

Answer on Question #41556, Physics, Other

Calculate the change in internal energy of 2kg of water at 90 degree Celsius when it is changed to 3.30 m3 of steam at 100°C. The whole process occurs at atmospheric pressure. The latent heat of vaporization of water is $2.26 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg}$.

a. 4.27 MJ b. 3.43 kJ c. 45.72 mJ d. 543.63 J

Solution

The amount of heat received by water is equal to the sum of the change in internal energy of water and the work on the steam:

$$Q = \Delta U + W,$$

where $Q = Q_{heating} + Q_{vaporization}$.

The change in internal energy is

$$\Delta U = Q_{heating} + Q_{vaporization} - W = mc\Delta t + mr - p\Delta V = mc\Delta t + mr - p\left(v - \frac{m}{\rho}\right).$$

$$\Delta U = 2 \cdot 4200 \cdot (100 - 90) + 2 \cdot 2.26 \cdot 10^6 - 101325 \cdot \left(3.30 - \frac{2}{1000}\right) = 4.27 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} = 4.27 \text{ MJ}.$$

Answer: a. 4.27 MJ.