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Law of Definite Proportions

Solve for the appropriate value. Be sure to <u>show your work</u> and remember to use the correct number of significant figures.

1. _____ A 53.0 g sample of an unknown compound contains 13.5 g of oxygen. What is the percent by mass of oxygen in the unknown compound?

$$\frac{13.5 \text{ g}}{53.0 \text{ g}} = 0.25471698 = 25.5 \%$$

2. _____ If 11.1 g of hydrogen reacts completely with 88.6 g of oxygen to form hydrogen peroxide, what is the percent by mass of hydrogen in hydrogen peroxide?

11.1 g + 88.6 g = 99.7 g

$$\frac{11.1 \text{ g}}{99.7 \text{ g}} = 0.11133400 = 11.1 \%$$

3. _____ A 111.7 g sample of iron reacts with 100.0 g of oxygen to form iron oxide (rust). After the reaction, there is 52.0 g of unreacted oxygen remaining. What is the percent by mass of oxygen in the rust?

iron + oxygen => iron oxide (rust) + oxygen
111.7 g 100.0 g ? g 52.0 g
(111.7 g + 100.0 g) - 52.0 g = 159.7 g (this gives the total grams of rust)
100.0 g - 52.0 g = 48.0 g (this gives the oxygen that actually went into the rust)

$$\frac{48.0 \text{ g}}{159.7 \text{ g}}$$
 = 0.30056356 = 30.1 %

4. _____ If a 43.0 g sample of carbon dioxide (CO₂) is found to be 27.3% by mass carbon, then how much oxygen (in grams) is found in a 78.0 g sample of carbon dioxide?

$$\frac{\text{oxygen}}{\text{carbon dioxide}} = 27.3 \%$$
 (Sample 1)

$$\frac{\text{oxygen}}{78.0 \text{ g}} = 27.3 \%$$
 (2nd sample)

oxygen =
$$78.0 \text{ g} \cdot 27.3 \% = 78.0 \text{ g} \cdot 0.273 = 21.294 \text{ g} = 21.3 \text{ g}$$

5. _____ A 57.6 g sample of methane (CH₄) is found to contain 43.2 g of carbon. How much hydrogen (in grams) would a 37.8 g sample of methane contain?

$$\frac{43.2 \text{ g carbon}}{57.6 \text{ g methane}} = \frac{? \text{ g carbon}}{37.8 \text{ g methane}}$$

Sample 1 Sample 2

Solving for above, Sample 2 has 28.35 g carbon.