

Chapter 17Problem 90

$$f = 262 \text{ Hz}$$

$$T = 20.0^\circ\text{C}$$

What is the length of the flute?

The flute is open at both ends.

$$\text{The } \lambda = \frac{2L}{n}$$

$$\text{The fundamental is } \lambda_1 = \frac{2L}{1} = \cancel{2L} 2L$$

From the wave velocity

$$v = \lambda \cdot f \rightarrow v = 2L \cdot f$$

Solve for length gives

$$L = \frac{v}{2f} = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{2(262 \text{ Hz})} = \boxed{0.655 \text{ m}}$$