## Question #70782, Chemistry / General Chemistry

Dear expert, please provide an answer to the question below within 12 hours.

CIF3 is prepared via a two-step flourination of chlorine gas:

$$Cl_2 + F_2 = ClF$$

$$CIF + F_2 = CIF_3$$

- a) balance each step and write the overall equation.
- b) Show that the overall Kc equals the product of the Kc 's for the individual steps

## Answer:

a) 
$$Cl_2 + F_2 = 2CIF$$

$$2CIF + 2F_2 = 2CIF_3$$

Sum of both will give overall reaction:

$$Cl_2 + F_2 + 2ClF + 2F_2 = 2ClF_3 + 2ClF$$

$$Cl_2 + 3F_2 = 2ClF_3$$

b) overall Kc:

$$K_c = \frac{[ClF_3]^2}{[Cl_2][F_2]^3}$$

By steps:

$$K_{c1} = \frac{[ClF]^2}{[Cl_2][F_2]^2}$$

$$K_{c2} = \frac{[ClF_3]^2}{[F_2][ClF]^2}$$

$$K_{c1} \times K_{c2} = \frac{[ClF]^2}{[Cl_2][F_2]^2} \times \frac{[ClF_3]^2}{[F_2][ClF]^2} = \frac{[ClF_3]^2}{[Cl_2][F_2]^2[F_2]} = \frac{[ClF_3]^2}{[Cl_2][F_2]^3} = K_c$$

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