

Answer on the question #70170, Chemistry / Other

Question:

1. Laboratory experiment, 30. J of heat was added to a gas piston assembly as the piston did 75 J of work on its surroundings. Calculate ΔE for the system
2. A 15.0 g piece of graphite is heated to 100.0°C and placed in a calorimeter. The graphite releases 815.1 J of heat to reach a final temperature of 23.9°C. What is the specific heat of graphite?
3. Calculate the standard enthalpy of reaction for the reaction $2 \text{Na}(s) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightarrow 2 \text{NaOH}(aq) + \text{H}_2(g)$. Standard enthalpies of formation are -285.8 kJ/mol for $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$ and -470.11 kJ/mol for $\text{NaOH}(aq)$

Answer:

1. The change in the energy of the system described equals heat transferred to the assembly **minus** the work done **on** its surroundings:

$$\Delta E = Q - W = 30\text{J} - 75\text{J} = -45\text{J}$$

2. The heat is related to the change in temperature of the closed system as:

$$Q = cm\Delta T;$$

Then, the specific heat is:

$$c = \frac{Q}{m\Delta T} = \frac{815.1\text{J}}{15.0\text{g} \cdot (100 - 23.9)^\circ\text{C}} = 0.714\text{J g}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$

3. According to the **Hess law**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H^\circ &= 2\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{NaOH}) - 2\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = -2 \cdot 470.11 + 2 \cdot 285.8 \\ &= -368.6\text{kJ mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$