

Speed of Sound Derivation

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$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma RT}{M}}$$

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$$T_o = 273.15\text{K}$$

$$v_o = v(T_o)$$

$$\Delta T = T - T_o$$

$$v' = \frac{dv}{dT}$$

$$v \approx v_o + v'(T_o)\Delta T$$

$$v_o = \sqrt{\frac{(1.4)(8.31\text{J/mol} \cdot \text{K})}{.029\text{kg/mol}}} \sqrt{273.15\text{K}}$$

$$v_o = 331\text{m/sec}$$

$$v' = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma R}{M}} \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{T}} \right)$$

$$v'(T_o) = \sqrt{\frac{(1.4)(8.31\text{J/mol} \cdot \text{K})}{.029\text{kg/mol}}} \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{273.15\text{K}}} \right)$$

$$v'(T_o) = .606\text{m/sec} \cdot \text{K}$$

$$v \approx 331\text{m/sec} + .606(\text{m/sec} \cdot \text{K})\Delta T$$

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$$\boxed{v \approx 331\text{m/sec} + .606(\text{m/sec} \cdot \text{C}^\circ)T_C}$$