

Answer on the Question #67787, Chemistry / General chemistry

What is the enthalpy change for: $\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{C} + 2\text{H}_2$ in kJ ?

Solution:

For this reaction:

Enthalpy of reaction is the difference between the sum of standard heat of formation of products and the sum of standard heat of formation of reactants:

$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum \Delta_f H_{\text{products}} - \sum \Delta_f H_{\text{reactants}}$$

Enthalpy of the reaction studied:

$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum 2 \cdot \Delta_f H_{\text{H}_2} + \Delta_f H_{\text{C}} - \sum \Delta_f H_{\text{CH}_4}$$

Values of the standard enthalpies of formation taken from the CRC Handbook:

$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum 2 \cdot 0 + 0 - \sum -74.81 = 74.81 \text{ kJ}$$

Answer: Enthalpy of the reaction is 74.81 kJ