

# Change a few old habits

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Quantity	Earlier we used	Now we will use
Energy (Heat, work, stored energy)	Cal, J 1 cal = 4.186 J	kJ, kcal 1 kcal = 4.186 kJ
Sp Heat (mass basis)	Cal/g·°C J/g·°C	kCal/kg·K kJ/kg·K
Sp. Heat (mole basis)	Cal/gmol·°C J/g mol·°C	kJ/kmol·K kCal/kmol·K
Molecular wt. Molecular mass	g/mol	kg/kmol
$R_u$	8.315 J/gmol·°C	8.315 kJ/kmol·K
No of molecules	gram mole ( $\equiv 6.023 \times 10^{23}$ molecules)	kilo mole or kmole ( $6.023 \times 10^{26}$ molecules)

\* Do not write °K. It's simply K for Kelvin

\* 1 kmole of an ideal gas occupies 22.4 m<sup>3</sup> volume at STP (equivalent to 1 gmol. of the ideal gas occupying 22.4 lit at STP)

We will also use a species specific gas constant.

$$R = \frac{R_u}{M_w} = \frac{8.315 \text{ kJ/kmol K}}{M_w \text{ kg/kmol}} = \left( \frac{8.315}{M_w} \right) \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg K}}$$

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molecular wt.

$$\text{Thus } R_{O_2} = \frac{8.315}{32} = 0.26 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg K}}$$

$$R_{H_2} = \frac{8.315}{2} = 4.1575 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

$$R_{N_2} = \frac{8.315}{28} = 0.297 \text{ kJ/kg K}$$

(No need to remember these values)

Q. What is the  $R_{\text{air}}$ ?

Air is not a molecule, but a mixture. Despite we assign a molecular wt. of air, and a molecular weight

A) Air composition:  $1O_2 + 3.76N_2$  ← REMEMBER  
(molar basis)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore M_{\text{air}} &= \frac{1 \times 32 + 3.76 \times 28}{(\text{total no. of kmoles})} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{kmol}} \\ &= \frac{137.28}{4.76} = 28.84 \text{ kg/kmol} \end{aligned}$$

No need to remember as long as you can do this algebra

$$\therefore R_{\text{air}} = \frac{R_u}{M_{\text{air}}} = \frac{8.315}{28.84} = 0.288 \text{ (approx)}$$

↳ Remember, if you can, Not mandatory