

Answer on Question #81931 – Chemistry – General Chemistry

Question

A sample of oxygen has a volume of 384.83mL at STP. What is the volume of this gas at 18.0°C ?

Solution

STP means standard temperature and pressure – 273.15K and 10^5Pa . 18.0°C equals $(273.15 + 18.0)\text{K}$, or 291.15K . For comparing the sample under two different conditions, the combined gas law can be used:

$$\frac{P_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2V_2}{T_2}$$

The pressure does not change ($P_1 = P_2$), therefore it can be reduced:

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2} \text{ (Charles's law)}$$

Then,

$$V_2 = \frac{V_1T_2}{T_1} = \frac{384.83\text{mL} \times 291.15\text{K}}{273.15\text{K}} \approx 410.19\text{mL}$$

Answer: 410.19mL is the volume of this sample at 18.0°C .