N27 - Real Life Stoichiometry Examples

Example #1 - AIR BAGS



Exact quantity of nitrogen gas must be produced in an instant.

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 NaN₃(s) \rightarrow $_$ Na(s) + $_$ N₂(g)

 $2 \text{ NaN}_3(s) \rightarrow 2 \text{ Na}(s) + 3 \text{ N}_2(g)$

If an airbag is made with 90 grams of NaN₃ will it be safe?

Assume that 65.1 L of N_2 gas are needed to inflate an air bag to the proper size to protect you during an accident.

(<u>Hints:</u> Make NaN₃ your A value. The density of N₂ gas at this temperature is about 0.916 g/L).

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A) \\
2 Na N3 \rightarrow 2 Na + 3 N2
\end{array}$$

90g A	1 mol A	3 mo1 B	28.029B	11LB
	65.01gA	2 mol A	I mol B	0.916gB

=63,52 L of Nz gas can be formed.

so our air bag is <u>not</u> safe because it wont inflate all the way! Not good!

Example #2 - ROCKET FUEL

In 1967 the Saturn V Rocket did an unmanned test flight to the moon. It used kerosene fuel to get through the atmosphere into outer space. The kerosene (C₁₂H₂₆) combusts with liquid oxygen (O₂) on board the rocket to form carbon dioxide and water.



Example #2 - ROCKET FUEL

 $2 C_{12}H_{26} + 37 O_2 \rightarrow 24 CO_2 + 26 H_2O$ If the Saturn V rocket was loaded with 770,886 Liters of kerosene fuel and 890,650 Liters of liquid oxygen, would it have enough liquid oxygen on board to use up all the kerosene in order to get out of the atmosphere?

(<u>Hints:</u> Make kerosene your A value. The density of kerosene is 749g/L, and the density of liquid oxygen is 1141 g/L)



Density molar mole molar Density

$$A \rightarrow B$$
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770886 LA	749 g A	1 mol A	37mo1B	32 g B	168
	ILA	170,33gA	2 mol A	1 mol B	11419B

= 1,758,801 L of Oz needed to burn all of the Kerosene.

So we do not have enough Oz on board...

un oh!

Example#3 - HYDROGEN POWERED BICYCLES

Electric Bicycles are becoming very popular these days. They typically have a rechargeable battery pack and electric hub motor.

A new electricity source combines a hydrogen fuel cell with a "sodium silicide" fuel cartridge (winner of a "Green Chemistry Challenge Award)



Example#3 - H₂ POWERED BICYCLES

The sodium silicide reacts with water to make the hydrogen fuel to run the bicycle.

2 NaSi_(s) + $5H_2O_{(l)} \rightarrow Na_2Si_2O_{5(s)} + 5H_{2(g)}$ If you start with 1Kg of sodium silicide, and your tank can hold 500mL of water, will you have enough water to use up the battery?

(<u>Hints</u>: Use 1kg of sodium silicide as your A value. The Density of water is 1g/mL)

= 881.95 mL of H2O needed to use up all the NaSci in the battery,

so we do not have enough water in the water tank.