

Density of a Gas Exploration
Week 5 - Lab - 50 pts

Name: _____
Date: _____ Block: 1A 3A 4A 3B

Purpose: _____
_____ (5 pts)

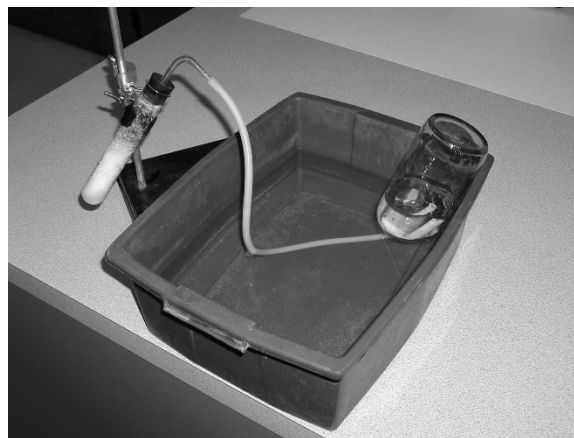
Hypothesis: _____
_____ (5 pts)

Objectives:

1. Calculate density.
2. Use particle diagrams to represent solids, liquids and gases in a way that is consistent with their densities.

Procedure:

1. Fill a test tube $\frac{1}{4}$ full of water.
2. Mass test tube with water and a piece of Alka-Seltzer.
3. Clamp test tube to ring stand and check collection set-up. See diagram at right.
4. When ready, drop the piece of Alka-Seltzer into the test tube and immediately stopper the tube.
5. When reaction is finished, remove tube from graduated cylinder. **DO NOT REMOVE GRADUATED CYLINDER FROM TUB.**
6. Read volume of gas from inverted graduated cylinder.
7. Mass test tube with water and remaining Alka-Seltzer.



Data: (5pts)

	Mass (g)
System before	
System after	
CO ₂	

Volume (mL)

Density (g/mL)

Calculations: *Show all work and include units! (5pts)*

Analysis: (10 pts)

1. How does the density of the CO₂ compare to previously discussed densities of solids and liquids? Explain why in 2-3 complete sentences.

2. Draw particle diagrams of solids, liquids and gases that correspond to their densities. *Remember to show conservation of mass!*

Solids	Liquids	Gases

3. If the accepted density of CO₂ is 2.0×10^{-3} g/mL, how close was your experimental value? Explain why your value was above or below in 1-2 complete sentences.

Conclusion Format: *Please write a conclusion paragraph on the next page using the following sentence prompts.*

Sentence 1: *The purpose of this investigation was to ...*

Sentence 2: *The hypothesis of this experiment was ...*

Sentence 3: *The results show that the calculated density was ...*

Sentence 4: *Based upon this data, the original hypothesis is (accepted/rejected) because...*

Sentence 5: *The experimental value calculated is _____ compared to the actual value of ...*

Sentence 6: *Sources of error that could explain the deviation from the actual value include ... (you cannot say human or calculation error...think about what could have gone wrong during the experiment!)*

