

Americans, on average, spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors, where the concentrations of some pollutants are often 2 to 5 times higher than typical outdoor concentrations.”
– EPA

Home Test Kit

Home test kits include a petri dish, swab, and a mold growth medium. The directions are straightforward, and mold will typically grow inside or outside within 48 hours. Homeowners like this test for detecting unseen mold.

What We Like

They are easy to use and they provide an inexpensive way to test for mold. Home kits may be purchased at a hardware store for as little as \$7.

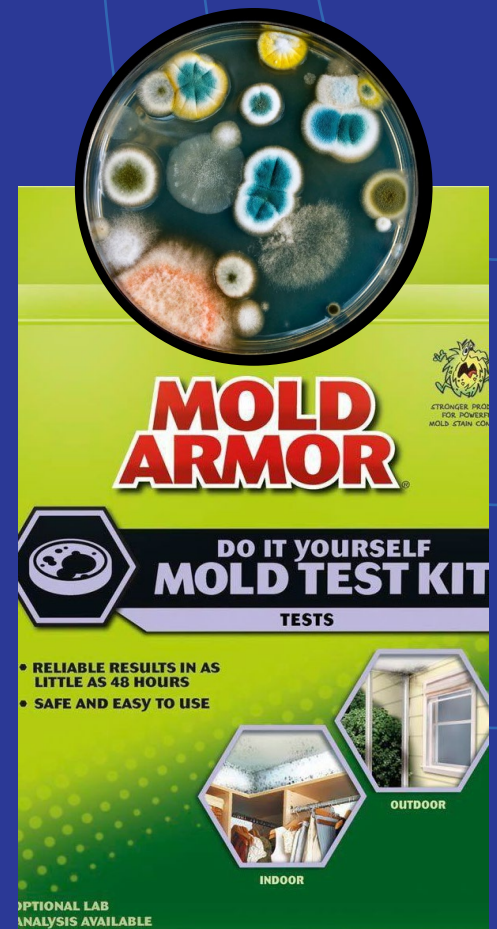
Here's the Problem

- ✓ Petri dishes are designed to grow mold and because every property has some percentage of mold spores, there is a high probability if they are heavy enough to land in the petri dish you will grow mold. Most users find they are able to grow mold in the dish.
- ✓ This method of testing will not tell you which spores are responsible for either the visible mold you are seeing and/or the symptoms you are experiencing. It also cannot tell you if the mold is producing mycotoxins or other mold toxins.
- ✓ When mold grows in the petri dish, the sample must be sent to a lab and can cost \$40 or more for results..

The bottom line is that the results from home test kits will not tell you the source of mold and without that information you cannot know where to remediate or correct the cause of the mold.

Certified Indoor Environmental can test your indoor air quality with an advanced particle counter AND identify the source of the air pollution, provide solutions, and help you to improve the quality of the air you breathe. When it comes to measuring the quality of the air you breathe, a high-quality particle counter is an excellent method for comparing your air to an internationally approved standard (see ISO.org). Knowing this information can be most helpful for people suffering from allergies and asthma to help determine the best time to turn on air purifiers, HEPA devices, or open windows and it can indicate if there is an issue that should be investigated further.

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