

8-41 An insulated tank contains CO₂ gas at a specified pressure and volume. A paddle-wheel in the tank stirs the gas, and the pressure and temperature of CO₂ rises. The actual paddle-wheel work and the minimum paddle-wheel work by which this process can be accomplished are to be determined.

Assumptions 1 At specified conditions, CO₂ can be treated as an ideal gas with constant specific heats at the average temperature. **2** The surroundings temperature is 298 K.

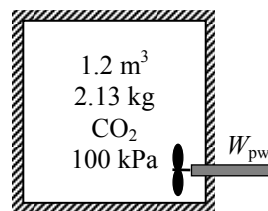
Properties The gas constant of CO₂ is 0.1889 kJ/kg·K (Table A-1)

Analysis (a) The initial and final temperature of CO₂ are

$$T_1 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{mR} = \frac{(100 \text{ kPa})(1.2 \text{ m}^3)}{(2.13 \text{ kg})(0.1889 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 / \text{kg} \cdot \text{K})} = 298.2 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{P_2 V_2}{mR} = \frac{(120 \text{ kPa})(1.2 \text{ m}^3)}{(2.13 \text{ kg})(0.1889 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 / \text{kg} \cdot \text{K})} = 357.9 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{\text{avg}} = (T_1 + T_2) / 2 = (298.2 + 357.9) / 2 = 328 \text{ K} \longrightarrow c_{v,\text{avg}} = 0.684 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \text{ (Table A-2b)}$$



The actual paddle-wheel work done is determined from the energy balance on the CO gas in the tank,

We take the contents of the cylinder as the system. This is a closed system since no mass enters or leaves. The energy balance for this stationary closed system can be expressed as

$$\underbrace{E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}}_{\text{Net energy transfer by heat, work, and mass}} = \underbrace{\Delta E_{\text{system}}}_{\text{Change in internal, kinetic, potential, etc. energies}}$$

$$W_{\text{pw,in}} = \Delta U = mc_v(T_2 - T_1)$$

or

$$W_{\text{pw,in}} = (2.13 \text{ kg})(0.684 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K})(357.9 - 298.2) \text{ K} = \mathbf{87.0 \text{ kJ}}$$

(b) The minimum paddle-wheel work with which this process can be accomplished is the reversible work, which can be determined from the exergy balance by setting the exergy destruction equal to zero,

$$\underbrace{X_{\text{in}} - X_{\text{out}}}_{\text{Net exergy transfer by heat, work, and mass}} - \underbrace{X_{\text{destroyed}}}_{\text{Exergy destruction}} \stackrel{\text{no (reversible)}}{=} \underbrace{\Delta X_{\text{system}}}_{\text{Change in exergy}} \rightarrow W_{\text{rev,in}} = X_2 - X_1$$

Substituting the closed system exergy relation, the reversible work input for this process is determined to be

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{rev,in}} &= m \left[(u_2 - u_1) - T_0 (s_2 - s_1) + P_0 (v_2^{\text{ex}} - v_1) \right] \\ &= m \left[c_{v,\text{avg}} (T_2 - T_1) - T_0 (s_2 - s_1) \right] \\ &= (2.13 \text{ kg}) \left[(0.684 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K})(357.9 - 298.2) \text{ K} - (298.2)(0.1253 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}) \right] \\ &= \mathbf{7.74 \text{ kJ}} \end{aligned}$$

since

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_{v,\text{avg}} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \stackrel{\text{no}}{=} (0.684 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}) \ln \left(\frac{357.9 \text{ K}}{298.2 \text{ K}} \right) = 0.1253 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K}$$