

Three 60-litre high-pressure gas cylinders contain gaseous fire suppressants. The suppressants are:

IG-100 (which is 100% N_2),

Carbon dioxide (CO_2),

IG-55 (50% vol. N_2 and 50% vol. Ar).

The suppressants are stored in gaseous form under the pressure 170 atm (1 atm=101325 Pa) and at normal temperature ($T=293K$).

- (i) Mass fraction of nitrogen and argon in gas mixture IG-55

Atomic masses of Nitrogen: $M_N=14 \text{ kg/kmol} \times 2 = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$

$x_{N_2} = 0.5$, $x_{Ar} = 0.5$, $M_{N_2} = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$, $M_{Ar} = 40 \text{ kg/kmol}$

To calculate mass fraction:

$$y_i = \frac{x_i M_i}{\sum (x_i M_i)}$$

$$y_{N_2} = \frac{x_{N_2} M_{N_2}}{x_{N_2} M_{N_2} + x_{Ar} M_{Ar}}$$

$$y_{N_2} = \frac{0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}}{(0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}) + (0.5 \cdot 40 \text{ kg/kmol})}$$

$$= 0.41$$

To find mass fraction of Argon

$$\sum y_i = y_{N_2} + y_{Ar} = 1$$

$$y_{Ar} = 1 - y_{N_2}$$

$$y_{Ar} = 1 - 0.41$$

$$y_{Ar} = 0.59$$

- (ii) Mass of the gas contained in each cylinder

1) IG-100 (which is 100% N_2)

2) Carbon dioxide (CO_2)

3) IG-55 (50% vol. N_2 and 50% vol. Ar).

$$P = 1 \text{ atm}, R = 8,3145 \text{ J/kmol.K}, V = 60 \text{ Litre}, T = 293K$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT}$$

$$n = \frac{1 \times 60}{83145 \times 293}$$

Or

atomic masses of IG-100 $M_{N_2} = 14 \text{ kg/kmol} \times 2 = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$

atomic mass of $CO_2 = 12 \text{ kg/kmol} + (16 \times 2 \text{ kg/kmol})$
 $= 44 \text{ kg/kmol}$

Molecular mass of IG-55

$$M = \sum (x_i M_i)$$

$$= x_{N_2} M_{N_2} + x_{Ar} M_{Ar}$$

$$= (0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}) + (0.5 \cdot 40 \text{ kg/kmol})$$

$$= 34 \text{ kg/kmol}$$

- (iii) What volume will be occupied by each suppressant after their release into the environment?

$$PV = nRT$$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P}$$

Volume of IG-100