

Specific Heat Capacity



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Heat

- Remember that Thermal Energy depends on
 - Temperature difference between the bodies
 - Mass of the bodies
 - **Materials' properties**



*These lesson will look
at this this variable*

Specific Heat Capacity

- Definition:
 - The amount of thermal energy needed to raise the temperature of one kilogram of a substance by one kelvin.
- Symbol
 - c (lower case c)
- Units
 - $\text{J} / \text{kg} \cdot \text{K}$
- Each material has a different value

Specific Heat Capacity

- Example of values

Substance	Specific Heat Capacity (J/kg ·K)
Lead	130
Silver	234
Copper	390
Iron	470
Marble	880
Aluminum	910
PET	1000
Air	1000
Ethanol	2430
Water	4200

Specific Heat Capacity

- The amount of thermal energy is calculated as follows

$$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$$

Thermal Energy
(J)

Mass of substance
(kg)

Specific Heat Capacity
(J/kg K)

Change in temperature
 $T_2 - T_1$
(K)

Specific Heat Capacity

- Calculate the following
 - How much energy is required to increase the temperature of 500g of lead from 25°C to 60°C?
The specific heat capacity of lead is 130 J/kg·K.

$$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$$

$$Q = 0.5 \cdot 130 \cdot (60 - 25)$$

$$Q = \mathbf{2275 \text{ J}}$$

Note that $\Delta T (^{\circ}\text{C}) = \Delta T (\text{K})$. Ask yourself why!

Heat Capacity

- Definition
 - The amount of thermal energy required to change the temperature of a body by one kelvin
- Symbol
 - C (upper case C)
- Units
 - J / K
- $C = m \cdot c$
- Therefore $Q = C \cdot \Delta T$

Heat Capacity

- From the previous problem
 - 500g of lead (which has a specific heat capacity of 130 J/kg·K) will have a heat capacity of

$$C = m \cdot c$$

$$C = 0.5 \cdot 130$$

$$C = 65 \text{ J/K}$$

Heat Capacity

- The sum of the individual heat capacities of all the objects in a system is the heat capacity of the system.

$$C_{\text{system}} = m_1 \cdot c_1 + m_2 \cdot c_2 + \dots + m_n \cdot c_n$$

Heat Capacity

- Consider a 500mL bottle of water at 25°C. It is put into the fridge. What temperature would it be if it loses 10kJ to the air in the fridge.
 - Specific heat of water is 4200J/kg·K
 - The plastic bottle is 10g with $c=1000\text{J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$.

$$C = m_{\text{bottle}} \cdot c_{\text{bottle}} + m_{\text{water}} \cdot c_{\text{water}}$$

$$C = 0.01 \cdot 1000 + 0.5 \cdot 4200$$

$$\mathbf{C = 2110 \text{ J/K}}$$

$$Q = -C \cdot \Delta T$$

$$10,000 = -2110 \cdot (T_2 - 25)$$

$$\mathbf{T_2 = 20.3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}}$$

Exit Ticket Question

- 50 kJ is added to 1.5 L of water. If the water was originally 5°C, what is the final temperature?
 - The specific heat capacity of water is 4,200 J/kg·K
 - The density of water is 1 kg/L

Additional Question

- A 50 g cube of Aluminum at 500°C is immersed into a 2 L container of water at 15°C . What is the final temperature at thermal equilibrium.
 - The specific heat capacity of water is $4,200 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$
 - The specific heat capacity of aluminum is $910 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$
 - The density of water is 1 kg/L

Additional Question Solution

- The energy lost by the Al cube ($-Q_{\text{Al}}$) must equal to the energy gained by the water ($Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$)
- At thermal equilibrium, $T_{2-\text{H}_2\text{O}} = T_{2-\text{Al}} = T_2$

$$Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \cdot c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \cdot \Delta T$$

$$Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = m_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \cdot c_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \cdot (T_2 - T_{1-\text{H}_2\text{O}})$$

$$Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 2 \cdot 4,200 \cdot (T_2 - 15)$$

$$Q_{\text{Al}} = m_{\text{Al}} \cdot c_{\text{Al}} \cdot \Delta T$$

$$Q_{\text{Al}} = m_{\text{Al}} \cdot c_{\text{Al}} \cdot (T_2 - T_{1-\text{Al}})$$

$$Q_{\text{Al}} = 0.05 \cdot 910 \cdot (T_2 - 500)$$

$$Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = -Q_{\text{Al}}$$

$$2 \cdot 4,200 \cdot (T_2 - 15) = - 0.05 \cdot 910 \cdot (T_2 - 500)$$

$$T_2 = 18 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$