32.28. Model: A magnetic field exerts a force on a moving charge.

Visualize: Please refer to Figure Ex32.28.

Solve: (a) The force on a charge moving in a magnetic field is

$$\vec{F}_{\text{on q}} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = (qvB\sin\alpha, \text{ direction of right-hand rule})$$

The direction of the force on a negative charge is opposite the direction determined by the right-hand rule. The magnetic field must be in a plane perpendicular to both the \vec{v} and \vec{F} vectors. Using the right-hand rule for a positive charge moving to the right, the \vec{B} field must be out of the page.

(b) The force \vec{F} on the *negative* charge is into the page. Since the velocity is to the right, the magnetic field \vec{B} must be up.