

Boyle's and Charles' Law Worksheet

Boyle's Law: $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

Charles' Law: $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$

1) 1.00 L of a gas at standard temperature and pressure is compressed to 473 mL. What is the new pressure of the gas?

$\rightarrow \frac{1\text{ L}}{1000\text{ mL}} \cdot 473\text{ mL} = 0.473\text{ L}$

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{(1\text{ atm})(1.00\text{ L})}{0.473\text{ L}} = \frac{(P_2)(0.473\text{ L})}{0.473\text{ L}}$$

$P_2 = 2.11\text{ atm}$

2) In a thermonuclear device, the pressure of 0.050 L of gas within the bomb casing reaches 4.0×10^6 atm. When the explosion destroys the bomb casing, the gas is released into the atmosphere where it reaches a pressure of 1.00 atm. What is the volume of the gas after the explosion?

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{(4.0 \times 10^6\text{ atm})(0.050\text{ L})}{1.00\text{ atm}} = \frac{(1.00\text{ atm})(V_2)}{1.00\text{ atm}}$$

$V_2 = 200,000\text{ L}$

3) The temperature inside my refrigerator is about 4°C . If I place a balloon in my fridge that initially has a temperature of 22°C and a volume of 0.5 L, what will be the volume of the balloon when it is fully cooled by my refrigerator?

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

$$\frac{0.5\text{ L}}{295.15\text{ K}} = \frac{V_2}{277.15\text{ K}}$$

$$T_1 = 22^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 295.15\text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 4^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 277.15\text{ K}$$

$V_2 = 0.47\text{ L}$

4) The highest pressure ever produced in a laboratory setting was about 2.0×10^6 atm. If we have a 1.0×10^{-5} L sample of a gas at that pressure, then release the pressure until it is equal to 0.275 atm, what would the new volume of that gas be?

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{(2.0 \times 10^6\text{ atm})(1.0 \times 10^{-5}\text{ L})}{0.275\text{ atm}} = \frac{(0.275\text{ atm})(V_2)}{0.275\text{ atm}}$$

$V_2 = 73\text{ L}$

5) A man heats a balloon in the oven. If the balloon initially has a volume of 0.4 L and a temperature of 20°C , what will be the volume of the balloon after he heats it to a temperature of 250°C ?

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

$$\frac{0.4\text{ L}}{293.15\text{ K}} = \frac{V_2}{523.15\text{ K}}$$

$$T_1 = 20^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 293.15\text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 250^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 523.15\text{ K}$$

$V_2 = 0.71\text{ L}$

6) On hot days, you may have noticed that potato chip bags seem to "inflate", even though they have not been opened. If I have a 250 mL bag at a temperature of 19.0°C , and I leave it in my car, which has a temperature of 60.0°C , what will the new volume of the bag be?

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

$$\frac{250 \text{ mL}}{292.15 \text{ K}} = \frac{V_2}{333.15 \text{ K}}$$

$$T_1 = 19^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 292.15 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 60^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 333.15 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = 290 \text{ mL}$$

7) Some students believe that teachers are full of hot air. If I inhale 2.2 L of gas at a temperature of 18°C and it heats to a temperature of 38°C in my lungs, what is the new volume of the gas?

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

$$\frac{2.2 \text{ L}}{291.15 \text{ K}} = \frac{V_2}{311.15 \text{ K}}$$

$$T_1 = 18^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 291.15 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 38^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 311.15 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = 2.4 \text{ L}$$

8) To compress nitrogen at 1.0 atm from 750.0 mL to 500.0 mL , what must the new pressure be if the temperature is kept constant?

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{(1.0 \text{ atm})(750.0 \text{ mL})}{500.0 \text{ mL}} = \frac{P_2 (500.0 \text{ mL})}{500.0 \text{ mL}}$$

$$P_2 = 1.5 \text{ atm}$$

9) How hot will a 2.3 L balloon have to get in order to expand to a volume of 400.0 L ? Assume that the initial temperature of the balloon is 25°C .

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

$$\frac{2.3 \text{ L}}{298.15 \text{ K}} = \frac{400.0 \text{ L}}{T_2}$$

$$T_1 = 25^\circ\text{C} + 273.15 = 298.15 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 52,000 \text{ K}$$

10) A sample of nitrogen at 20°C was compressed from 300.0 mL to 0.360 mL , and its new pressure was found to be 400.0 Pa . What was the original pressure?

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{P_1 (300.0 \text{ mL})}{300.0 \text{ mL}} = \frac{(400.0 \text{ Pa})(0.360 \text{ mL})}{300.0 \text{ mL}}$$

$$P_1 = 0.48 \text{ Pa}$$