Answer on Question #70650 - Chemistry - General Chemistry

Question: The combustion of hydrocarbons is used in many areas of life, from cooking to heating to manufacturing. Octane is a medium sized liquid fuel molecule. It will burn according to the unbalanced chemical reaction: $C_8H_{18}(I) + O_2(g) = CO_2(g) + H_2O(I)$. Suppose you are given 1.00 liter of octane (density = 0.703 g/cm³). How many grams of carbon dioxide will be produced?

Solution

1) write the balanced chemical equation of the octane combustion:

 $2C_8H_{18}(l) + 25O_2(g) = 16CO_2(g) + 18H_2O(l)$

2) calculate the mass of octane:

$$m(C_8H_{18}) = V(C_8H_{18}) * \rho(C_8H_{18}) = 1000 * 0.703 = 703 g.$$

3) calculate the mass of carbon dioxide from the balanced reaction equation using the molar masses of octane and carbon dioxide ($M(C_8H_{18}) = 114 \text{ g/mol}, M(CO_2) = 44 \text{ g/mol}$):

$$m(CO_2) = \frac{m(C_8H_{18})*16M(CO_2)}{2M(C_8H_{18})} = \frac{703*16*44}{2*114} \approx 2170.67 \, g.$$

Answer: the mass of carbon dioxide is 2170.67 g.

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