Answer on Question #62272, Chemistry / General Chemistry

1. A scientist studying the reaction between decaborane and oxygen mixed 75.0 g of B10H18 with 145.0 g of O2. This reaction generates B2O3 and H2O as the only products. Compute how many grams of B2O3 are present after the reaction went to completion

Solution:

 $B_{10}H_{18} + 12O_2 = 5B_2O_3 + 9H_2O$ $M (B_{10}H_{18}) = 10 \times 10.8 + 18 \times 1 = 126 \text{ g/mol}$ $n (B_{10}H_{18}) = \frac{75.0 \text{ g}}{126 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.595 \text{ mol}$ $n (O_2) = \frac{145.0 \text{ g}}{32 \text{ g/mol}} = 4.531 \text{ mol}$ We need: $n(B_{10}H_{18}) : n(O_2) = 1:12 \text{ (reaction)},$ we have: 1:7.6. $B_{10}H_{18} - \text{excess}$ $O_2 - \text{deficit.}$ $M (B_2O_3) = 70 \text{ g/mol}$ $m (B_2O_3) = \frac{145.0 \text{ g} \times 5 \times 70 \text{ g/mol}}{12 \times 32 \text{ g/mol}} = 132.161 \text{ g}.$

Answer: m (B₂O₃) = 132.161 g.

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