Suppose you ran this same reaction (using the balloon setup as seen in the video) on your own with two different flasks. In Flask A, you reacted 5.10 g Mg with 0.447 mol HCl. In Flask B, you reacted 24.21 g Mg with 0.998 mol HCl. Which ballon will inflate the most?

Solution. 1) Mg + 2HCl → MgCl₂ + H₂↑ n(Mg) = m(Mg)/M(Mg) = 5.1/24 = 0.2125 mol 1 mol Mg - 2 mol HCl 0.2125 mol Mg - x mol HCl x = 0.425 mol HCl HCl - excess reactant, Mg - limiting reactant 1 mol Mg - 1 mol H₂ 0.2125 mol - x mol H₂ x = 0.2125 mol V(H₂) = n(H₂) × 22.4 = 0.2125 × 22.4 = 4.76 L

2) Mg + 2HCl → MgCl₂ + H₂↑ n(Mg) = m(Mg)/M(Mg) = 24.21/24 = 1.00875 mol 1 mol Mg - 2 mol HCl 1.00875 mol Mg - x mol HCl x = 2.0175 mol HCl Mg - excess reactant, HCl - limiting reactant 2 mol HCl - 1 mol H₂ 0.998 mol - x mol H₂ x = 0.499 mol V(H₂) = n(H₂) × 22.4 = 0.499 × 22.4 = 11.1776 L

Answer: Flask $B - V(H_2) = 11.1776 L > Flask A - V(H_2) = 4.76 L$

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