

entropy, *S*

Quantity the change in which is equal to the heat brought to the system in a reversible process at constant temperature divided by that temperature. Entropy is zero for an ideally ordered crystal at 0 K. In statistical thermodynamics

$$S = k \ln W$$

where *k* is the Boltzmann constant and *W* the number of possible arrangements of the system.

Source:

Green Book, 2nd ed., p. 48

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