



SHORT TERM RADON TEST KIT FOR RADON IN AIR

INSTRUCTIONS AND DATASHEET

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What is Radon?

Radon is an odourless, colorless, radioactive gas. Radon has been found in homes all over the world. It comes from the natural breakdown of uranium found in the soil and it moves up through the ground finding its way through tiny cracks and holes in the foundation of a home.

Any home can have radon. You can only find the radon level in your home by testing. Numerous studies have shown that continued exposure to elevated levels of radon gas increases the chance of developing lung cancer.

The American Environmental Protection Agency, Health Canada, and the American Lung Association agree that long term exposure to elevated levels of radon gas is a significant health risk.

What if There is Radon in my Home?

Health Canada has set a national action level of 200 Bq/m³ (Becquerel of radon per cubic meter of air).

If your home has a confirmed radon level of 200 Bq/m³ or above in a living area, you should install a radon mitigation system. It is recommended that a certified radon mitigation contractor install the system.

What this package contains?

This test kit is used to test radon in air for 48 to 96 hours. It contains:

- Instructions
- Data Sheet
- White vial(s) (dosimeters)

DO NOT OPEN THE TEST DEVICE UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO BEGIN.

1. Prepare the House for Testing

In order to provide a valid test result, the test must be performed under Closed House Conditions. Maintain the conditions listed below in the home for 12 hours before the test and during the exposure period. **End the test on a Monday and mail the same day**

- Keep all exterior doors closed except for normal entry and exit.
- Keep all windows closed.
- Leave radon mitigation systems operating.
- Set HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning) Systems on “Auto” and set window units to recirculation. Dehumidifiers may be operated.
- Do not operate whole house exhaust fans.
- Do not operate wood or coal stoves (unless they are the primary source of heat).

Unusual weather conditions could alter test results. Do not perform the test during sustained high winds or heavy rain. Do not test in extreme indoor conditions of heat, cold or humidity.

2. Select the Test Area

- Perform the test in the lowest area of the home that could be used regularly, whether it is finished or unfinished.
- Choose an area that could be used as a bedroom, play area, family room, den, exercise room, or workshop, but not a kitchen or bathroom or any area with high humidity.
- Do not test in closets or crawl spaces.
- The preferred dosimeter location is by an interior wall at a height of 0.8 m to 2 m (3 to 6.5 ft) from the floor in the typical breathing zone, however, at least 50 cm (20 in) from the ceiling and 20 cm (8 in) from other objects so as to allow normal airflow around the dosimeter. Dosimeter should be placed approximately 40 cm (16 in) from an interior wall or approximately 50 cm (20 in) from an exterior wall.
- Do not place test devices directly under blowing air.
- If this test is associated with the purchase or sale of a home, you should use 2 devices, 4 in (10 cm) apart in the selected test area.

3. Perform the Test

Do not open the devices until you are ready to test.

- Check devices for expiration dates. Start your test before device expires or results will be invalid.
- Remove test devices from the box. Take off the lid from each test device.
- Leave each device open for at least 48 hours. Do not touch or move devices during the test.
- If you leave devices open for fewer than 48 hours or more than 96 hours the results will be invalid. You will need to buy another test kit and repeat the test.
- After 48 hours, securely replace the lid of each device. Mail the same day.

4. Complete the Datasheet

It is very important to fully complete the Radon Test Data Sheet on the other side of this form. Please print clearly.

- To access a copy of your radon test report at www.accustarcanada.com, you must write the postal code of the property tested on the Radon Test Data Sheet.

Note: If information is missing from the Data Sheet, or if you do not send back the Data Sheet with the devices, you will receive a report stating that we cannot provide your test results. You may send any missing information to us in writing at a later time (mail, email or fax required)* and we will issue an Amended Test Report.

* AccuStar Labs, 2 Saber Way, Haverhill, MA, 01835-8000, USA
Fax : 508 533-8831 Email: radonlab@accustarlabs.com

It takes five business days to issue an Amended Test Report. We can issue a Same-Day Amended Report for a fee of \$20.00 per report. To issue a Same-Day Amended Report we must receive the new test information and payment by Noon, ET.

5. Return Devices Immediately

- Place closed test devices and the completed Data Sheet back into one envelope and send it to the laboratory of AccuStar Labs located in Massachusetts, USA right away.
- AccuStar Labs USA **must receive the test devices within 7 days after you complete the test.** Plan ahead and use a calendar. Tip, have the testing **end on a Monday, mail the same day** and **do not mail during a holiday weekend** (both Canadian & American).
- Your test results will be **invalid** if AccuStar Labs USA receives test devices more than 7 days after you complete the test.

AccuStarCanada.com offers a discounted prepaid, preaddressed shipping label with all the customs documents required for quick clearance in order to ensure the adequate completion of your radon test. Visit the Return Shipping Label section on our website on: www.accustarcanada.com.

Your shipment must **NOT** be sent to our Canadian location. Return your test device(s) directly to **AccuStar Labs, 2 Saber Way, Haverhill, MA, 01835-8000, USA**

CHECKLIST FOR A SUCCESSFUL TEST

- Did you follow all instructions and fill out the Data Sheet completely?
- Did you keep a record of your device number(s) and the Postal Code of the property tested?
- Did you complete and send your test kit with the completed Data Sheet to AccuStar Labs USA **on a Monday and mailed the same day?**

The laboratory does not send confirmation of receipt. AccuStar typically sends reports via email the next business day to the email indicated on the datasheet. You may also access your test results on our website www.accustarcanada.com using the 7 digit device number located at the top of the dosimeter with the postal code indicated on the datasheet.

Feel free to call us at 1-855-85RADON with any questions you may have. Our business hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday – Friday.

Thank you for choosing AccuStar.

WRITE DEVICE NUMBERS AND TEST POSTAL CODE HERE.

SAVE THIS SHEET UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR REPORT

You will need this information to access your test results on our website www.accustarcanada.com

1st Device Number: _____ 2nd Device Number: _____
Test Address postal code: _____ (if purchased)