

THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS = conservation of energy



WORK : transfer of energy via mechanical process



- assumes constant force



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$$W = F_{3^{n}s} \cdot \Delta x_{11} = -P \cdot A \cdot d$$

Work done by a gas (constant pressure): $W_{gas} = P \Delta V$ $V_{F/A} \wedge \Delta X$





expansion: Wgas positive



A) -100,000J B) 100J C) 1000J D) 2500J E)100,000J



Work is the area under the Pvs Vgraph







V is increasing so W the C) 800J E)-800J



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2) the integral is $F(V_f) - F(V_i)$ $W = \frac{1}{3}aV_f^3 - \frac{1}{3}aV_i^3 = \frac{100}{3}(2^3 - 1^3) = 233J$

Main equation:
$$\Delta U = n C_v \Delta T$$

molar specific heat: larger for more molar specific heat: complex molecules



 $\Delta U = nC_v \Delta T \quad s_0 \quad C_v = \frac{3}{2}R$





Extra:

During which of the processes shown is the work done by the gas negative?

A) $A \rightarrow B$ B) $A \rightarrow C$ C) $A \rightarrow D$ D) Both $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$