

$$FW_{\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3} = 80.0434 \text{ g/mol}$$



At 300°C, ammonium nitrate violently decomposes to produce nitrogen gas, oxygen gas, and water vapor. What is the pressure inside a 30 mL vessel at 300°C caused by the decomposition of 15.0 grams of ammonium nitrate?

- 1 - Convert 15.0 grams of ammonium nitrate to moles using formula.
- 2 - Convert moles ammonium nitrate to total moles of gas using chemical equation
- 3 - Calculate pressure inside vessel using ideal gas equation.

$$80.0434 \text{ g NH}_4\text{NO}_3 = 1 \text{ mol NH}_4\text{NO}_3 \quad | \quad 2 \text{ mol NH}_4\text{NO}_3 = 7 \text{ mol gas}$$

$$15.0 \text{ g NH}_4\text{NO}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NH}_4\text{NO}_3}{80.0434 \text{ g NH}_4\text{NO}_3} \times \frac{7 \text{ mol gas}}{2 \text{ mol NH}_4\text{NO}_3} = 0.6558941774 \text{ mol gas}$$

$$PV = nRT \quad | \quad n = 0.6558941774 \text{ mol gas} \quad R = 0.08206 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}}$$
$$P = \frac{nRT}{V} \quad | \quad T = 300.^\circ\text{C} = 573 \text{ K} \quad V = 30.0 \text{ mL} = 0.0300 \text{ L}$$

$$P = \frac{(0.6558941774 \text{ mol gas})(0.08206 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(573 \text{ K})}{(0.0300 \text{ L})} = 1030 \text{ atm}$$