

Answer on Question #76749, Chemistry / General Chemistry

Question:

A gaseous mixture consists of 28.4 mole percent of hydrogen and 71.6 mole percent of methane. A 15.6 L gas sample, measured at 19.4 °C and 2.23 atm is burned in air. Calculate the heat released.

Solution:

Pressure: $p = 2.23 \cdot 101325 = 225955 \text{ Pa}$

Volume: $V = 15.6 \text{ L} = 0.0156 \text{ m}^3$

Temperature: $T = 19.4 + 273.1 = 292.5 \text{ K}$

Gas constant: $R = 8.314 \text{ (m}^3 \cdot \text{Pa)} / (\text{mol} \cdot \text{K})$

Ideal gas law: $pV = nRT$, so the total amount of molecules of gases:

$$n = pV / RT = (225955 \cdot 0.0156) / (8.314 \cdot 292.5) = 1.45 \text{ mol}$$

Amount of hydrogen: $1.45 \cdot 0.284 = 0.4118 \text{ mol}$

Heat of combustion of hydrogen: 286 kJ/mol

$$\text{Energy released by hydrogen: } 286 \cdot 0.4118 = \underline{117.77 \text{ kJ}}$$

Amount of methane: $1.45 \cdot 0.716 = 1.0382 \text{ mol}$

Heat of combustion of methane: 889 kJ / mol

$$\text{Energy released by methane: } 889 \cdot 1.0382 = \underline{922.96 \text{ kJ}}$$

Total heat released: $117.77 + 922.96 = \mathbf{1040.73 \text{ kJ}}$

Answer:

1040.73 kJ