

Molson Indy Math Trail – Car and Fan Consumption Solutions

Methanol and Tire Costs on Race Day

1. A set of tire costs **\$1200**. A full tank of methanol costs **35 gallons (tank size) x \$1.50 per gallon (cost of methanol) = \$52.50**. The combined cost is **\$1200 + \$52.50 = \$1252.50**
2. On a full tank a car can go: **35 gallons x 2 miles/gallon (car mileage) = 70 miles**. This equates to **70 miles ÷ 1.781 miles (distance of one lap) = 39.30 laps**
If the car can go 39.3 laps, it should head into the pit at **39 laps**. If it goes any farther it will run out of gas on the 40th lap.
How many times should the race car head into the pits? **100 laps (amount of laps in race) ÷ 39 laps = 2.6** The car should pit stop **twice**, at lap 39 and again at **39 + 39 = 78 laps**. It does not need to pit again since **78 + 39 = 117 laps**.
3. Cost of tires is **\$1200**.
Fuel in tank when car enters pits: **39 laps x 1.781 miles = 69.46 miles travelled in 39 laps**
69.46 miles ÷ 2 miles/gallon = 34.73 gallons of methanol used
35 gallons – 34.73 gallons = 0.27 gallons left in tank at pit stop
Cost to fill tank: Need to add **34.73 gallons x \$1.5 per gallon = \$52.09**
Total cost at each pit stop: **\$1200 (tires) + \$52.09 (methanol) = \$1252.09**
Total cost at all pit stops: **2 pits stops in race x \$1252.09 = 2504.18**
4. Any methanol left in tank at end of race: **Yes**, after second pit stop, there is **100 – 78 laps = 22 laps to go**.
22 laps x 1.781 miles = 39.18 miles travelled on last full tank
39.18 miles ÷ 2 miles/gallon = 19.59 gallons used
35 gallons – 19.59 gallons = 15.41 gallons left in tank at finish line
5. Total cost of methanol and tires for entire race:
\$1252.50 (initial cost of full tank and tires at start, #1)
+ \$2504.18 (total cost of both pit stops, #3)
- (15.41 gallons fuel left over at finish x \$1.5 per gallon)
= \$3733.57

Fan Consumption at the Concessions

- All possible food and beverage combinations.

Food Item Combo	Total Cost (\$)	Total Energy (calories)	Total Fat (grams)
(1) 1 nachos, 1 hot dog, 1 water	10	1100	73
(2) 1 nachos, 1 peanuts, 1 water	9	850	67
(3) 1 hot dog, 1 peanuts, 1 water	8	950	58
(4) 2 hot dogs, 1 water	9	1200	64
(5) 3 peanuts, 1 water	10	1050	78
(6) 1 nachos, 1 peanuts, 1 milk	10	1050	78
(7) 2 hot dogs, 1 milk	10	1400	75
(8) 1 hot dog, 1 peanuts, 1 milk	9	1150	69
(9) 2 peanuts, 1 milk	8	900	63

- There are **nine** different combinations.
Three involve nachos, **six** involve peanuts, **five** involve hot dogs, **four** involve milk, and **five** involve water.
- The least you could spend on a combo is **eight dollars**. The most is **ten dollars**.
 The average cost of a combo is $10 + 9 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 9 + 8 = 83$
 $83 \div 9 = \$9.22$
 $161,000 \text{ (fans)} \times \$9.22 = \$1,484,420.00$ is the money that would be spent on concessions at the Molson Indy!!
 Line of Hot Dogs!!: $161,000 \times 6 \text{ inches} = 966,000 \text{ inches}$
 $966,000 \text{ inches} \div 12 \text{ inches/foot} = 80,500 \text{ feet}$
 $80,500 \text{ feet} \div 5280 \text{ feet/mile} = 15.246 \text{ miles}$
 $15.246 \text{ miles} \div 1.781 \text{ miles (one lap of course)} = 8.56 \text{ laps of Hot Dogs on the course!!!}$
- Combo with most calories: **2 hot dogs, 1 milk = 1400 calories**
 Combo with least calories: **1 nachos, 1 peanut, 1 water = 850 calories**
 Combo with most calories per dollar spent: **2 hot dogs, 1 milk**
 $1400 \text{ calories} \div \$10 = 140 \text{ calories per } \1 spent
 Combo with least calories per dollar spent: **1 nachos, 1 peanuts, 1 water**
 $850 \text{ calories} \div \$9 = 94.44 \text{ calories per } \1 spent
- Combo with least fat: **1 hot dog, 1 peanuts, 1 water is 58 grams of fat**
 Combo with most fat: **There are two combos with 78 grams of fat,**
 1) 3 peanuts, 1 water, and 2) 1 nachos, 1 peanuts, 1 milk