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Honors Chemistry  
Density Lab  
DO NOT FORGET UNITS!!!

Purpose- practice using lab equipment, and doing calculations using sig figs. This is a sig fig based lab. You need to read the equipment to the correct number of sig figs and make your calculations to the correct number of sig figs.

**Measuring volume**

Using a 250 mL beaker measure out exactly 50 mL of water. Pour this into a graduated cylinder and measure the volume of water. Repeat this a total of 3 times.

**The graduated cylinders being used are accurate to the tenths place, x.x mL.** Zero points will be given on this section if you do not read to the tenths place.

Volume      1 \_\_\_\_\_      2 \_\_\_\_\_      3 \_\_\_\_\_

All calculations need to be reported to the correct number of sig figs! Do not take more supplies than you need, there is not enough for every group to have 1 of everything at once.

**Regular Solids-Density Blocks**      Volume of each cube 15.6 mL

Mass of cube      1 \_\_\_\_\_      2 \_\_\_\_\_      3 \_\_\_\_\_      4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_      6 \_\_\_\_\_      7 \_\_\_\_\_      8 \_\_\_\_\_      9 \_\_\_\_\_

Density of cube      1 \_\_\_\_\_      2 \_\_\_\_\_      3 \_\_\_\_\_      4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_      6 \_\_\_\_\_      7 \_\_\_\_\_      8 \_\_\_\_\_      9 \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Solid- Large cube** letter \_\_\_\_\_

**These rulers are accurate to the hundredths place, x.xx cm.** (recheck the notes titled reading between the lines) If you do not read them to the hundredths place, zero points will be given for this section. Remember to measure as accurately as you can (estimate 1 position). Measure in centimeters! Your first volume will be in  $\text{cm}^3$ , which is the same as mL.

**The mass is written on the cube**

mass \_\_\_\_\_ length \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_ height \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate its volume

Determine its density

**Regular Solids-Large cube** letter \_\_\_\_\_

mass \_\_\_\_\_ length \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_ height \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate its volume

Determine its density

**Liquid- Tap Water** – pour an amount of water into a graduated cylinder.

Check your notes if you do not know how to determine its mass.

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Mass of water \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how you got the mass of the water

Volume \_\_\_\_\_

Density of water  
(show work)

**Irregular solid- Aluminum**

mass \_\_\_\_\_

**The graduated cylinders being used are accurate to the tenths place, x.x mL.** Zero points will be given on this section if you do not read to the tenths place. Using a graduated cylinder determine volume of aluminum (**you must have at least 5.0 mL of aluminum**, zero points will be given if you do not read the cylinders to the tenths place or have at least 5.0 mL).

Determine its density

## Questions

1. Using the internet, find the density of aluminum. Calculate your percent error of your density of aluminum.

Percent Error =  $(|\text{observed value} - \text{actual value}| / \text{actual value}) \times 100$

Your observed value will be the value you obtained in the lab, actual value will be the value you looked up.

(if you find density in  $\text{kg/m}^3$  divide by 1000 to get  $\text{g/mL}$ )

2. Which of your density blocks would float in water? Explain how you know.