HW21 Hydrogen

Below is the solution to the problem #1 from the previous HW.

A person needs about 1 mole of oxygen per hour to breath. Calculate how much Na₂O₂ will be needed for a 24-h trip in a single-person submarine using the following equation:

 $Na_2O_2 + CO_2 \rightarrow Na_2CO_3 + O_2$

a. We balance the equation:

 $2Na_2O_2 + 2CO_2 \rightarrow 2Na_2CO_3 + O_2$ This tells us that from 2 moles of Na_2O_2 we get 1 mole of oxygen O_2 .

b. For a 24-h trip we will need: 1 mole/hr x 24 hr = 24 moles of oxygen. If to get 1 mole of oxygen we need 2 moles of sodium peroxide, then to get 24 moles of oxygen we will need $24x^2 = 48$ moles of Na₂O₂.

c. To obtain the answer in grams, we calculate the molar mass of sodium peroxide and multiply it by the number of moles that we need (48):

M $(Na_2O_2) = 2x23 + 2x16 = 78 \text{ g/mole}$ We will need: 78g/mole x 48 moles = 3744g or 3 kg 744 g of Na_2O_2 .

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There are a lot of ways to obtain H₂.

It can be displacement reactions, where metals displace hydrogen from one of the compounds containing hydrogen element.

For example, look at the reaction of zinc with hydrochloric acid:

 $Zn + 2HCl \rightarrow H_2(g) + ZnCl_2$

On the industrial scale a lot of hydrogen gas can be obtained from methane. Here is the summery of the process at 1100° C:

 $CH_4 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4H_2 + CO_2$

Questions:

 We have zinc and hydrochloric acid reacting. How many grams of zinc do we need to obtain 1.12 L of H₂ under normal conditions (STP – standard temperature and pressure)?

- 2. We have 448 L of methane. It reacts with extremely hot water vapor. How many liters of hydrogen will be formed under normal conditions?
- 3. One of the most important hydrogen containing compound is ammonia, which is obtained through high- temperature, high-pressure reactions of hydrogen and oxygen in the presence of a catalyst that facilitates the reaction:

 $\mathrm{H2} + \mathrm{N2} \rightarrow \mathrm{NH3}$

- a) Balance the reactions
- b) How many moles of ammonia forms from each mole of nitrogen?
- c) How many moles of ammonia forms from each mole of hydrogen?