

Friday Worksheet

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Volumetric 6

The active ingredient in brick cleaner is hydrochloric acid, HCl. To find the concentration of HCl in the brick cleaner, a pipette is used to deliver 20.0 mL of the cleaner into a 250 mL, volumetric flask. A 20.0 mL aliquot of this diluted solution is then titrated with a standardised solution of 0.100 M sodium carbonate in a burette.



1) Write the equation to the reaction between the carbonate and hydrochloric acid.



b. If an average titre of 21.10 mL was obtained, what is the concentration in g/L^- of HCl in the cleaner.

Step 1 Mol of Na_2CO_3 needed to react with the HCl in the aliquot
 $= C \times V = 0.100 \times 0.02110 = 0.00211$

Step 2 Mol of HCl in the aliquot
 $= 0.00211 \times 2 = 0.00422$

Step 3 Calculate the mass of HCl in the aliquot
 $= F_m \times \text{mol} = 36.5 \times 0.00422 = 0.154 \text{ g}$

Step 4 Find the mass of HCl in the volumetric flask
 $= (250/20) \times 0.154 = 1.925 \text{ g}$

Step 5 Find the concentration of HCl in the cleaner in g/L
 $= 1.925 / 0.020 = 96.3\text{g/L}$

- c. A student delivers a 20.00 mL aliquot of undiluted brick cleaner with a concentration of HCl of 3.65 gL⁻¹ into a conical flask and places two drops of indicator into the flask. The student then makes up a standard solution by carefully weighing a pure sample of Na₂CO₃ and placing it in a 250 mL volumetric flask. If the student needs to obtain a titre of 12.25 what should the mass of Na₂CO₃, placed into the volumetric flask be?

Step 1 Calculate the mol of HCl in the 20.0 mL sample

Concentration of HCl in mol/litre = 3.65/36.5 = 0.100 M

$$n_{\text{HCl}} = 0.100 \times 0.0200 = 0.00200 \text{ mol}$$

Step 2 find the mol of sodium carbonate needed to react with the HCl in the conical flask

$$n_{\text{sodium carbonate}} = 0.00100 \text{ mol}$$

Step 3 find the concentration of carbonate solution that must be delivered in the 12.25 mL

$$C = n/V = 0.00100 / 0.01225 = 0.0816 \text{ M}$$

Step 4 calculate the mol of sodium carbonate in the 250 mL volumetric flask

$$n = C \times V = 0.0816 \times 0.250 = 0.0204$$

Step 5 find the mass of Na₂CO₃

$$\text{mass} = \text{mol} \times \text{molar mass}_{\text{sodium carbonate}}$$

$$\text{Mass} = 0.0204 \times 106.0 = 2.16 \text{ g}$$

- d. Why is Na₂CO₃ considered to be a [primary standard](#) and NaOH is not?

Na₂CO₃ does not react with the atmosphere like NaOH. NaOH absorbs water from the atmosphere and so its weight cannot accurately be determined.

- e. The student accidentally placed three drops of indicator into the conical flask. How will this influence the mass of sodium carbonate calculated, in 3) above?

No difference.