

Title: Density of Pennies

Purpose: Compare the densities of Pennies minted before and after 1982.

Materials: 40 pennies minted 1981 or earlier
40 pennies minted 1982 or later
Triple beam balance
Graduated cylinder
Unknown metal(s)

Procedure:

- 1) Record mass of pre-1982 ®. (2 decimal places)
- 2) Record mass of post-1982 ®.
- 3) *Use water displacement* to record volume of pre-1982 ®. (1 decimal place)
- 4) Record volume of post-1982 ®. ** MENISCUS!!
- 5) Repeat steps 1-4 for Trial #2.
- 6) Perform two trials for Unknown metal(s).
- 7) Calculate densities for each item.

Data:

Pre-1982 ®

Trial #1

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + P} = _____ mL

Volume_P = _____ mL

Trial #2

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + P} = _____ mL

Volume_P = _____ mL

Post-1982 ®

Trial #1

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + P} = _____ mL

Volume_P = _____ mL

Trial #2

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + P} = _____ mL

Volume_P = _____ mL

Unknown A

Trial #1

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + A} = _____ mL

Volume_A = _____ mL

Trial #2

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + A} = _____ mL

Volume_A = _____ mL

Unknown B

Trial #1

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + B} = _____ mL

Volume_B = _____ mL

Trial #2

Mass = _____ g

Volume_{H₂O} = _____ mL

Volume_{H₂O + B} = _____ mL

Volume_B = _____ mL

Calculations – *SHOW WORK*

- 1) Find average density of pre-1982 pennies
- 2) Find average density of post –1982 pennies
- 3) Find density of unknown A
- 4) Find density of unknown B
- 5) Calculate your percent error for each unknown metal.

Questions

- 1) Compare densities of pre/post pennies.

How do you account for this?

- 2) Identify both unknowns using chart.
- 3) Give TWO intensive and TWO extensive properties of pennies.

Error:

Determine three possible sources of error and *indicate how they would affect your results.*