Chemguide - questions

BOND ENTHALPIES

1. a) The bond dissociation enthalpy of the Br-Br bond is +193 kJ mol⁻¹. Explain exactly what this means.

b) The mean bond enthalpy of the C-H bond in methane is +415.5 kJ mol⁻¹. Explain exactly what this means, and how it is different from the bromine case in part (a).

c) Why might you expect the strength of a C-H bond in ethane, CH₃-CH₃, to be slightly different from its strength in ethene, CH₂=CH₂?

2. Propane and chlorine react in the presence of UV light to give 2-chloropropane amongst other things:

 $CH_3CH_2CH_3 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow CH_3CHCH_3 + HCl$

a) Assuming that the reaction is carried out at a temperature where everything is gaseous, estimate the enthalpy change of reaction from the following bond enthalpies.

bond enthalpy (kJ mol⁻¹)

C-H +413 Cl-Cl +243 C-Cl +346 H-Cl +432

(I haven't forgotten to give you a value for C-C. That's deliberate.)

b) If the reaction was carried out at 298 K (the standard temperature), the 2-chloropropane would actually be a liquid. The enthalpy change of vaporisation of 2-chloropropane is +27 kJ mol⁻¹. Calculate the standard enthalpy change of the reaction.

3. Calculate the standard enthalpy change of combustion of propane, given by the equation:

$$C_{3}H_{8(g)} + 5O_{2(g)} \longrightarrow 3CO_{2(g)} + 4H_{2}O_{(l)}$$

bond enthalpy (kJ mol⁻¹)
$$C-H +413$$

$$C-C +347$$

$$O=O +498$$

$$C=O (in CO_{2}) +805$$

$$O-H +464$$

Enthalpy change of vaporisation of water = $+41 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

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