

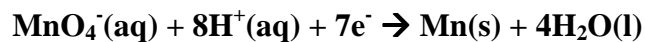
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- How many minutes would be required to electroplate 25.0 g of manganese by passing a constant current of 4.8 A through a solution containing MnO_4^- ?

25.0 g of manganese corresponds to

$$\text{number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{atomic mass}} = \frac{25.0 \text{ g}}{54.94 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.455 \text{ mol}$$

The reduction of MnO_4^- is a 7e^- process:



Production of 0.455 mol of $\text{Mn}(\text{s})$ requires $(7 \times 0.455) = 3.19$ mol of electrons.

The number of moles of electrons passed by a current I in a time t is given by

$$\text{number of moles of electrons} = \frac{I \times t}{F}$$

$$3.19 \text{ mol} = \frac{(4.8 \text{ A}) \times t}{96485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}} \quad \text{so } t = 64000 \text{ s} = 1100 \text{ minutes}$$

Answer: 1100 minutes