AQA Science: Physics Unit 3 Revision Notes – Particle model of matter

Density:

State of

matter

Solid

Liquid

Gas

Density = Mass (kg) (kg/m³) Volume (m³)

Diagram of

structure

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Calculating the density of an irregular shape, can be done using a Eureka can and measuring the volume of water displaced.

Movement of particles

Vibrate around a fixed

position. They don't have

enough energy to move apart

They have enough energy to

move from place to place but

are still attracted to each

other

The have so much energy

that they are not attracted

to each other. Collisions

with containers cause

pressure

Internal Energy

Can it be compressed?

No, the particles have no

space between them to move

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Yes, the particles have lots

of space between them to

move into

The energy in a substance is stored in its particles, this is called internal energy.

Internal energy = kinetic energy + potential energy.

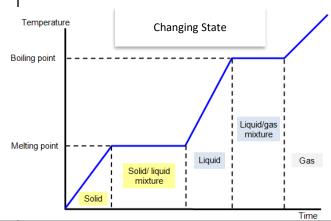
Temperature: This is linked to the kinetic energy of the gas.

The higher its

temperature the higher its kinetic High, there are lots of particles in a unit of energy. If the temperature Quite high, there are remains constant so lots of particles in a unit does the kinetic energy of the Low, there are few particles. particles in a unit of

Changing State

When a material changes state (melting or boiling) its internal energy increases, but its temperature does not. This means that its kinetic energy remains constant until it has changed state.



Specific Latent Heat

The specific latent heat of a substance is the energy needed to change 1kg of the substance with no change in state.

$$E = m \times L$$

Specific heat of fusion: when turning from a solid into a liquid Specific heat of vapourisation: when turning from a liquid into gas

Pressure and volume

Pressure x Volume = constant (Pa) (m^3)

Density

area.

of area.

Increasing the volume of a gas (making the container bigger) whilst keeping the temperature constant will decrease the pressure of the gas.



Temperature and pressure

Increasing the temperature of a gas increases the kinetic energy of the gas particles, this increases the number of collisions with the surface, this increases the pressure acting on the sides of the container.

Temperature and gas





Cool gas, fewer and less energetic collisions

Hot gas, more and more energetic collision

Particles move in different directions with a range of speeds.

As the particles hit the side of the container they create a net force which acts at right angles to the