

12.3

LIMITING REAGENT AND PERCENT YIELD

Section Review

Objectives

- Identify and use the limiting reagent in a reaction to calculate the maximum amount of product(s) produced and the amount of excess reagent
- Calculate theoretical yield, actual yield, or percent yield given the appropriate information

Vocabulary

- limiting reagent
- excess reagent
- theoretical yield
- actual yield
- percent yield

Key Equations

- percent yield = $\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100$

Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

Whenever quantities of two or more reactants are given in a stoichiometric problem, you must identify the 1. This is the reagent that is completely 2 in the reaction. The amount of limiting reagent determines the amount of 3 that is formed.

When an equation is used to calculate the amount of product that will form during a reaction, the value obtained is the 4. This is the 5 amount of product that could be formed from a given amount of reactant. The amount of product that forms when the reaction is carried out in the laboratory is called the 6.

Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT; sometimes true, ST; or never true, NT.

- _____ 7. Normally, the actual yield in a chemical reaction will be equal to or less than the theoretical yield.
- _____ 8. The actual yield of a chemical reaction can be calculated using mole ratios.

- _____ 9. The amount of product can be determined from the amount of excess reagent.
- _____ 10. The percent yield of a product is 100 percent.
- _____ 11. If you had 100 steering wheels, 360 tires, and enough of every other part needed to assemble a car, the limiting reagent would be tires.
- _____ 12. The theoretical yield is the maximum amount of product that could be formed in a chemical reaction.

Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A.

Column A

- _____ 13. actual yield
- _____ 14. limiting reagent
- _____ 15. theoretical yield
- _____ 16. percent yield
- _____ 17. excess reagent

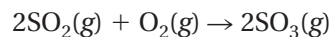
Column B

- a. the ratio of the actual yield to the theoretical yield $\times 100$
- b. the amount of product actually formed when a reaction is carried out in the laboratory
- c. the reactant that determines the amount of product that can be formed in a reaction
- d. the reactant that is not completely used up in a chemical reaction
- e. the maximum amount of product that can be formed during a reaction

Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following in the space provided.

18. a. What is the limiting reagent when 3.1 mol of SO_2 react with 2.7 mol of O_2 according to the equation:



- b. Calculate the maximum amount of product that can be formed and the amount of unreacted excess reagent.