

Example(2): A certain mass of gas occupies 617 cm^3 at 9°C . What is the volume at 0°C under the same pressure?

Solution: :

Initial state

$$V_1 = 617 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$T_1 = 9^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 282 \text{ K}$$

Using Charles' Law, $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$

Final state

$$V_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 0^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{V_1 T_2}{T_1} = \frac{617 \text{ cm}^3 \times 273 \text{ K}}{282 \text{ K}} = 597.3 \text{ cm}^3$$

Check: The decrease in temperature decreases the volume. So, the answer is reasonable.