

Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures

The total pressure in a mixture of non-reacting gases is equal to the sum of the partial pressures of the individual gases.

$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 + \dots$$

Pressure is caused by parts hitting the sides of the container

So if there were 2 or more different gases in a mixture each gas would be hitting the sides of the container and contributing to the total pressure

Dalton's Law summarizes the behavior of a system consisting of a mixture of gases.

The molecules (or atoms e.g. oxygen) exert the same pressure they would exert if they were alone in the container.

Thus the total P is the sum of all the partial pressures exerted by the gases of the mixture.

For example, if the N₂ contained in a 1 L flask at 100. kPa were transferred to another 1 L flask containing O₂ at 120. kPa the new pressure in the 1 L flask would be

1L
N₂
100. kPa

+

1L
O₂
120. kPa

→

1L
N₂
+
O₂
220. kPa

Where have you used this law already?

Any time you collect a gas over water you must account for the water vapour pressure.

Gases not appreciably soluble in water can be bubbled through.

Lewis Dot Diagram of C₄H₁₀ "But" = 4 C and "ane" means single bonds btw the C

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Dalton's Law may be combined with the ideal gas law:

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = P_T \quad n = \# \text{ of parts}$$

$$P_T V = n R T$$

In such a case, n represents the total number of moles of all gases present in the mixture.

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$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 = n_T$$

ex. A gaseous mixture consists of 11.0 g of CO₂ and 16.0 g of O₂. The volume of the container is 5.00 dm³ and the temperature is 27.0 °C.

a) Find the partial pressure of each gas.
b) Find the total pressure of the mixture.

$$11.0 \text{ g CO}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CO}_2}{44 \text{ g}} = 0.25 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

$$16.0 \text{ g O}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O}_2}{32 \text{ g}} = 0.5 \text{ mol O}_2$$

$$\text{Total} = 0.75 \text{ mol}$$

$$P_T V = n_T R T$$

$$P_T = \frac{(0.75 \text{ mol})(8.314)(300 \text{ K})}{5.00 \text{ L}}$$

P_T = 374 kPa units!

Since each gas in a mixture contributes to the total pressure depending on the number of moles of each gas we can write:

mole fraction = % of the # parts.

$$P_{\text{gas}} = \frac{\text{moles of the gas}}{\text{total moles of gas}} \times P_T$$