## Chapter 6 Continued Hess's Law

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## Hess's Law of Heat Summation:

If the reaction is carried out in a sequence of steps, the $\Delta H$ of the reaction equals the sum of the $\Delta H$ values of each of the steps.
$\Delta \mathbf{H}_{\text {rxn }}=\Sigma \Delta \mathbf{H}_{\text {step }}=\Delta \mathbf{H}_{\text {step } 1}+\Delta \mathbf{H}_{\text {step 2 }}+\Delta \mathbf{H}_{\text {step } 3}+\ldots$
$\Delta H$ is a state function that only depends on the initial and final states of the reaction and not on the exact pathway that transforms reactants into products.

## Example



## Reactions:

## No Change



| $C \sigma_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \rightarrow$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {(diamond) }}+\sigma_{2(\mathrm{~g})}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}=+396 \mathrm{~kJ}$ |
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| $\mathrm{C}_{\text {(graphite) }}$ | $\rightarrow \quad \mathrm{C}_{\text {(diamond) }}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}=+2 \quad \mathrm{~kJ}$ |

## Example

## Target Reaction:

$2 \mathrm{~B}_{(\mathrm{s})}+3 \mathrm{H}_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \rightarrow \quad \mathrm{B}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6(\mathrm{~g})}$
$\Delta \mathrm{H}=36 \mathrm{~kJ}$

No change


