

WJEC England GCSE Physics

2 - Particle Model of Matter

Flashcards



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- The mass per unit volume of a material
- $\rho = m/v$
- Density (kg/m^3), Mass (kg), Volume (m^3)



State the different states of matter in order of smallest to largest density of atoms.



State the different states of matter in order of least to most density of atoms.

- Least dense: Gas
- Liquid
- Most dense: Solid



What is always conserved when a substance undergoes a change of state?



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Mass



Describe the motion of molecules in a gas.



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They are in constant random motion.



What factor affects the average kinetic energy of gas molecules?



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- The temperature of the substance.
- The higher the temperature, the higher the **average** kinetic energy of the molecules.



What effect does increasing temperature have on the pressure of a gas (when held at constant volume)?



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Pressure of the gas will increase as its temperature increases.



Why does pressure increase as temperature increases, at a constant volume?



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- Kinetic energy of molecules increases.
- Collisions between molecules becomes more frequent.
- Greater rate of change of momentum.
- Greater force and therefore pressure.



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- There are more collisions per second in gas A than in gas B.
- The rate of collisions is higher in A.



Describe the force that the pressure of a gas exerts on the walls of its container.



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- The net force acts at right-angles to the container's surface.
- The force increases as pressure increases.



Explain how increasing the volume of a gas results in a decrease of pressure.



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- Molecules become more spread out and so time between collisions increases.
- This is a reduced rate of collisions.
- Rate of change of momentum decreases, and so force exerted on container decreases, resulting in a lower pressure.



What can be said about the product of pressure and volume for a fixed mass of gas at a constant temperature?



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It is constant.

$$p V = \text{constant}$$



What is the unit used for pressure?



What is the unit used for pressure?

Pascal (Pa).



What increases when you do work on a gas?



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- The internal energy of the gas
- This can also lead to an increase of temperature



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- Work is done on a gas when it is compressed.
- Doing work on a gas increases its internal energy, and so also the average kinetic energy of the molecules.
- Temperature increases with an increase of average kinetic energy.



What is sublimation?



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- When a substance transitions from a solid phase straight to a gas phase.
- It does not pass through liquid phase.



Describe the particle arrangement of a solid.



Describe the particle arrangement of a solid.

- Particles are closely packed together in a uniform pattern.
- Particles can vibrate but are fixed in position by strong bonds.



Describe the particle arrangement of a liquid.



Describe the particle arrangement of a liquid.

- Relatively tightly packed together.
- Particles can vibrate and move small distances relative to one another.



Describe the particle arrangement of a gas.



Describe the particle arrangement of a gas.

- Particles are free to move as they wish and have negligible bonds between each other.
- They have more kinetic energy than solids and liquids.

