

Butane C_4H_{10} is an easily liquefied gaseous fuel. Calculate the density of butane at 0.857 atm and 22 degrees Celsius.

$$T = 273 + 22^\circ\text{C} = 295 \text{ K.}$$

$$R = 0.082 \frac{\text{atm}\cdot\text{litre}}{\text{K}\cdot\text{mole}}$$

$$P = 0.857 \text{ atm.}$$

According to Mendeleev-Clapeyron equation:

$$PV = RT$$

Thence

$$V = \frac{RT}{P}.$$

$$V = (0.082 \frac{\text{atm}\cdot\text{litre}}{\text{K}\cdot\text{mole}} * 295 \text{ K}) / 0.857 \text{ atm} = 28.23 \text{ l/mole} = 28\,230 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mole}.$$

$$M (C_4H_{10}) = 12*4 + 10 = 58 \text{ g/mole.}$$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}, \text{ g/cm}^3.$$

$$\rho (C_4H_{10}) = (58 \text{ g/mole}) / 28\,230 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mole} = 0.002 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 2 \text{ g/ litre.}$$

ANSWER: 0.002 g/cm^3 or 2 g/ litre.

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