

Answers

Surface area of a triangular prism = $2 \times$ area of one triangular base + sum of the areas of the 3 rectangular faces

Prism 1

Area of triangles:

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} (5 \times 4.3) = 21.5$$

The area of the triangles is 21.5 cm^2 .

Area of rectangles:

$$3(10 \times 5) = 3 \times 50 \\ = 150$$

The area of the rectangles is 150 cm^2 .

The surface area of the triangular prism is $21.5 \text{ cm}^2 + 150 \text{ cm}^2$, or 171.5 cm^2 .

Prism 2

Area of triangles:

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} (4 \times 5.7) = 22.8$$

The area of the triangles is 22.8 cm^2 .

Area of rectangles:

$$2(6 \times 9) + 4 \times 9 = 2 \times 54 + 36 \\ = 108 + 36 \\ = 144$$

The area of the rectangles is 144 cm^2 .

The surface area of the triangular prism is $22.8 \text{ cm}^2 + 144 \text{ cm}^2$, or 166.8 cm^2 .

Prism 3

Area of triangles:

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} (12 \times 13.4) = 160.8$$

The area of the triangles is 160.8 cm^2 .

Area of rectangles:

$$12 \times 36 + 18 \times 36 + 13.4 \times 36 \\ = 432 + 648 + 482.4 \\ = 1562.4$$

The area of the rectangles is 1562.4 cm^2 .

The surface area of the triangular prism is $160.8 \text{ cm}^2 + 1562.4 \text{ cm}^2$, or 1723.2 cm^2 .