 \text{ s}) = 1.20 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$ . The mass of the rocket after the burn is  $M_f = M_i - M_{\text{fuel}} = 2.55 \times 10^5 \text{ kg} - 1.20 \times 10^5 \text{ kg} = 1.35 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$ .
- (c) Since the initial speed is zero, the final speed is given by

$$v_f = v_{\text{rel}} \ln \frac{M_i}{M_f} = (3.27 \times 10^3) \ln \left( \frac{2.55 \times 10^5}{1.35 \times 10^5} \right) = 2.08 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} .$$