

Example(1): A volume of a certain mass of gas occupies 952cm^3 at 561 mmHg . What is the volume under 760mmHg at the same temperature?

Solution: :

Initial state

$$P_1 = 561\text{ mmHg}$$

$$V_1 = 952\text{ cm}^3$$

Final state

$$P_2 = 760\text{mmHg}$$

$$V_2 = ?$$

Using Boyle's Law, $P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1V_1}{P_2} = \frac{561\text{ mmHg} \times 952\text{ cm}^3}{760\text{ mmHg}} = 702.7\text{ cm}^3$$

Check: The increase in pressure decreases the volume. So, the answer is reasonable.