

**9 • Properties of Gases**  
**Boyle's Law (P and V)**  
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**General:** When P , V (inversely proportional)  
**Formula:**  $P \cdot V = \text{constant}$  or  $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

**Restrictions:**  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  must be in the same units  
 $V_1$  and  $V_2$  must be in the same units

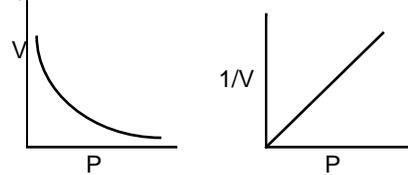
**Convert pressures** using conversion factors using the fact that  $1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 760 \text{ torr} = 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 14.7 \text{ psi}$

$$\text{psi} = \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}$$

**Example:**  $730 \text{ mmHg} \times \frac{101.3 \text{ kPa}}{760 \text{ mmHg}} = 97.3 \text{ kPa}$

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**Boyle's Law Lab**  
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**Graphically:**



In our lab, we had to **add** the **atmospheric pressure** to our measurements because tire **gauges** only measure the pressure **ABOVE** atmospheric pressure.

Consistent (“good”) data form a **straight** line ( $P$  vs.  $\frac{1}{V}$ ).

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**Kelvin Temperature Scale**  
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$$\mathbf{K} = \text{°C} + 273$$

$$\text{°C} = \mathbf{K} - 273$$

**Examples:**  $0 \text{ °C} + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$   
 $25 \text{ °C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$   
 $100 \text{ °C} + 273 = 373 \text{ K}$   
 $300 \text{ K} - 273 = -27 \text{ °C}$

The **Kelvin** scale is used in gas law problems because the pressure and volume of a gas depend on the **kinetic energy** or **motion** of the particles.

The **Kelvin** scale is **proportional** to the **KE** of the particles... that is, **0 K (absolute zero)** means **0 kinetic energy**. **0 °C** is simply the **freezing point** of water.

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**Charles' Law (V and T)**  
**Gay-Lussac's Law (P and T)**  
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**Charles' Law**

**General:** When T , V (directly proportional)

**Formula:**  $\frac{V}{T} = \text{constant}$  or  $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$

**Restrictions:** T must be in Kelvins  
 $V_1$  and  $V_2$  must be in the same units

**Gay-Lussac's Law**

**General:** When T , P (directly proportional)

**Formula:**  $\frac{P}{T} = \text{constant}$  or  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$

**Restrictions:** T must be in Kelvins  
 $P_1$  and  $P_2$  must be in the same units

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**The Combined Gas Law**  
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**Formula:**  $\frac{P \cdot V}{T} = \text{constant}$  or  $\frac{P_1 \cdot V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 \cdot V_2}{T_2}$

**Restrictions:** T must be in Kelvins  
 $V_1$  and  $V_2$  must be in the same units  
 $P_1$  and  $P_2$  must be in the same units

**STP** (“standard temperature and pressure”) is often used as one of the two conditions

$T = 0^\circ\text{C} = 273\text{ K}$     $P = 1\text{ atm} = 760\text{ mmHg} = 101.3\text{ kPa}$

Each of the **three gas laws** is really a **special case** of this law.

**Example:** If  $T_1 = T_2$ , the law becomes  $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

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**The Ideal Gas Law**  
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**Formula:**  $P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T$  or  $PV = nRT$

where      P = pressure  
               V = volume  
               n = number of moles  
               R = the ideal gas constant  
               T = temperature (in Kelvins)

The value of R depends on the P and V units used.

$R = \frac{PV}{nT}$  so you can use the molar volume info to calculate R

$R = \frac{(101.3\text{ kPa})(22.4\text{ L})}{(1\text{ mole})(273\text{ K})} = 8.31 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{kPa}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}$

$R = 62.4 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{mmHg}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}} = 0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}$

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**Dalton’s Law of Partial Pressure**  
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When you have a **mixture** of gases, you can determine the pressure exerted by each gas separately. This is called the **partial pressure** of each gas.

Since each gas has the same power to cause pressure (see card #8) the partial pressure of a gas depends on how much of the mixture is composed of each gas (in moles)

**Example:** Consider air, a mixture of mostly  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$

$\frac{\text{moles } \text{O}_2}{\text{moles total}} = \frac{P_{\text{O}_2}}{P_{\text{total}}} \quad \frac{\text{moles } \text{N}_2}{\text{moles total}} = \frac{P_{\text{N}_2}}{P_{\text{total}}}$

Also:  $P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{O}_2} + P_{\text{N}_2}$

This idea is used when a **gas is collected over water**

$P_{\text{atm}} = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$     $P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  is found on a **chart**

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**Why Do All Gases Cause the Same Pressure?**  
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The gas laws work (to 3 significant digits) for **all** gases... that is, all gases have the same **power** to cause **pressure**.

At the **same temperature**, the **KE** of each gas is the **same**. **KE = 1/2 mass·velocity<sup>2</sup>**... if two particles have different **masses**, their **velocities** are also different. So...

SMALL particles move **FAST**       $m v^2$

**LARGE** particles move **SLOWLY**       $m v^2$

We can use this idea with numbers as well: (Graham’s Law)

$KE_A = KE_B$        $m_A v_A^2 = m_B v_B^2$

[another version of this formula is on the next card]

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**Graham's Law of Effusion**  
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$m_A v_A^2 = m_B v_B^2$  can also be used as the equation...

$$\frac{\text{rate of effusion of A}}{\text{rate of effusion of B}} = \sqrt{\frac{M_B}{M_A}}$$

**Notice** that the A is in the **numerator** in the ratio of the rates and in the **denominator** in the radical.

“**Effusion**” is similar to **diffusion**. It means to escape through a small opening.

The ratio of the rates (or velocities) of CH<sub>4</sub> (mass=16 u) to

SO<sub>2</sub> (mass=64 u) is  $\sqrt{\frac{64}{16}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

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**The Real Gas Law**  
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**Ideal gases** have **no volume** & **no attractions** for each other. Luckily, real gases act pretty much like ideal gases at room temperature and pressure. The most ideal of real gases is He.

The REAL GAS Law is:

$$\left(P + \frac{n^2 a}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT$$

where:

**a** corresponds to the **attractions** between real gas particles

**b** corresponds to the **size** of the real gas particle

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**Kinetic Molecular Theory**  
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Explaining the behavior of gases involves the kinetic molecular theory. Here are the main ideas:

- all particles are in **constant, random motion**
  - **temperature** is a measure of the **average kinetic energy**
  - **pressure** is due to **collisions** of gas particles with the walls of the container
  - increased **temperature** causes **more** collisions as well as **harder** collisions
  - some particles are moving **fast**, some are moving **slowly**
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**9 • Properties of Gases**  
**Pressure = Force ÷ Area**  
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$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$

Pressure is proportional to the force pushing and inversely proportional to the area over which that force pushes.

$$P = \frac{F}{A} \qquad P = \frac{F}{A}$$

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