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The eight situations below show *before* and *after* "snapshots" of a car's velocity. Rank these situations, in terms of the change in momentum of these cars, from most positive to most negative. All cars have the same mass. Negative numbers, if any, rank lower than positive ones ($-20 \text{ m/s} < -10 \text{ m/s} < 0 < 5$).

	<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>AFTER</u>		<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>AFTER</u>
A	 +10 m/s	 +20 m/s	E	 +20 m/s	 +30 m/s
B	 +10 m/s	 0 m/s	F	 +30 m/s	 +20 m/s
C	 +10 m/s	 -10 m/s	G	 -10 m/s	 -20 m/s
D	 +20 m/s	 +20 m/s	H	 +30 m/s	 -20 m/s

Most Positive
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Most Negative

Or, the change in momentum of these cars is the same (but not zero) for all of these. _____

Or, the change in momentum of these cars is zero for all of these. _____

Or, it is not possible to determine the change in momentum for all of these cases._____

Please carefully explain your reasoning.

How sure were you of your ranking? (circle one)

Basically Guessed					Sure				Very Sure	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	