

Charles's Law Problems

- 1) A container holds 50.0 mL of nitrogen at 25° C and a pressure of 736 mm Hg. What will be its volume if the temperature increases by 35° C?
- 2) A sample of oxygen occupies a volume of 160 dm³ at 91° C. What will be volume of oxygen when the temperature drops to 0.00° C?
- 3) A sample of hydrogen has an initial temperature of 50.° C. When the temperature is lowered to -5.0° C, the volume of hydrogen becomes 212 cm³. What was the initial volume of the hydrogen in dm³?
- 4) 568 cm³ of chlorine at 25° C will occupy what volume at -25° C while the pressure remains constant?
- 5) A sample of helium has a volume of 521 dm³ at a pressure of 75 cm Hg and a temperature of 18° C. When the temperature is increased to 23° C, what is the volume of the helium?

Solutions

1) $P_1 = 736 \text{ mm Hg}$ $P_2 = 736 \text{ mm Hg}$
 $V_1 = 50.0 \text{ mL}$ $V_2 = ?$
 $T_1 = 25^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$ $T_2 = 25^\circ \text{ C} + 35^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 333 \text{ K}$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \times T_2/T_1$$

$$V_2 = 50.0 \text{ mL} \times 333 \text{ K}/298 \text{ K} = \mathbf{55.9 \text{ mL N}_2}$$

2) $V_1 = 160 \text{ dm}^3$ $V_2 = ?$
 $T_1 = 91^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 364 \text{ K}$ $T_2 = 0.00^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \times T_2/T_1$$

$$V_2 = 160 \text{ dm}^3 \times 273 \text{ K}/364 \text{ K} = \mathbf{120 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ O}_2}$$

3) $V_1 = ?$ $V_2 = 212 \text{ cm}^3$
 $T_1 = 50.^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 323 \text{ K}$ $T_2 = -5.0^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 268 \text{ K}$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_1 = V_2 \times T_1/T_2$$

$$V_1 = 212 \text{ cm}^3 \times 1 \text{ dm}^3/10^3 \text{ cm}^3 \times 323 \text{ K}/268 \text{ K} = \mathbf{0.256 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ H}_2}$$

4) $V_1 = 568 \text{ cm}^3$ $V_2 = ?$
 $T_1 = 25^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$ $T_2 = -25^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 248 \text{ K}$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \times T_2/T_1$$

$$V_2 = 568 \text{ cm}^3 \times 248 \text{ K}/298 \text{ K} = 473 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ Cl}_2$$

5) $P_1 = 75 \text{ cm Hg}$ $P_2 = 75 \text{ cm Hg}$
 $V_1 = 521 \text{ dm}^3$ $V_2 = ?$
 $T_1 = 18^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 291 \text{ K}$ $T_2 = 23^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 296 \text{ K}$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \times T_2/T_1$$

$$V_2 = 521 \text{ dm}^3 \times 296 \text{ K}/291 \text{ K} = 530. \text{ dm}^3 \text{ He}$$