

Group work problem on planets & atmospheres

$$V_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

$$m_H \approx m_p = 1.67 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{O_2} \approx 32 m_p = 5.34 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$$

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

planet	V_{esc}	V_H (km/s)	V_{O_2} (km/s)	liquid H_2O ?	life conditions?
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β pic	36.5	3.15	0.56	✓	H wouldn't escape easily
51 peg	20.0	2.59	0.46	~	"
ρ Oph	338	2.68	0.47	✓	good
α Cen	3.48	3.89	0.68	✓	good

Group Problem



fire

$$T_1 = 5.0^\circ\text{C} \quad T_2 = 45.0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$P_2 \text{ gauge} = ?$$

$$V_1 = 0.0150 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V_2 = 0.0159 \text{ m}^3$$

$$P_{\text{gauge}} = 1.70 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{\text{ambient}} = 1.02 \text{ atm}$$

$$\frac{PV}{T} = nK = \text{constant} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$P_1 = 1.70 + 1.02 = 2.72 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_2 = P_1 \frac{V_1}{V_2} \frac{T_2}{T_1} = 2.72 \text{ atm} \left(\frac{0.0150 \text{ m}^3}{0.0159 \text{ m}^3} \right) \left(\frac{318 \text{ K}}{278 \text{ K}} \right) = 2.94 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{\text{gauge}} = P_2 - P_{\text{ambient}} = 2.94 - 1.02 = \boxed{1.92 \text{ atm}}$$

Balloon problem

i) How much volume does a single canister of compressed H expand to when released to atmospheric P?

ii) How many canisters of released H to fill the balloon?

$$i) PV = nKT = \text{constant} \rightarrow P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{1.30 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Pa}}{1.01 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}} \cdot 1.90 \text{ m}^3 = 24.46 \text{ m}^3$$

$$ii) n_{\text{canisters}} = \frac{V_{\text{balloon}}}{V_2} = \frac{750 \text{ m}^3}{24.46 \text{ m}^3} = 30.7 \text{ cylinders}$$