

**THERMODYNAMIC FUNCTIONS  
OF  
T. N. T.**

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The problem of calculating thermodynamic functions of a high explosive is really the problem of evaluating them for the complex assembly of product gases, (for an explosive is no longer an explosive beyond a temperature of about 500°C<sup>1</sup>) given by the explosive on explosion or detonation. In view of the fact that the product gases have pressures and temperatures of the order of 10<sup>5</sup> atmospheres and 10<sup>4</sup> °K respectively, an appropriate equation of state has to be used for the calculations. In this paper the following equation of state in the virial form, as used by Jones<sup>2</sup>, has been employed—

$$\frac{pV}{N'} = RT + bp + cp^2 + dp^3$$

where V' and N' are the volume and number of moles of the product gases ; b, and d are the virial coefficients, which are functions of temperature and of gas composition. In the present calculations however they have been assumed to be constants i.e. independent of temperature and the same for all gases. Their values which have been determined by comparison with experimental data, on detonation velocity versus loading density are<sup>2</sup>—

$$b=25 \cdot 4, \quad c=-0 \cdot 104, \quad d=2 \cdot 33 \times 10^{-4}$$

p being in units of 1000 Kg./cm<sup>2</sup>. The composition of the products at 15.9 × 10<sup>10</sup> dynes/cm<sup>2</sup> and 3400 °K, pressure and temperature respectively in the detonation wave front of TNT, has been found out by Jones<sup>2</sup>, assuming chemical and thermal equilibrium. The number of gm. moles of different products are—

$$N_{H_2}=0 \cdot 0035, \quad N_{CO}=0 \cdot 0626, \quad N_{N_2}=1 \cdot 50, \quad N_{H_2O}=1 \cdot 10$$

$$N_{CH_4}=0 \cdot 70, \quad N_{CO_2}=2 \cdot 45, \quad N_c \text{ (Solid carbon—assumed } \beta\text{graphite)}=3 \cdot 90.$$

This gives N'=5.82. The value of N' as also the gas composition changes, as products expand, till the equilibrium is frozen, and the assembly acquires a constant composition. But here both N' and gas composition have been taken to be constant throughout.

Thermal energy E is the sum of two parts E<sub>p</sub> and E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>p</sub> being the energy of gases if they were all perfect, and E<sub>1</sub>, the correction due to imperfections at high pressures, and at these pressures E<sub>1</sub> is mainly due to the forces of repulsion

between the molecules. Assuming  $E_p$  to be a linear function of  $T$ , its value above that at room temperature, for the detonation products of TNT in K. cal/mole of TNT is given by the expression  $E_p = 0.0875T - 26.25$ .

$E_1$  is given by  $-E_1 = -(\frac{1}{2} cp^2 + \frac{2}{3} dp^3) / \text{mole of the mixture}$ , so that

$$E = 0.0875 T - 26.25 - 5.82 \cdot \frac{1}{2} cp^2 + dp^3$$

By integrating the equation

$$dH = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right)_T dp + \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right)_p dT$$

with the help of the equation of state, the total heat  $H_{TP}$  in K.cals. at any temperature and pressure, above  $T=300^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $p=1$  atmosphere, is given by the expression

$$H_{TP} = (E_p + 5.82RT) + 5.82(bp + \frac{1}{2} cp^2 + \frac{1}{3} dp^3) - 3.492$$

In a similar way the equation

$$ds = \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial p} \right)_T dp + \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_p dT$$

gives an integration, the value of the entropy, above that at room conditions, in K. cals./degree/mole of TNT.

$$S_{Tp} = -RN' \log p + 0.0991 \log T - 0.5865$$

Other functions are simple well known combinations of these—the work function  $F = (E - TS)$  and Gibbs free energy  $G = (H - TS)$ .

THERMAL ENERGY E IN kil. cals./gm. mol. OF TNT.

P 1000 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	T°K	4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300
		4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300
200	..	437.2	393.4	349.7	305.9	262.2	244.7	226.8	209.7	192.2	174.7	157.2	139.7	113.4
180	..	429.1	385.4	341.6	297.8	254.1	236.6	219.1	201.6	184.1	166.6	149.1	131.7	105.3
160	..	417.4	373.7	329.9	286.2	242.4	224.9	207.4	189.9	172.4	154.9	137.4	119.9	93.67
140	..	403.8	360.0	316.3	272.5	228.8	211.3	193.8	176.3	158.8	141.3	123.8	106.3	80.04
120	..	388.6	344.9	301.1	257.4	213.6	196.1	178.6	161.1	143.6	126.1	108.6	91.11	64.86
100	..	373.0	329.2	285.5	241.7	198.0	180.5	163.0	145.5	128.0	110.5	93.97	75.47	49.22
90	..	365.3	321.6	277.8	234.1	190.3	172.8	155.3	137.8	120.3	103.8	85.32	67.84	41.57
80	..	357.9	314.2	270.4	226.7	182.9	165.4	147.9	130.4	112.9	95.41	77.81	60.41	34.16
70	..	351.0	307.2	263.5	219.7	176.0	158.6	141.0	123.5	106.0	88.45	70.95	53.45	27.20
60	..	344.5	300.8	257.0	213.3	169.5	152.0	134.5	117.0	99.51	82.01	64.51	47.01	20.76
50	..	339.2	295.4	251.7	207.9	164.2	146.7	129.2	111.7	94.17	76.67	59.17	41.67	15.42
40	..	333.6	289.9	246.1	202.4	158.6	141.1	123.6	106.1	88.64	71.14	52.64	36.14	9.89
30	..	329.7	285.9	242.2	198.4	154.7	137.2	119.7	102.2	84.69	67.19	49.69	32.19	5.94
20	..	326.4	282.7	238.9	195.2	151.4	133.9	116.4	98.90	81.40	63.90	46.50	28.90	2.65
10	..	324.4	280.7	236.9	193.2	149.4	131.9	114.4	96.94	79.44	61.94	44.44	26.94	0.690

TOTAL HEAT H IN kil. cals./gm. mol. OF TNT.

P 1000 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	T°K													
		4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300
200	..	859.2	809.6	760.1	710.5	661.0	641.1	621.3	601.5	581.7	561.9	542.0	522.2	492.5
180	..	820.9	771.4	721.8	672.3	622.7	602.9	583.1	563.2	543.4	523.6	503.8	484.0	454.2
160	..	781.6	732.1	682.5	633.0	583.4	563.6	543.8	523.9	504.1	484.3	464.5	444.7	414.9
140	..	740.7	691.1	641.6	592.0	542.5	522.6	502.8	483.0	463.2	443.4	423.5	403.7	374.0
120	..	697.6	648.0	598.5	548.9	499.4	479.5	459.7	439.9	420.1	400.3	380.4	360.6	330.9
100	..	652.0	602.4	552.9	503.3	453.8	434.0	414.2	394.3	374.5	354.7	334.9	315.1	285.3
90	..	627.9	578.4	528.8	479.3	429.7	409.9	390.1	370.3	350.4	330.6	310.8	291.0	261.3
80	..	603.2	553.6	504.1	454.5	405.0	385.1	365.3	345.5	325.7	305.9	286.0	266.2	236.5
70	..	577.5	527.9	478.4	428.8	379.3	359.4	339.6	319.8	300.0	280.2	260.3	240.5	210.8
60	..	550.8	501.3	451.7	402.2	352.6	332.8	313.0	293.1	273.3	253.6	233.7	213.9	184.1
50	..	523.1	473.5	424.0	374.2	324.9	305.0	285.2	265.4	245.6	225.8	205.9	186.1	156.4
40	..	494.2	444.7	395.1	345.6	296.0	276.2	256.4	236.5	216.7	196.9	177.1	157.3	127.5
30	..	464.2	414.7	365.1	315.6	266.0	246.2	226.4	206.6	186.7	166.9	147.1	123.3	97.55
20	..	433.0	383.4	333.9	284.3	234.8	215.0	195.1	175.3	155.5	135.7	115.9	96.03	66.31
10	..	400.5	351.0	301.4	251.9	202.3	182.5	162.7	142.9	123.0	103.2	83.39	63.57	33.85

ENTROPY S IN KIT. CALS./DEGREE/GM. MOT. OF TNT.

P 1000. kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	T°K													
		4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300
200	.. ..	0.2324	0.2182	0.2036	0.1857	0.1637	0.1533	0.1416	0.1283	0.1130	0.0950	0.0729	0.0443	-0.0243
180	.. ..	0.2326	0.2195	0.2038	0.1859	0.1639	0.1535	0.1418	0.1285	0.1132	0.0952	0.0731	0.0445	-0.0241
160	.. ..	0.2329	0.2198	0.2041	0.1862	0.1642	0.1538	0.1421	0.1288	0.1135	0.0955	0.0734	0.0448	-0.0238
140	.. ..	0.2331	0.2200	0.2043	0.1864	0.1644	0.1540	0.1423	0.1290	0.1137	0.0957	0.0736	0.0450	-0.0236
120	.. ..	0.2334	0.2203	0.2046	0.1867	0.1647	0.1543	0.1426	0.1293	0.1140	0.0960	0.0739	0.0453	-0.0233
100	.. ..	0.2338	0.2207	0.2050	0.1871	0.1651	0.1547	0.1430	0.1297	0.1144	0.0964	0.0743	0.0457	-0.0229
90	.. ..	0.2340	0.2215	0.2052	0.1873	0.1653	0.1549	0.1432	0.1299	0.1146	0.0966	0.0745	0.0459	-0.0227
80	.. ..	0.2341	0.2216	0.2053	0.1874	0.1654	0.1550	0.1433	0.1300	0.1147	0.0967	0.0746	0.0460	-0.0226
70	.. ..	0.2343	0.2218	0.2055	0.1876	0.1656	0.1552	0.1435	0.1302	0.1149	0.0969	0.0748	0.0462	-0.0224
60	.. ..	0.2348	0.2223	0.2062	0.1881	0.1661	0.1557	0.1440	0.1307	0.1154	0.0974	0.0753	0.0467	-0.0219
50	.. ..	0.2352	0.2227	0.2066	0.1885	0.1665	0.1561	0.1444	0.1311	0.1158	0.0978	0.0757	0.0471	-0.0215
40	.. ..	0.2356	0.2231	0.2070	0.1889	0.1669	0.1565	0.1448	0.1315	0.1162	0.0982	0.0761	0.0475	-0.0211
30	.. ..	0.2362	0.2237	0.2076	0.1895	0.1675	0.1571	0.1454	0.1321	0.1168	0.0988	0.0767	0.0481	-0.0205
20	.. ..	0.2370	0.2245	0.2084	0.1903	0.1683	0.1579	0.1462	0.1329	0.1176	0.0996	0.0775	0.0489	-0.0197
10	.. ..	0.2389	0.2264	0.2103	0.1922	0.1702	0.1598	0.1481	0.1348	0.1185	0.1051	0.0794	0.0508	-0.0178

### WORK FUNCTION $\Phi$ IN kil. cals./gm. mol. OF TNT.

T°K	P 1000 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300	
200	..	-492.4	-373.8	-261.1	-158.4	-65.20	-31.24	-0.240	-30.08	+56.60	+79.70	+98.98	+113.1	+120.7	
180	..	-503.2	-382.9	-269.8	-167.0	-73.70	-39.70	-21.70	+48.26	+71.40	+90.62	+105.0	+112.5		
160	..	-514.2	-395.6	-282.4	-179.3	-86.00	-51.94	-19.96	+8.590	+36.20	+59.40	+78.98	+93.02	+100.7	
140	..	-525.6	-410.0	-296.6	-193.5	-100.0	-65.90	-31.88	-4.300	+22.36	+45.80	+64.92	+79.30	+87.98	
120	..	-545.0	-426.2	-312.0	-209.4	-115.8	-81.64	-49.56	-19.92	+6.800	+30.10	+49.48	+63.98	+71.86	
100	..	-562.2	-443.3	-329.6	-226.1	-132.2	-97.96	-65.80	-36.08	-9.280	+14.10	+34.53	+48.05	+56.40	
90	..	-570.9	-453.7	-337.8	-234.2	-140.3	-106.0	-73.82	-44.06	-17.22	+7.20	+25.72	+40.30	+48.38	
80	..	-576.5	-461.4	-345.5	-241.8	-147.9	-113.6	-81.38	-51.60	-24.74	-1.30	+18.13	+32.81	+40.04	
70	..	-586.2	-469.1	-333.0	-249.3	-165.2	-120.8	-88.60	-58.78	-31.88	-8.450	+11.11	+25.73	+33.92	
60	..	-594.7	-477.3	-361.6	-257.0	-162.7	-128.3	-95.90	-65.98	-38.97	-15.39	+4.270	+18.98	+27.38	
50	..	-601.6	-484.1	-368.1	-263.4	-168.8	-134.3	-101.8	-71.84	-44.79	-21.13	-1.390	+13.41	+21.97	
40	..	-608.8	-491.0	-374.9	-269.9	-175.2	-140.6	-108.1	-78.00	-50.80	-27.06	-8.240	+7.640	+16.22	
30	..	-615.1	-497.1	-380.6	-275.4	-180.3	-145.6	-112.9	-82.74	-55.47	-31.61	-11.07	+3.330	+12.00	
20	..	-624.6	-503.1	-386.3	-280.6	-185.2	-150.2	-117.5	-87.16	-59.72	-35.70	-15.90	-0.440	+8.660	
10	..	-643.9	-511.7	-394.0	-287.3	-191.0	-165.7	-123.6	-91.82	-62.76	-39.80	-19.98	-3.540	+6.030	

## GIBBS FREE ENERGY IN KILO. CALS./GM. MOLE OF TNT.

P 1000 Kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	T°K	4000	3500	3000	2500	2000	1800	1600	1400	1200	1000	800	600	300
200	..	-70.40	+42.40	+149.3	+246.2	+333.6	+365.2	+394.7	+421.9	+446.1	+466.9	+483.7	+495.6	+499.8
180	..	-109.5	+3.150	+110.4	+207.6	+294.9	+326.6	+356.2	+383.3	+407.6	+428.4	+445.3	+457.3	+461.3
160	..	-150.0	-37.20	+70.20	+167.5	+225.0	+286.8	+316.4	+343.6	+367.9	+388.8	+405.8	+417.8	+422.0
140	..	-191.7	+78.90	+28.70	+126.0	+213.7	+245.4	+285.1	+302.4	+326.8	+347.7	+364.6	+376.7	+381.1
120	..	-238.0	-123.1	-16.30	+82.20	+170.0	+201.8	+231.5	+258.9	+283.3	+304.3	+322.3	+333.4	+337.9
100	..	-283.2	-170.1	-62.10	+35.55	+123.2	+155.5	+185.4	+21.27	+237.2	+268.3	+275.5	+287.7	+292.2
90	..	-308.3	-198.9	-86.80	+11.05	+99.50	+131.1	+170.9	+188.4	+212.9	+234.0	+251.2	+263.5	+268.1
80	..	-333.2	-222.0	-111.8	-14.00	+74.20	+106.1	+136.0	+163.5	+188.1	+209.2	+226.3	+238.6	+243.3
70	..	-359.7	-248.4	-138.1	-40.20	+48.10	+80.04	+110.0	+137.5	+162.1	+183.3	+200.5	+212.8	+217.5
60	..	-388.4	-276.8	-166.9	-68.05	+20.40	+52.54	+82.60	+110.0	+144.8	+166.2	+173.5	+185.9	+190.7
50	..	-417.7	-306.0	-195.8	-97.05	-8.10	+24.02	+54.16	+81.86	+106.4	+128.0	+145.3	+157.8	+162.9
40	..	-448.2	-336.2	-225.9	-126.7	-37.80	-5.50	+24.72	+52.40	+77.26	+98.70	+116.2	+128.8	+133.8
30	..	-480.6	-368.3	-257.7	-158.2	-69.00	-36.58	-6.240	+21.86	+46.54	+68.10	+85.74	+98.44	+103.7
20	..	-515.0	-402.4	-291.3	-160.2	-101.8	-69.22	-38.82	-10.76	+14.38	+36.10	+53.90	+66.69	+72.22
10	..	-555.1	-441.4	-329.6	-179.1	-138.1	-105.1	-45.26	-45.82	-19.20	-19.00	+19.87	+33.09	+39

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