

The Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = nRT$$

1. A 65.62 g sample of N₂ occupies a volume of 12.0 L at a temperature of 145.0 °C. What is the pressure of the gas?

$$PV = nRT \quad P = \frac{nRT}{V} \quad n = 65.62 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{28.0 \text{ g}} = 2.34 \text{ mol} \quad V = 12.0 \text{ L}$$
$$R = 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}} \quad T = 145.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 418.15 \text{ K}$$
$$P = \frac{2.34 \text{ mol} \times 418.15 \text{ K} \times 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}}{12.0 \text{ L}} = \mathbf{6.69 \text{ atm}}$$

2. How many molecules of oxygen, O₂, are in a 45.0 L container under 1.25 atm of pressure at 135°C?

$$PV = nRT \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} \quad P = 1.25 \text{ atm}, V = 45.0 \text{ L}, T = 408 \text{ K}$$
$$n = \frac{1.25 \text{ atm} \times 45.0 \text{ L}}{408 \text{ K} \times 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}} = 1.68 \text{ mol O}_2$$
$$1.68 \text{ mol} \times \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}}{1 \text{ mol}} = \mathbf{1.01 \times 10^{24} \text{ molecules}}$$

3. Calculate the molar mass of a gas if a 28.54 g sample is under a pressure of 755 mmHg at 27.6°C. The volume of gas is 28.6 L.

$$M_m = \frac{mRT}{PV} \quad m = 28.54 \text{ g}, P = 0.993 \text{ atm}, T = 300.75 \text{ K}, V = 28.6 \text{ L}$$
$$M_m = \frac{28.54 \text{ g} \times 300.75 \text{ K} \times 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}}{0.993 \text{ atm} \times 28.6 \text{ L}} = \mathbf{24.8 \text{ g/mol}}$$

4. What is the density of CO₂ gas at 1.65 atm and 32.6 °C?

$$d = \frac{M_m P}{RT} = \frac{44.0 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} \times 1.65 \text{ atm}}{305.75 \text{ K} \times 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}} = \mathbf{2.89 \text{ g/L}}$$

5. Calculate the density of ethane, C₂H₆, at 0.82 atm and 120 °C.

$$d = \frac{M_m P}{RT} = \frac{30.07 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} \times 0.82 \text{ atm}}{393 \text{ K} \times 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}} = \mathbf{0.76 \text{ g/L}}$$