

- Isooctane, an important constituent of petrol, has a boiling point of 99.3 °C and a standard enthalpy of vaporisation of 37.7 kJ mol⁻¹. What is ΔS° (in J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹) for the vaporisation of isooctane?

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At the boiling point, $\Delta_{\text{vap}}G^\circ = \Delta_{\text{vap}}H^\circ - T\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^\circ = 0$. Hence:

$$\Delta_{\text{vap}}S^\circ = \Delta_{\text{vap}}H^\circ / T = (37.7 \times 10^3 \text{ J mol}^{-1}) / (99.3 + 273) \text{ K} = +101 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Answer: +101 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹