

Introduction to Physical Science

Heat Capacity
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Heat

- Heat is the spontaneous transfer of energy due to a temperature difference
 - SI unit = Joule
- Heat is often measure in calories
 - 1 calorie is the temperature needed to raise the temperature of 1.00 g of water by 1.00°C
- More often used - kilocalorie
 - This is what we call a Calorie when taking about food energy

Mechanical Equivalent of Heat

- Heat is a form of energy
- Mechanical Equivalent of Heat
 - The work needed to produce the same effects as heat transfer
 - 1.000 kcal = 4186 Joules
- James Prescott Joule
 - Experiment: Gravitational potential energy → Kinetic Energy → Heat

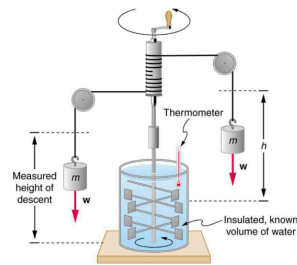


Figure 14.3 Schematic depiction of Joule's experiment that established the equivalence of heat and work.

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Heat and Phase Changes

- When heat is added or removed from a system → internal energy changes
 - May increase/decrease temperature
 - May involve a phase change

Temperature Change and Heat Capacity

- If there are no phase changes, the heat transfer depends on

- Change in temperature
- Mass of the system
- The substance and phase of the substance

- c = specific heat - amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1.00 kg by 1.00°C.

- SI unit:
- Also used:

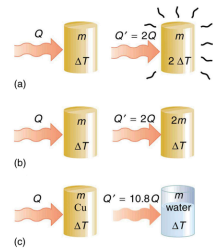


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$$m_{pan} = 0.500 \text{ kg}; V_{water} = 0.250 \text{ L}; \Delta T = 60.0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$c_{water} = 4186 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}; c_{Al} = 900 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$$

(See Table 14.1)

$$m_{water} = V_{water} \cdot \rho_{water} = 0.250 \text{ L} \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 0.250 \text{ kg}$$

$$Q_w = m_w c_w \Delta T$$

$$Q_w = (0.250 \text{ kg})(4186 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(60.0^\circ\text{C}) = 62.8 \text{ kJ}$$

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

$$Q_{Al} = (0.500 \text{ kg})(900 \text{ J/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C})(60.0^\circ\text{C}) = 27.0 \text{ kJ}$$

$$Q_{Total} = Q_w + Q_{Al} = 62.8 \text{ kJ} + 27.0 \text{ kJ} = 89.8 \text{ kJ}$$

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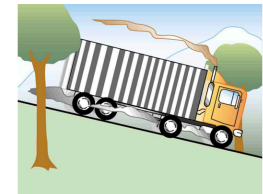


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$$m_{truck} = 10000. \text{ kg} ; h = 75.0 \text{ m} ;$$
$$m_{brake} = 100. \text{ kg} ; c_{brake} = 800. \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C}$$

$$PE = m_{truck}gh = (10000 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(75.0 \text{ m})$$
$$PE = 7.35 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$
$$10\% \text{ of } PE = 7.35 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

$$Q = mc\Delta T \text{ or } \Delta T = \frac{Q}{mc}$$

$$\Delta T = \frac{7.35 \times 10^5 \text{ J}}{(100. \text{ kg})(800. \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C})}$$

$$\Delta T = 9.2^\circ\text{C}$$

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Summary

- Heat is the spontaneous transfer of energy due to a temperature difference
- The Mechanical Equivalent of Heat relates energy in kilocalories to energy in Joules
- The heat capacity of a substance tells how much energy is needed to raise the temperature of a kilogram of a substance by a degree Celsius