

Some small aluminum rivets of total mass 170g and at 100°C are emptied into a hole in a large block of ice at 0°C.

a) What will be the final temperature of the rivets?

b) How much ice will melt?

Please explain your answer

Specific heat of aluminum: $c_a = 930\text{J/kg} \cdot \text{K}$, and heat of fusion of ice is: $\lambda_i = 335 \cdot 10^3\text{J/kg}$

As we have a large block of ice, the final temperature of the rivet is equal to the ice temperature = 0°C.

The rivet will give to ice energy:

$$Q = m_a c_a (T_2 - T_1)$$

This heat will melt ice:

$$Q = m_i \lambda_i \rightarrow m_i = \frac{Q}{\lambda_i}$$
$$m_i = \frac{m_a c_a (T_2 - T_1)}{\lambda_i} = \frac{0.17\text{kg} \cdot 930\text{J/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot 100\text{K}}{335 \cdot 10^3\text{J/kg}} = 0.047\text{kg}$$

Answer: $T_2 = 0^\circ\text{C}$, $m_i = 0.047\text{kg}$