Molar Mass & Avogadro's Number

Amadeo Avogadro first proposed that the volume of a gas at a given pressure and temperature is proportional to the number of atoms or molecules, regardless of the type of gas. Although he did not determine the exact proportion, he is credited for the idea. **Avogadro's number** is defined as **6.022 x 10²³ atoms per mole**. A **mole** is defined as amount of substance of a system that contains as many elementary entities as there are atoms in **12 g of carbon-12**. The **atomic masses** listed on the periodic table equal the number of **grams per mole** for each element.

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Use the Periodic Table to list the molar mass of the following elements to three decimal places.

Hydrogen = _____   Sodium = _____   Phosphorus = _____

Carbon = _____   Magnesium = _____   Sulfur = _____

Oxygen = _____   Calcium = _____   Chlorine = _____

Determine the molar mass of the following compounds. _Show your work._

1) NaCl

2) MgSO4

3) CH_3CH_2OH

4) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$

5) CO_2

Critical Thinking Questions. _Show your work._

1.) What is the molar mass of calcium hydroxide?

2.) What is the molar mass of methane?

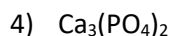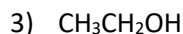## Percent Composition & Combustion Analysis

The relative percent of each element in a compound is called the **Percent Composition**. The percent composition compares the mass of each element to the total mass of the compound. Chemists often use **Combustion Analysis,** an elemental analytical technique used on solid and liquid organic compounds, to determine the relative amounts of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen in compounds, and occasionally to identify the amounts nitrogen and sulfur in compounds. This technique was invented by **Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac**.

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$$\frac{\text{Total Molar Mass of Element}}{\text{Molar Mass of Compound}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Composition}$$

Calculate the percent composition for each element in the following compounds. *Show your work.*

1) NaCl

2) MgSO4

3) CH_3CH_2OH

4) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$

5) CO_2

Critical Thinking Questions. *Show Your Work.*

1. The percent of oxygen in a colorless liquid is determined to be 94.1%. Is this liquid water (H_2O) or hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2)?

2. Using Combustion Analysis, chemists determined that Nicotine, the addictive drug in cigarettes, contains 74.0% carbon, 8.6% hydrogen, and 17.3% nitrogen. What mass of each element can be recovered from a 55.0 g sample of nicotine?