

Question #168

I was driving along in my truck one day when I looked in my rear view mirror and saw a [Physics is Phun](#) van following very closely, as seen in the photograph at the left below. (Well, actually, this whole thing was staged in a parking lot in back of the Physics building, but that doesn't change the physics!) Looking more closely (center photograph), I verified that I indeed did see what I thought I saw in the rear view mirror. Then I turned around and looked directly at the Physics is Phun van, and was shocked and chagrined to see that the printing on the van is backward. I wondered silently to myself whether I might have seen this sort of thing on an ambulance once.



The lettering on the van, when viewed using the rear view mirror, is:

- (a) inverted top-to-bottom.
- (b) inverted left-to-right.
- (c) inverted front-to back.
- (d) not inverted.

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