

EXPERIMENT - 5

AIM:

To Determine the Mechanical Equivalent of heat.

Observations:

Specific Heat for Al, $C_{Al} = 887 \text{ J/Kg } ^\circ\text{C}$

Specific Heat for Cu, $C_{Cu} = 385 \text{ J/Kg } ^\circ\text{C}$

Specific Heat for Pb, $C_{Pb} = 130 \text{ J/Kg } ^\circ\text{C}$

Acceleration due to gravity, $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Metal	Weight m(g)	Length l(m)	Initial Temp. ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Flips	Final Temp. ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Height of shot h(m)	E = mgh (Joules)	Q = mC Δ T (Joules)	J = E/Q (Joule/ Joule)
Al	405.2	1.8 m	21.1	45	22.0	81	321.976	323.472	0.9954
Cu	473.2	1.9 m	21.1	33	22.7	62.7	291.059	291.4912	0.9985
Pb	515.9	1.9 m	21.1	26	24.8	49.4	250.013	248.1497	1.0075

Calculations:

For Al:

Value of J = $0.9954 \times 4.186 = 4.1667444 \text{ J/Cal}$

Error %, $E_{Al} = \frac{4.1667444 - 4.186}{4.186} \times 100 = 0.46\%$

For Cu:

Value of J = $0.9985 \times 4.186 = 4.179721 \text{ J/Cal}$

Error %, $E_{Cu} = \frac{4.179721 - 4.186}{4.186} \times 100 = 0.15\%$

For Pb:

Value of J = $1.0075 \times 4.186 = 4.217395 \text{ J/Cal}$

Error %, $E_{Pb} = \frac{4.217395 - 4.186}{4.186} \times 100 = 0.75\%$

Results:

Mechanical Equivalents of heat for Al, Cu, Pb are 4.167 J/Cal, 4.18 J/Cal, 4.2174 J/Cal respectively with % error of 0.46%, 0.15%, 0.75% respectively.