

## CONCEPT: RATE LAW

- An expression that relates the rate of a reaction to its  $\Delta$  [ \_\_\_\_\_ ], *rate constant* and *reaction order(s)*.
  - **Rate Constant:** a proportionality constant that links the \_\_\_\_\_ to [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].
  - **Reaction Orders:** the \_\_\_\_\_ component for the given concentrations.
    - Determined mathematically with a \_\_\_\_\_ or from a series of steps called a *reaction mechanism*.
  - Rate Law ignores \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rate Law**

Rate Law Expression

Rate = \_\_\_\_ [ ]<sup>□</sup> [ ]<sup>□</sup>

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Rate Constant  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Reactant Concentrations  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Reaction Orders

**EXAMPLE:** The chemical reaction:  $2A + 3B + C \longrightarrow D$  has a Rate Law of  $k[A]^3[B][C]^0$ . By what factor would the rate increase if the concentration of A were tripled, the concentration of B was cut by half, the concentration of C increased by half, and the rate constant k was kept constant?

- a) 2.5                                      b) 9.0                                      c) 13.5                                      d) 3.0

## Rate Constant Units

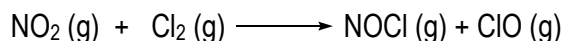
- The units of the rate constant k can be determined by first calculating the *overall order*.
  - **Overall order ( \_\_ ):** The numerical value calculated from the \_\_\_\_\_ of all reaction orders.

**Rate Constant**

$k = M^{\square} \cdot \text{time}^{\square}$

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Rate Constant  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Molarity  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ = Overall order

**EXAMPLE:** What is the overall order and the units for the rate constant k for the following chemical reaction shown below that has  $\text{Rate} = k [\text{NO}_2]^2 [\text{Cl}_2]$ ?



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### Rate Law Determination

- Rate constant and reaction orders of the Rate Law are determined mathematically when given [ ] and initial rates.

□ **Sequence for Solving:** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ → **B** \_\_\_\_\_ → **C** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLE:** The initial rates of reaction for  $2 \text{ NO (g)} + \text{Cl}_2 \text{ (g)} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ NOCl (g)}$  are:

Experiment	[NO], M	[Cl <sub>2</sub> ], M	Initial Rate, M/s
1	0.0250	0.0510	18.2
2	0.0250	0.0255	9.08
3	0.0500	0.0255	18.2

Determine the new rate if given new initial concentrations of [NO] = 0.0730 M and [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 0.0510 M.

**STEP 1:** Choose a reactant and look at \_\_\_\_\_ experiments where its concentration changes, but the other(s) stay the same.

□ \_\_\_\_\_ the reactant(s) whose concentrations remain the same.

**STEP 2:** Create a pair of \_\_\_\_\_ for the reactant that sets  $\text{rate}/\text{rate} = [\text{reactant}]/[\text{reactant}]$ .

□ Place the \_\_\_\_\_ rate value on top of the \_\_\_\_\_ rate value to get whole numbers when solving.

□ Raise the  $[\text{reactant}]/[\text{reactant}]$  to an unknown \_\_\_\_\_ for the reaction order and solve.

$$\frac{\text{Rate } \boxed{\phantom{000}}}{\text{Rate } \boxed{\phantom{000}}} = \left( \frac{\boxed{\phantom{000}}}{\boxed{\phantom{000}}} \right)^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} \Rightarrow \text{_____} = \left( \frac{\boxed{\phantom{000}}}{\boxed{\phantom{000}}} \right)^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} \Rightarrow \text{_____} = \boxed{\phantom{000}}^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}}$$

**STEP 3:** Repeat the process for any remaining reactant(s) until all reaction orders are determined.

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**STEP 4:** If necessary, to solve for the rate constant k plug in the [reactant] and reaction orders into the Rate Law.

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**STEP 5:** If necessary, to solve for the \_\_\_\_\_ initial rate plug in the k, reaction orders, and additional [reactants] given.

$$\text{_____ Rate} = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \boxed{\phantom{000}}^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} \boxed{\phantom{000}}^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} = \text{_____} \boxed{\phantom{000}}^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} \boxed{\phantom{000}}^{\boxed{\phantom{00}}} = \text{_____}$$

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**PRACTICE:** Given the following chemical reaction,  $A \longrightarrow B$ . If the concentration of A is doubled the rate increases by a factor of 2.83, what is the order of the reaction with respect to A.

- a) 1                                      b) 0.5                                      c) 1.5                                      d) 0                                      e) 2

**PRACTICE:** In the experiments on the reaction  $2 \text{ICl (g)} + \text{H}_2 \text{(g)} \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 \text{(g)} + 2 \text{HCl (g)}$ , the following initial rate data were obtained. What is the overall order of the reaction?

Experiment	[ICl], M	[H <sub>2</sub> ], M	Initial Rate, M/s
1	1.5	1.5	$3.7 \times 10^{-7}$
2	3.0	1.5	$1.5 \times 10^{-6}$
3	3.0	4.5	$1.34 \times 10^{-5}$

- a) Third                                      b) Second                                      c) Zeroth                                      d) Fourth                                      e) First

**PRACTICE:** The data below were collected for the following reaction:  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl (g)} + 3 \text{Cl}_2 \text{(g)} \longrightarrow \text{CCl}_4 \text{(g)} + 3 \text{HCl (g)}$

Experiment	[CH <sub>3</sub> Cl], M	[Cl <sub>2</sub> ], M	Initial Rate, M/s
1	0.050	0.050	0.014
2	0.100	0.050	0.029
3	0.100	0.100	0.041
4	0.200	0.200	0.115

Calculate the value and units for the rate constant k.