

Friction

Friction is the tangential force that comes into play when an object starts to slide over the other. It always opposes the relative motion between two objects in contact. Cause The surface irregularities are the cause of friction.

Static friction.

The force of friction which exactly counter balance the applied force when the body is at rest is called static friction. When the body is at rest, $f = F$
static friction = applied force.

Limiting friction.

The force of static friction increases with increase in the applied force i.e., static friction is a self adjusting force. The max. value of static frictional force when the body just slides over the horizontal surface is called force of limiting friction.

Laws of friction.

1. The force of limiting friction always acts tangential to the surfaces of contact and opposes the relative motion of one object over the other.
2. The force of limiting friction is directly proportional to the normal reaction.
 $f \propto N$, $f = \mu N$, where μ is a constant called coefficient of friction.
3. The force of limiting friction is independent of the area of contact and depends only on the normal reaction N and the nature of the surfaces.

