Question.

A student is given 10 marble chips each with a mass of 15 grams. He proceeds to determine the density of these chips using a measuring cylinder. Initially the measuring cylinder has a volume of water recording 20cm cube but after the chips was placed the water level rose to 70cm cube. What is the density of one marble chip?

Given:

N = 10 $m_0 = 15 g$ $V_1 = 20 cm^3$ $V_2 = 70 cm^3$ Find: $\rho = ?$

Solution.

By definition the density can be defined as ratio of change of mass and change of volume. So, in our case we obtain:

$$\rho = \frac{Nm_0}{V_2 - V_1}$$

Calculate:

$$\rho = \frac{10 \cdot 15}{70 - 20} = \frac{150}{50} = 3 \frac{g}{cm^3} = 3000 \frac{kg}{m^3}$$

Answer.

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