

THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

The H₂O₂ properties which define energy changes in the physical transitions through the various solid, liquid, and gas states, as in chemical changes, have been listed under thermodynamic properties.

Heat of Formation

The heats of formation (ΔH_F) of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions were calculated in this study from heat of dissociation data given in Ref. 1. Heat of fusion, heat of vaporization, heat of mixing, and heat capacity data used to characterize the heat of formation over a range of temperatures, phases, and concentrations are given in subsequent sections. Data for the aqueous solutions are presented as heats of formation of the solution (which includes the heat of formation contributions of both H₂O and H₂O₂, and the heat of mixing).

The ΔH_F data for the liquid and solid phases of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions are given in Tables 2.3 through 2.8 and Fig. 2.12 and 2.12a. Figures 2.13 and 2.13a illustrate the ΔH_F of the liquid at 25 C (77 F) as a function of composition. The heats of formation of the vapor of propellant-grade H₂O₂-H₂O solutions are given in Tables 2.9 through 2.14.

Heat of Fusion

The heats of fusion of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions were taken from the experimental studies of Ref. 2; these data are shown in Tables 2.3 through 2.8 as the change in enthalpy at the freezing point.

Heat of Vaporization

The experimental data, of Ref. 3 were used to plot the heats of vaporization of H₂O₂-H₂O solutions as a function of temperature; curve-fits of the data at 0, 25, 45, and 60 C (32, 77, 113, and 140 F) are shown in Fig. 2.14 and 2.14a. Heats of vaporization of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions at other temperatures can be obtained by computing the difference in the heats of formation of the liquid (Tables 2.3 through 2.8) and vapor (Tables 2.9 through 2.14) phases of the H₂O₂-H₂O solutions at the corresponding temperatures and H₂O₂ concentrations.

Heat of Sublimation

The heat of sublimation of 100 w/o H₂O₂ has been calculated (Ref. 4) from the heats of fusion and vaporization as 457.8 cal/gm (824 Btu/lb).

Heat of Mixing

Graphical representations of the heats of mixing propellant-grade H₂O₂-H₂O solutions, shown in Fig. 2.15 and 2.15a, were plotted from smoothed data given in Ref. 3. These data represent experimental data of the referenced work, previous experimental studies (Ref. 1), and their extrapolation to higher temperatures for comparison with the experimental data of Ref. 5. Excellent agreement is noted between the data of Ref. 3 and Ref. 5 except in the 20 to 30 w/o H₂O₂ concentration range.

Heat of Decomposition

The heats of decomposition, graphically represented in Fig. 2.16 and 2.16a, were converted from smoothed data from the experimental studies of Ref. 1. The figures illustrate the heats of decomposition of propellant-grade H₂O₂-H₂O solutions with decomposition to either liquid water or water vapor.

Heat Capacity

The heat capacities of solid and liquid propellant-grade H₂O₂-H₂O solutions are shown in Tables 2.8 through 2.13 and Fig. 2.17 and 2.17a from 0 to 400 K (0 to 720 R). The heat capacities of solid H₂O₂ were taken from the data of Ref. 6. Since solid solutions of H₂O₂ and H₂O are not formed in the concentration region of interest, the heat capacities of the solid phases of propellant-grade H₂O₂-H₂O solutions were assumed to be the sum of the individual heat capacity contributions of solid H₂O and solid H₂O₂.

The liquid heat capacities were curve-fitted from the experimental data of Ref. 1 and 3; these studies indicated that the change in heat capacity of an H₂O₂-H₂O solution of constant composition over the indicated temperature range was of the order of the accuracy of the experimental data. Experimental measurements of liquid heat capacity were not conducted below 0 C (32 F); therefore, the heat capacity was estimated in this region using the heat capacity of supercooled H₂O and the extrapolated heat capacity contribution of the H₂O₂.

During experimental heat transfer studies at relatively high temperatures (Ref. 7), the heat capacities of 90 w/o H₂O₂ were indirectly determined from heat transfer data over a temperature range of 240 to 380 F. An equation was developed for the data which indicated an increasing deviation of the experimental data from the curve fit of the data with increasing temperature. The differences in these data from extrapolations of the data presented in Fig. 2.17 and 2.17a, which are ≤ 0.01 Btu/lb-F (cal/gm-C), are assumed to be the result of H₂O₂ decomposition in the experimental study.

The heat capacities of the vapor phase of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions are given in Tables 2.9 through 2.14. The origin of these data is discussed in [Section 2.2.3.9](#).

Entropy and Enthalpy

The entropy and enthalpy of the solid and liquid phases of propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions were calculated from the other thermodynamic functions given in Tables 2.3 through 2.8. The basis for the vapor-phase entropy and enthalpy data on propellant-grade H₂O₂ solutions, given in Tables 2.9 through 2.14 is discussed in [Section 2.2.3.9](#).

Vapor-Phase Thermodynamic Properties

The thermodynamic properties of hydrogen peroxide vapor were calculated (Ref. 8) from structural data. These data, which replaced earlier reported data (Ref. 9), were based on new spectroscopic measurements (Ref. 10) and new calorimetric data (Ref. 6 and 1). The primary difference in the presently accepted values and those reported earlier are in the internal rotation values.

The structural values used by Ref. 8 in the computation of the vapor-phase thermodynamic properties, given in Tables 2.9 through 2.14, are:

$r_{\text{O-H}} = 0.965\text{\AA}$	$\nu_1 = 3610\text{ cm}^{-1}$
$r_{\text{O-O}} = 1.49\text{\AA}$	$\nu_2 = 1350\text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\alpha_{\text{OOH}} = 100\text{ degrees}$	$\nu_3 = 880\text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\varphi = 95$ degrees	$\nu_4 = 520 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$I_A = 2.785 \times 10^{-40} \text{ gm-cm}^2$	$\nu_5 = 3610 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$I_B = 34.0 \times 10^{-40} \text{ gm-cm}^2$	$\nu_6 = 1266 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$I_C = 33.8 \times 10^{-40} \text{ gm-cm}^2$	$\sigma = 2$
$I_{\text{Red}} = 0.696 \times 10^{-40} \text{ gm-cm}^2$	

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