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BULK ASBESTOS SAMPLE VOLUMES AND PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS

This instruction guide has been prepared to provide details on collecting and packing bulk samples to be submitted for asbestos testing. Based on the matrix, a sufficient amount of material is necessary to meet the analytical methodology requirements and ensure that the data is compliant with applicable regulations. Careful packing of samples is essential to ensure the safety of those handing the samples and to limit the possibility of cross contamination.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these instructions, please contact our service group by phone at 1-800-749-1947 or email at paracel@paracellabs.com.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE VOLUMES*

1 CUBIC INCH - FULL DEPTH/INTACT

- Ceiling Tile
- Loose Fill Insulation
- (excluding Vermiculite)
- Mortar
- Pipe Insulation
- Plaster^{**}

**To ensure distinct results for layered materials that are brittle and

crumbling, package each layer in a separate bag. Otherwise, this may result in analysis of combined inseparable materials, reported as a single sample.

Tablespoon (15 mL)

1 SQUARE INCH

- Caulking
- Drywall Compound/Mud
- Mastic
- Spray-on Materials
 (full depth, if thick)
- Stucco (full depth, if thick)
- Texture Coat



Loonie size

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3 SQUARE INCHES - LAYERED MATERIAL

- Cement Board
- Floor Tile with Mastic and/or Levelling Compound
- Paper Insulation
- Roofing Felt
- Sheet Vinyl Floor

~ Post-it® Note size

*These recommendations are outlined by EPA/600/R-93/116 which states a representative sample of sufficient volume should be submitted to maintain the sensitivity and reliability of the quantification of the method. Submitting adequate sample volume according to this guideline is the responsibility of the client. Paracel will proceed with analysis on the sample as submitted.

SAMPLE PACKAGING

 Each sample must individually and securely be placed into a ziplock bag. Insert the sample carefully into the bag so as not to puncture or pierce it.



- Wipe the outside of the ziplock bag with a damp paper towel so that it is free of debris that may potentially contain asbestos.
- 3. Ensure that all sample bags are clearly labelled with a unique Sample ID.



- Package all samples together in a <u>second</u> outer ziplock bag ('double bag') prior to submission to the laboratory.
- **5.** Complete the Paracel Asbestos Chain of Custody (**COC**) form and include it with your submission.
 - Do **NOT** staple your COC to the outer ziplock bag.
 - Do **NOT** submit your COC inside the outer ziplock bag.



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