

Answer on Question #63208, Chemistry / General Chemistry

Chapter 11

Liquid butane (C₄H₁₀) and liquid propane (C₃H₈) are often stored in cylinders, to be used as fuels. The normal boiling point of butane is -0.5 °C and its ΔH_{vap} is 23.1 kJ/mol. The corresponding values for propane are -42.1 °C and 15.4 kJ/mol, respectively.

1) How much energy is required to vaporize 135 g of butane at its boiling point? The heat of vaporization for butane is 23.1 kJ/mol.

2) What volume will 135 g of butane occupy at 745 torr and 35 °C?

Solution:

1) Molar mass (C₄H₁₀) = 58.12 g/mol

$$135 \text{ g} / 58.12 \text{ g mol}^{-1} = 2.3 \text{ mol}$$

$$E = 2.3 \text{ mol} \times 23.1 \text{ kJ/mol} = 53.7 \text{ kJ}$$

2) We can solve this question by using the combined gas law equation:

$$[(P_1)(V_1)] / (T_1) = [(P_2)(V_2)] / (T_2)$$

We know that at STP, 1 mole of butane will occupy 22.4 Liters of volume.

$$1 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10} = 58.124 \text{ g}$$

$$1 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10} = 22.4 \text{ L}$$

$$[(135 \text{ C}_4\text{H}_{10})/1][(1 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10})/(58.12 \text{ g})][(22.4 \text{ L})/(1 \text{ mol C}_4\text{H}_{10})] = 52 \text{ L C}_4\text{H}_{10}$$

At STP conditions:

$$P_1 = 760 \text{ Torr}$$

$$V_1 = 63.6 \text{ L}$$

$$T_1 = 273 \text{ K}$$

At given conditions:

$$P_2 = 745 \text{ torr}$$

$$V_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 35^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 308 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = [(P_1)(V_1)(T_2)] / [(T_1)(P_2)]$$

$$V_2 = [(760. \text{ torr})(63.6 \text{ L})(308 \text{ K})] / [(273 \text{ K})(745 \text{ torr})]$$

$$V_2 = 59.8 \text{ L}$$

Answer: 1) 53.7 kJ and 2) 59.8 L