Answer on Question#38414-Chemistry-Inorganic Chemistry

Question

You have 5.4 moles of NH_3 after the reaction. What is the minimum number of moles of H_2 before the reaction?

Solution

The reaction between hydrogen and nitrogen resulting in ammonia formation is

$$3H_2 + N_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$$

As is clear from the chemical equation, for 2 moles of NH_3 to be formed, 3 moles of H_2 are needed. Thus, we have the proportion: 2 moles $NH_3 - 3$ moles H_2 5.4 moles $NH_3 - ?$ moles H_2 Hence, $n(H_2) = (5.4 \cdot 3)/2 = 8.1$ moles

Answer: 8.1 moles