

## 1. INSPECT KIT CONTENTS

### Your Test Kit will include the Following Items:

- ⇒ This Instruction Sheet      ⇒ Return Shipper
- ⇒ 10 Sample Collection Bags    ⇒ Safety Gloves
- ⇒ 1 Tape Pad (containing 6 tape strips)

If any items are missing or damaged, contact Alpha Energy Laboratories.

### Important Information

- Please read all instructions prior to starting your test. Watch the brief instruction video: [aelabs.com/lrm/help](http://aelabs.com/lrm/help)
- You **must register online** at [register.aelabs.com](http://register.aelabs.com)
- Your Test Kit **does not include prepaid return shipping**. You must purchase shipping. See our recommendations at [aelabs.com/lrm/ship](http://aelabs.com/lrm/ship)
- Standard lab results are typically complete 3-5 business days after receipt and are sent via email. **Standard reporting times are estimated.**
- Business days are M-F (holidays: [aelabs.com/holiday](http://aelabs.com/holiday)). We receive mail but do not issue reports on Saturdays.
- We offer and recommend Lab Rush Service\* (next business day report) for tests with a deadline. See link below or Step #3 of these instructions to learn more.

\* Rush Guarantee & Fee Policies: [aelabs.com/lrm/fee](http://aelabs.com/lrm/fee)  
Privacy Policy & Terms of Use: [aelabs.com/lrm/pp](http://aelabs.com/lrm/pp)

## 4. COLLECT SAMPLES

Collect up to 10 samples using only 1 method per sample, only 1 sample per bag. **Log & label each sample in Step 5.**

### Where to Collect Samples

- Mold is commonly found in areas of high humidity. Look for areas of discoloration or staining on items such as baseboards, sheetrock, carpet pads, duct work and vents, showers, bathtubs, and under sinks.
- You may sample an indoor or outdoor area, using either or both methods below. Visit [aelabs.com/lrm/sample](http://aelabs.com/lrm/sample) for a visual guide on how to collect samples.

### Method 1: Lift Tape Method

- This method is best used to collect mold spores from the surface of any object.
- Remove a tape strip from the Tape Pad. Avoid touching the sticky side of the tape. Gently press the sticky side of the tape strip to the area you have chosen.
- Open a Sample Collection Bag and gently press the sticky side of the tape to either side of the inside of the bag. Close the bag.

### Method 2: Bulk Sample Method

- This method is best used to collect samples of material, such as insulation, fiber, carpet, wood, fabric, etc.
- Cut a piece of the bulk sample from the area, place it inside a Sample Collection Bag, and seal the bag. The sample should be at least 1"x1" and fit inside the bag.

## 2. ABOUT YOUR MOLD TEST

This mold test is designed to test the surfaces of objects for the presence of mold. You can collect up to 10 samples.

### Mold Analysis Information

- Each sample you submit will be tested for mold. Your mold test report will identify the types of mold found and the relative quantity (minor, moderate, or heavy).
- Your mold test can detect Stachybotrys ("Black Mold"). Your report will contain a glossary which will provide information about the types of mold found.

### Surface Mold Testing Only

- Your mold test is not designed to test your air quality or to test for airborne mold.
- Testing the air using an approved scientific protocol requires specialized and expensive equipment.
- Airborne mold test kits commonly found in stores do not use established and approved scientific methods.
- If you wish to test your air, we recommend hiring a qualified local professional that is licensed in your state.

### Health Information

- Your mold test report will not provide health advice. Only a medical professional is qualified to provide health recommendations.
- If you have health concerns, we recommend discussing your mold report with your doctor.

## 5. LOG & LABEL SAMPLES

Use this log to record each sample location. Assign a location number below to each sample.

### Log and Label Each Sample

- **Using a permanent marker, write the number corresponding to the sample location i.e. #1, #2, etc. on the outside of each Sample Collection Bag.**
- This is necessary for the lab to identify each sample location on the lab report.
- You will register this information online in Step 6.

Location #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #6: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #7: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #8: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #9: \_\_\_\_\_

Location #10: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. ANALYSIS OPTIONS

All samples will be analyzed for mold. You can purchase optional upgrades for additional services.

### Mold Analysis (Required)

- Each sample you submit will be tested for mold.
- **Mold Analysis costs \$25.00 per sample.** You may submit up to 10 samples.

### Expanded Profile Analysis (Optional Upgrade)

- Expanded Profile Analysis is optional and identifies pollen, bug parts (such as dust mites), fibers, and skin cells in the same sample(s) used for Mold Analysis.
- **Expanded Profile Analysis costs an additional \$15.00 per sample.** You can upgrade some or all samples to Expanded Profile Analysis during online registration.

### Lab Rush Service (Optional Upgrade)

- Lab Rush Service is optional and will expedite your lab report. Your lab report will be completed and sent by the end of the next business day after receipt in the lab.
- **Lab Rush Service costs an additional \$15.00 per sample.** If you wish to receive Lab Rush Service, you must pay the RUSH fee for all submitted samples.
- You can upgrade all samples to Lab Rush Service when you register your test online.

## 6. REGISTER & PAY FEES

Failure to register online and pay required lab fees will prevent us from issuing your test results.

### Record Your Test Kit Serial ID

- Your Test Kit Serial ID is very important. Record it for your records. It is required to register your test, access your results online, and to communicate with the lab.
- The Test Kit Serial ID is located on a white sticker on the Return Shipper.  
**Tip: Take a photo of the sticker with your phone.**
- Write your Test Kit Serial ID on the front of this Instruction Sheet and keep it for future reference.

### Online Registration

- Online registration is required: [register.aelabs.com](http://register.aelabs.com)  
**Tip: Use your phone to scan the QR code on the Return Shipper to instantly start your registration.**
- You will register your samples from the Log in Step 5 and provide your contact information.
- Once your samples have been registered online our website will issue your required payment. Payment must be submitted online.

### Accepted Payment Methods

- We accept all major credit cards



## SURFACE MOLD TEST INSTRUCTIONS

LabTech® has partnered with Alpha Energy Laboratories and Moldlab, Ltd. to analyze your Mold Test

Need Help? Chat Online, Email, Text, or Call us!

### CUSTOMER SERVICE:

[mold@aelabs.com](mailto:mold@aelabs.com)  
[aelabs.com](http://aelabs.com)  
(972) 236-7149

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Alpha Energy Laboratories  
2501 Mayes Road, Suite 100  
Carrollton, TX 75006

Instructional Video & Test Help:

[aelabs.com/lrm/help](http://aelabs.com/lrm/help)

Register Your Test Information:

[register.aelabs.com](http://register.aelabs.com)

Download Test Results:

[results.aelabs.com](http://results.aelabs.com)



Scan for Help

My Test Kit Serial ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipment Tracking: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. COMPLETE & SHIP YOUR TEST

Complete the checklist and ship your samples promptly.

### Successful Mold Test Checklist

- Test Kit Serial ID recorded and this Instruction Sheet kept for your records.** Do not send this sheet to the lab.
- All samples collected and labeled according to instructions (Steps 4 and 5).
- Information provided and fees paid for all samples via online registration at [register.aelabs.com](http://register.aelabs.com) (Step 6).
- All labeled Sample Bags sealed inside Return Shipper. Samples may only be submitted in a single shipment.
- Shipping label applied to Return Shipper. Do not cover up the Test Kit Serial ID sticker.
- Ship promptly to lab: Alpha Energy Laboratories  
2501 Mayes Road, Suite 100, Carrollton, TX 75006

### Reminders

- Use a reliable shipping method with tracking.
- For your convenience, discounted and guaranteed shipping can be purchased at [register.aelabs.com](http://register.aelabs.com)
- You can check test status and download test results online at [results.aelabs.com](http://results.aelabs.com)
- Results are typically sent via email within 3-5 business days of receipt (faster for Lab Rush Service).