Question#47240 - Chemistry - Organic Chemistry

Question:

The chemical formula of petrol is $C_{12}H_{26}$. If we want to burn completely 1 liter in air, find out mass of oxygen, moles of oxygen, volume of oxygen.

Answer:

The equation of reaction:

$$2 C_{12}H_{26} + 37 O_2 \rightarrow 24 CO_2 + 26 H_2O$$

According to this equation, to burn 2 liters of hydrocarbon $C_{12}H_{26}$, 37 liters of oxygen O_2 are required. If we have 1 liter of hydrocarbon $C_{12}H_{26}$, than $V(O_2) = 37/2 = 18.5$ liters of oxygen O_2 are necessary.

The amount of moles of O₂ can be estimated:

$$n(O_2) = \frac{V(O_2)}{V_m}$$
, where $V_m = 22.4$ L/mol is the volume of one mole of gaseous compound at STP.

Therefore, the amount of moles of oxygen O₂:

$$n(O_2) = \frac{V(O_2)}{V_m} = \frac{18.5L}{22.4L/mol} = 0.826mol$$

The mass of oxygen O₂ is defined as:

 $m(O_2) = n(O_2) \times M(O_2) = 0.826 mol \times 31.999 g / mol = 26.4 g$, where M(O₂) is the mass of one mole of oxygen O₂.