Limiting Reagent Worksheet

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2)	If 23 grams of iron (II) chloride reacts with 41 grams of sodium phosphate, what is the limiting reagent? How much sodium chloride can be formed?
3)	How much of the excess reagent remains when this reaction has gone to completion?
4)	If 16.1 grams of sodium chloride are formed in the reaction, what is the percent yield of this reaction?

Solutions

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3 FeCl₂ + **2** Na₃PO₄
$$\rightarrow$$
 Fe₃(PO₄)₂ + **6** NaCl

2) If 23 grams of iron (II) chloride reacts with 41 grams of sodium phosphate, what is the limiting reagent? How much sodium chloride can be formed?

23 g FeCl₂ x
$$\frac{1 \text{ mole FeCl}_2}{126.75 \text{ g FeCl}_2}$$
 x $\frac{2 \text{ mole Na}_3PO_4}{3 \text{ mole FeCl}_2}$ x $\frac{163.94 \text{ g Na}_3PO_4}{1 \text{ mole Na}_3PO_4}$ =

= 20. g Na₃PO₄ Since we have 41 g Na₃PO₄, FeCl₂ is the limiting reagent.

23 g FeCl₂ x
$$\frac{1 \text{ mole FeCl}_2}{126.75 \text{ g FeCl}_2}$$
 x $\frac{6 \text{ mole NaCl}}{3 \text{ mole FeCl}_2}$ x $\frac{58.44 \text{ g NaCl}}{1 \text{ mole NaCl}}$ =

3) How much of the excess reagent remains when this reaction has gone to completion?

$$41 \text{ g Na}_3\text{PO}_4 - 20. \text{ g Na}_3\text{PO}_4 = 21 \text{ g Na}_3\text{PO}_4$$

4) If 16.1 grams of sodium chloride are formed in the reaction, what is the percent yield of this reaction?