

Question #79824, Chemistry / General Chemistry

Question:

How much 31.5% HCl is required to neutralize 100,000 gal pH 13 water?

$$w(\text{HCl}) = 31.5\% = 0.315$$

$$\text{pH}(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 13$$

$$V(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 100000 \text{ gal}$$

$$m(\text{HCl}) = ?$$

Solution:

$$[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-13}, \text{ because } \text{pH} = 13$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14}/10^{-13} = 0.1 \text{ mol/l}$$

$$1 \text{ gal} = 3.79 \text{ l}$$

$$100000 \text{ gal} = 379000 \text{ l}$$

$$\text{In one liter} - 0.1 \text{ mol } [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\text{In } 379000 \text{ l} - 37900 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- = \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{ need } 37900 \text{ mol HCl}$$

$$m(\text{HCl}) = n(\text{HCl}) \cdot M(\text{HCl}) = 37900 \cdot 36.5 = 1383350 \text{ g}$$

$$m(\text{HCl solution}) = m(\text{HCl})/w(\text{HCl}) = 1383350/0.315 = 4391587 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Answer: } m(\text{HCl solution}) = 4391587 \text{ g}$$

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