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TEST STRIP TYPES / TYPES DE BANDELETTE DE TEST / TIPOS DE TIRES PARA ANÁLISIS

Three types of dip tests are used throughout the testing process for the different contaminants: **Padded Test Strips** (a), **Aperture Test Strips** (b), and **Line Test Strips** (c). / Tres tipos de pruebas de tinte se utilizan durante el proceso de análisis para los diferentes contaminantes: **Tiras tipo almohadilla para análisis** (a), **tiras para análisis con orificio** (b) y **tiras para análisis con líneas** (c).

fig. a. Padded Test Strip / Bandelette de test coussinée /

Tira tipo almohadilla para análisis

Color change on the surface of the test pads indicates contaminant level. / Los cambios de color en la superficie de las cojinetes indican el nivel de contaminante. / El cambio de color en la superficie de las tiras tipo almohadilla para análisis indican el nivel del contaminante.



fig. b. Aperture Test Strip / Bandelette de test à fente /

Tira de análisis con orificio

After removing from water, fold test strip at mid-point, back and under the aperture for a white viewing background and more accurate color reading. / Après l'avoir retirée de l'eau, plier la bandelette en deux vers l'arrière et sous la fente afin de produire un fond blanc pour mieux évaluer les couleurs. / Después de quitar del agua, doble la tira por la mitad, hacia atrás, para que quede debajo del orificio para ver contra fondo blanco y así tener una lectura de color más precisa.

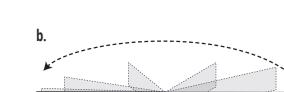


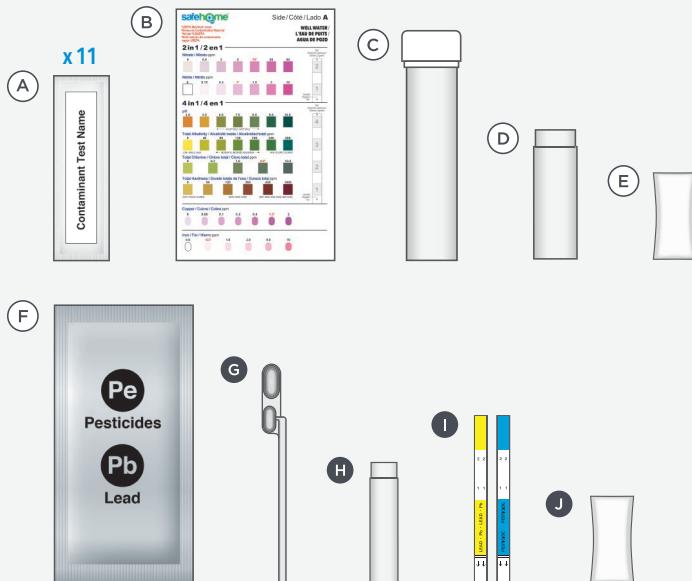
fig. c. Line Test Strip / Bandelette de test à ligne /

Tira para análisis con líneas

Blue lines will appear in different places on the test strip, indicating a positive or negative test result. / Des lignes bleues apparaîtront à différents endroits sur la bandelette de test, indiquant un résultat soit positif, soit négatif. / Aparecerán líneas azules en diferentes lugares de la tira para análisis, indicando un resultado positivo o negativo.



Box Contents / Ce qui se trouve à l'intérieur / Qué hay adentro



- (A) 11 small white foil pouches (11 test strips containing 15 total tests)
- (B) 1 color card
- (C) 1 vial with white cap (4") for **Bacteria** test
- (D) 1 small vial (2 1/4") for **Phosphate** test
- (E) 1 desiccant packet (to be discarded)
- (F) 1 large silver foil pouch (**Pesticides** and **Lead** tests)
- (G) 1 eye dropper
- (H) 1 vial
- (I) 2 test strips
- (J) 1 desiccant packet (to be discarded)

- (A) 11 sobres pequeños de papel de aluminio blanco (11 tiritas para análisis que contienen en total 15 análisis)
- (B) 1 tabla de colores
- (C) 1 frasco (4") con tapa blanca para análisis de **bacterias**
- (D) 1 frasco pequeño (2.25") para análisis de **fosfato**
- (E) 1 paquete desecante (para botar)
- (F) 1 sobre de papel de aluminio plateado (para análisis de **pesticidas** y **plomo**)
- (G) 1 pipeta gotero
- (H) 1 frasco
- (I) 2 tiras para análisis
- (J) 1 paquete desecante (para botar)

- (A) 11 petites pochettes blanches en papier d'aluminium (11 bandelettes de test contenant 15 analyses au total)
- (B) 1 carte de couleurs
- (C) 1 ampoule (4 po) avec capuchon blanc pour de tests **bactériens**
- (D) 1 petite ampoule (2,25 po) pour test de **phosphate**
- (E) 1 sachet de déshydratant (à jeter)
- (F) 1 gros sac en papier d'aluminium (pour test de **pesticides** et de **plomb**)
- (G) 1 pipette compte-gouttes
- (H) 1 ampoule
- (I) 2 bandelettes de test
- (J) 1 sachet de déshydratant (à jeter)

Testing Instructions

For each test, follow the steps as labeled in the chart below from left to right. Conduct only one test at a time.

KEY		Step 1 DRAW	Step 2 DIP	Step 3 REMOVE	Step 4 MATCH	Step 5 RECORD
= Padded Test Strip (fig. a)						
= Aperture Test Strip (fig. b)						
= Line Test Strip (fig. c)						
* = EPA Primary Regulated Contaminant						
** = EPA Secondary Regulated Contaminant						
() = EPA Contaminant of Interest						
2 in 1	*Nitrate as N *Nitrite as N					
4 in 1	**pH (Total Alkalinity) (Total Chlorine) (Total Hardness)					
**Copper, Cu⁺¹⁺²						
**Iron, Fe⁺²						
*Hexavalent Chromium, Cr⁺⁶						
*Mercury						
**Silver						
**Sulfate						
**Zinc						
**Chloride						
(Phosphate)	First, fill the small vial (2.25") to the top line with water and place the color chart on a flat surface. Next, dip the Phosphate test strip into the vial.					
*Lead	see next page for test instructions					
*Pesticides	see next page for test instructions					
*Bacteria (Total Coliform, including E. coli)	see next page for test instructions					

*Pesticides & *Lead

1. Wash hands before starting. Open the foil pouch marked **Pesticides & Lead** at the tear notch and remove all contents. Discard the desiccant packet.

2. Place exactly two droppers-full of freshly drawn water into the small test vial.

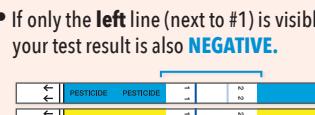
3. Pick up the small vial and gently swirl it for several seconds, then set it upright on a flat surface.

4. You will be conducting both tests at the same time. Place both test strips fully into the vial with the arrows pointing downward. Allow the vial to sit undisturbed for 10 minutes.

5. After 10 minutes have elapsed, remove the test strips from the vial and lay them on the flat surface with the arrows pointing to the left. Blue lines will appear on each test strip. Read the results of the tests as illustrated.

INTERPRET YOUR TEST RESULTS

- If the **left** line (next to #1) is **DARKER** than the right line (next to #2), your test result is **NEGATIVE**.
- If only the **left** line (next to #1) is visible, your test result is also **NEGATIVE**.



Negative results indicate no contamination.

- If the **right** line (next to #2) is **DARKER** than the left line (next to #1), your test result is **POSITIVE**.
- If both the **left** line and **right** line are **EQUALLY DARK**, your test result is also **POSITIVE**.



Positive results indicate contamination (does not meet EPA Standards):
• Lead = 0.015 ppm
• Atrazine (Pesticide) = 0.003 ppm
• Simazine (Pesticide) = 0.004 ppm

*Bacteria—Total Coliform, including E. coli

1. Wash hands before starting. Remove the test vial (4") with the white tamper-evident cap

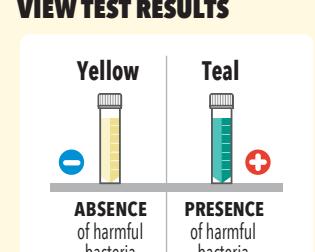
from the box. Turn on the cold water tap and allow it to run for about 5 minutes, then reduce the flow to about the diameter of a pencil. Remove the cap completely. Tilt the vial slightly and slowly fill it to the 25 ml mark. It is best to not go above this mark. **Do not overflow the vial.** (may create invalid results).

2. Replace the cap tightly. Shake well until the media inside the vial dissolves completely. Set the vial upright on a flat surface.

3. Incubate your water sample indoors or outdoors between 70° F- 95° F (21°C-30°C). Keep out of direct sunlight. An incubation temperature of 95.5° F/35.3°C is best.

4. After proper incubation time has elapsed (24 to 72 hours) and results are evident, without opening the vial, observe the color of the liquid. Detection of bacteria can occur as fast as 24 hours (*speed of results may vary).

VIEW TEST RESULTS



Yellow = Absence of coliform bacteria (negative result). Note: as long as the water sample inside the vial is a clear to yellow color, allow it to continue to incubate for up to 72 hours to confirm the absence of bacteria.

Teal or Blue/Green = Presence of coliform bacteria detected (positive result)—this could include *E. coli*.

5. When the test is complete, open vial and discard liquid into toilet. Place a few drops of household bleach into the vial, cap it, shake it and once again discard the contents into toilet. Recap the vial and discard in trash can. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water.

