

35 79.90 Br

Bromine

Density = 3.14 g/cm^3

Melting point = -7.25°C

Boiling point = 58.8°C

Electronegativity = 2.96

Ionization energy = 1139
kJ/mol

Electron shell: $[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}4s^24p^5$

Oxidation states: 7, 5, 3, 1, -1

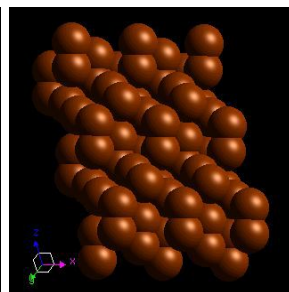
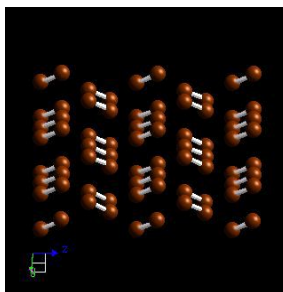
Abundance on Earth: 6.0×10^{-4}
%

Isotopes: ^{76}Br , ^{77}Br , ^{79}Br , ^{80}Br ,
 ^{81}Br , ^{82}Br , ^{83}Br , ^{84}Br , ^{85}Br

Cost: \$4.9 per 100 g



Crystal structure: Orthorhombic,
space group number 64



- Bromine was discovered in 1826 by Antoine J. Balard in France; it wasn't found in quantity until 1860.
- Bromine is the only liquid nonmetallic element.
- It is a member of the halogen group of elements, it is obtained from natural brines from wells in Michigan and Arkansas.
- Little bromine is extracted today from seawater, which contains only 85ppm.
- It has been suggested that bromine in the form of bromide is essential to health.
- It is a heavy, volatile, mobile, and dangerous red liquid. The red vapor has a strong unpleasant odor and the vapor irritates the eyes and throat. When spilled on the skin it produces painful sores. It is a serious health hazard, and maximum security precautions should be taken when handling it.
- Used for water purification (swimming pools), manufacture of ethylene dibromide (anti-knocking gasoline), bleaching, organic synthesis, solvent, analytical reagent, fire retardant for plastics, pharmaceuticals, and shrink-proofing wool.