

Answer on Question #53845 – Chemistry – General chemistry

Question:

If you have a 0.50 liter piston filled with air at 14.7 psi, what is the pressure on the piston when the volume increases to 0.65 liters assuming no temperature change?

Solution: Isothermal change of system is calculated according to the equation:

$p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$, where p_1V_1 – the initial volume and pressure and p_2V_2 – the final volume and pressure.

Thus, $p_2 = p_1V_1/V_2 = (0.5 \text{ l} \times 14.7 \text{ psi})/0.65 \text{ l} = 11.31 \text{ psi} = 77.979 \text{ kPa}$

Answer: the final pressure is 11.31 psi.