



MOLD DETECTION KIT

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How Does the Test Kit Work?

The mold testing kit provided allows you to quickly and accurately test for the various types of mold colonizing in your home or workplace. It will also help you determine if a discoloration on the ceiling or wall is simply a stain or mold. There are two different types of analytical sampling methods. With this kit, you may sample up to a total of 9 locations using a combination of both methods. Use a different test strip or the sample bag for each location. Sampling Methods are explained below.

Preparation Instructions

1. Fill out the information portion of the test card. Please print all the information to insure proper entry and reporting.
2. Before you test your home look for discoloration and/or leaks in areas such as the air conditioning system, under sinks, plumbing, accesses, attics, windowsills, closets, flooring around commodes, baseboards, showers and tubs, behind refrigerators, and behind washers and dryers.
3. When you get ready to start sampling areas in your home make sure to use the tape that comes with the kit and only test areas that are indoors. Outdoor areas are constantly exposed to extremes in temperature and humidity, making it unstable for accurate testing.
4. Determine the type of sampling method you are going to use. For further explanation of method types please review Method Instructions below.
5. The kit will either contain a pad of clear mold tape or a roll of clear transparent tape. Remove a sample tape strip from the pad of Mold sampling tape provided or cut a 2" piece of tape from a roll of "clear" transparent tape being sure to leave enough room to grip the tape with fingers. Be sure that you do not touch the sticky side of the area on the tape used to test for mold with your fingers; this could contaminate your results.

Note: There will be excess tape upon completion of all six testing locations.

Method Instructions:

Method 1 Visual Sampling: (Recommended Method) involves taking a sample of a visual mold growth. Gently press the sticky side of the tape to the area of concern.

Apply the tape strip to the appropriate location on the test card being careful not to press hard over the sample area. This may crush mold spores that are present which may invalidate the test.

Method 2 Bulk Sampling: allows you to take a sample of material (carpet, pad, tile, wood floor, etc.) and test for the presence and/or type of mold.

Cut a small piece (2" x 2") of the bulk sample in the contaminated are and place in a zip lock bag provided.

On the outside of the zip lock bag, write the location using a permanent marker.

Include in your total payment, \$10.00 for each bulk sample sent. 3 bags are included with this kit.

Conclusion Instructions:

6. Place the exposed test strip to its designated area on the card. Do not press on the tested area of the tape strip, this will crush the mold spores invalidating your test strip.
7. Below the used tape strip, indicate the location where the test was conducted. You are not required to use all the testing areas provided with this kit. Each strip or bulk analysis requires a lab analysis fee of \$10.00 per test card location and bulk sample. Record the location in the slots provided below and keep for your records:

Location 1 _____ Location 3 _____ Location 5 _____ Bulk 1 _____
 Location 2 _____ Location 4 _____ Location 6 _____ Bulk 2 _____
 Bulk 3 _____

8. Mail the test kit with completed information card and lab analysis fee in the form of check, cash, money order, or credit card in the amount of \$10.00 per test card location or bulk stamp in the pre-addresses envelope. (i.e. If all six test card locations were used: \$10.00 x 6 locations = \$60.00 lab analysis fee) If you fail to include the lab fee, your test will not be analyzed. The lab will mail test results to you within 72 hours of receipt of the sample(s) and the lab fee.

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