

Volumetric heat capacity

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Amount of [heat](#) required to change the temperature of one unit of [volume](#) by one unit of [temperature](#):

$$c_v = \frac{\delta Q}{\delta V \cdot \delta T}$$

Symbol	Dimension	SI units	Oil metric units	Oil field units
c_v	$M L^{-1} T^2 \theta^{-1}$	J/(m³K)	J/(m³K)	BTU/(ft³°F)

[Volumetric Heat Capacity](#) depends on the way the [heat](#) is transferred and as such is not a [material property](#).

The two major [heat transfer processes](#) are [isobaric](#) and [isochoric](#) which define:

Isobaric volumetric heat capacity	Isochoric volumetric heat capacity
c_{vp}	c_{vV}

Both c_{vp} and c_{vV} are [material properties](#) and properly tabulated for the vast majority of materials.

[Volumetric Heat Capacity](#) c_v relates to [Specific Heat Capacity](#) c_m and [density](#) of the matter ρ as:

(1)
$$c_v = \frac{c_m}{\rho}$$

In many technical papers the "m" or "v" index is omitted which leads to confusion between [Specific Heat Capacity](#) c_m and [Volumetric Heat Capacity](#) c_v .

The other confusion is made between [Volumetric Heat Capacity](#) c_v and [Isochoric Heat Capacity](#) c_V .

For [multiphase fluid](#) in [thermodynamic equilibrium](#) the [Volumetric Heat Capacity](#) c_v is:

(2)
$$c_v = \sum_{\alpha} s_{\alpha} c_{v\alpha}$$

where

s_{α}	α - phase volume share, subjected to $\sum_{\alpha} s_{\alpha} = 1$
$c_{v\alpha}$	α - phase Volumetric Heat Capacity

See also

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