

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

Key

## Combined Gas Law Problems

Use the combined gas law to solve the following problems:

- 1) If I initially have a gas at a pressure of 12 atm, a volume of 23 liters, and a temperature of 200 K, and then I raise the pressure to 14 atm and increase the temperature to 300 K, what is the new volume of the gas?

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 P_2} = \frac{(12 \text{ atm})(23 \text{ L})(300 \text{ K})}{(200 \text{ K})(14 \text{ atm})} = 29.57 \text{ L}$$

- 2) A gas takes up a volume of 17 liters, has a pressure of 2.3 atm, and a temperature of 299 K. If I raise the temperature to 350 K and lower the pressure to 1.5 atm, what is the new volume of the gas?

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 P_2} = \frac{(2.3 \text{ atm})(17 \text{ L})(350 \text{ K})}{(299 \text{ K})(1.5 \text{ atm})} = 30.5 \text{ L}$$

- 3) A gas that has a volume of 28 liters, a temperature of 45 °C, and an unknown pressure has its volume increased to 34 liters and its temperature decreased to 35 °C. If I measure the pressure after the change to be 2.0 atm, what was the original pressure of the gas?

$$P_1 = \frac{P_2 V_2 T_1}{T_2 V_1} = \frac{(2 \text{ atm})(34 \text{ L})(318 \text{ K})}{(308 \text{ K})(28 \text{ L})} = 2.51 \text{ atm}$$

- 4) A gas has a temperature of 14 °C, and a volume of 4.5 liters. If the temperature is raised to 29 °C and the pressure is not changed, what is the new volume of the gas?

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 P_2} = \frac{(4.5 \text{ L})(302 \text{ K})}{287 \text{ K}} = 4.74 \text{ L}$$

Handwritten notes for problem 4:

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 = 1 \text{ atm} \\ V_1 = 4.5 \text{ L} \\ T_1 = 287 \text{ K} \\ P_2 = 1 \text{ atm} \\ T_2 = 302 \text{ K} \\ V_2 = ? \end{array}$$
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- 5) If I have 17 liters of gas at a temperature of 67 °C and a pressure of 88.89 atm, what will be the pressure of the gas if I raise the temperature to 94 °C and decrease the volume to 12 liters?

$$V_1 = 17L \quad V_2 = 12L$$

$$P_1 = 88.89 \text{ atm} \quad P_2 = ?$$

$$T_1 = 340K \quad T_2 = 367K$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 V_2} = \frac{(88.89 \text{ atm})(17L)(367K)}{(340K)(12L)} =$$

135.93  
atm

- 6) I have an unknown volume of gas at a pressure of 0.5 atm and a temperature of 325 K. If I raise the pressure to 1.2 atm, decrease the temperature to 320 K, and measure the final volume to be 48 liters, what was the initial volume of the gas?

$$V_1 = \frac{P_2 V_2 T_1}{T_2 P_1} = \frac{(1.2 \text{ atm})(48L)(325K)}{(320K)(0.5 \text{ atm})} = 117L$$

- 7) If I have 21 liters of gas held at a pressure of 78 atm and a temperature of 900 K, what will be the volume of the gas if I decrease the pressure to 45 atm and decrease the temperature to 750 K?

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 P_2} = \frac{(78 \text{ atm})(21L)(750K)}{(900K)(45 \text{ atm})} = 30.33L$$

- 8) If I have 2.9 L of gas at a pressure of 5 atm and a temperature of 50 °C, what will be the temperature of the gas if I decrease the volume of the gas to 2.4 L and decrease the pressure to 3 atm?

$$T_2 = \frac{P_2 V_2 T_1}{P_1 V_1} = \frac{(2.4L)(3 \text{ atm})(323K)}{(5 \text{ atm})(2.9L)} = 160.41K$$

- 9) I have an unknown volume of gas held at a temperature of 115 K in a container with a pressure of 60 atm. If by increasing the temperature to 225 K and decreasing the pressure to 30 atm causes the volume of the gas to be 29 liters, how many liters of gas did I start with?

$$V_1 = \frac{P_2 V_2 T_1}{T_2 P_1} = \frac{(30 \text{ atm})(29L)(115K)}{(225K)(60 \text{ atm})} = 7.41L$$