



Catalog AQ 314 BG Part #12206, 12240

Matrices and Detection Ranges:

Matrix Group ID	Matrices	Limit of Detection (LOD)^	Assay Range	Range with Dilution*		
T-2 MG3	Corn	50 ppb	50 - 900 ppb	900 - 2500 ppb		
T-2 MG4	Corn- High Sensitivity	25 ppb	25 - 600 ppb			

[^]Do not assume accuracy for results reported below the protocol's LOD.

Important Notes:

- Before testing, the enclosed Multi-Matrix Barcode Card (MMBC) must be scanned just once for each kit lot to upload information to the QuickScan
- QuickScan Software Version 4.9.4 Update 1 or later is required
- DB6 Buffer is matched with specific T-2/HT-2 Flex kit lot numbers. Be sure to use DB6 with its matched kit. There is a "use with" label on the DB6 that will indicate the matching T-2/HT-2 Flex Lot Number.

Table A on page 9 is provided as a Summary Guide for testing each matrix. More details for each step in the process are described below, and are important for achieving optimal, accurate results.

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^{*}Do not assume accuracy for results reported below 900 or above 2500 ppb.

Contents of Kit:

- 50 QuickTox Strips packed in a moistureresistant canister
- 50 Reaction tubes
- 100 pipette tips
- DB6 Buffer, kit lot specific
- Multi-Matrix Barcode Card, kit lot specific

Items Not Provided:

- QuickScan System*
- Incubator base and block*
- Bunn grinder or equivalent
- 20-mesh screen
- Digital scale for weighing samples
- Extraction cups with lids (for 20g samples)* or other suitable vessels for sample extraction
- Graduated cylinder*
- Orbital/rotary shaker
- Pipette to deliver 100 µL*
- Tubes and pipettes for centrifugation*
- Microcentrifuge*
- Tubes for additional dilution of high samples*
- Pipette + tips to deliver larger volumes (>200 µL to 1 mL) for dilutions*
- Timer
- Scissors
- Distilled, deionized or bottled water

*Available as Accessories

Available Accessories:						
Item	Catalog No.	Part#				
QuickScan TM System	ACC 131	10050 + 10198				
Sample cups w/lids (500/case) For extracting samples up to 30g; extracting larger samples requires different vessels. Sample cups may also be used to collect filtrate.		10167				
Graduated cylinder (100 mL)	ACC 068	11207				
Coffee filters (100)	ACC 083	11434				
MiniPet pipette 100 μL (one/location free)	ACC 041	11202				
Centrifugation Set: Disposables for 50 tests	ACC 010	11214				
Microcentrifuge	ACC 064 E	11204				
Incubator (2 pcs):						
• Base	ACC BSH300	12195				
• Block	ACC BSH1000-1213	12196				
1 mL adjustable pipette	ACC 1303-PRO-1000	11964				
Pipette tips for 1 mL pipette (50)	20-0127	12243				
Dilution tubes (blue) (50) 12 x 75mm	ACC 098	12236				

Intended Use

The QuickTox Kit for QuickScan T-2/HT-2 Flex is designed to quickly provide quantitative results for the presence of T-2/HT-2 toxin. Results below the LOD or outside the ranges validated may not be accurate.

Standard format:

- Limit of detection (LOD) = 50 ppb
- Assay range = 50 900 ppb
- Range with Dilution = 900 2500 ppb

High Sensitivity format:

- Limit of detection (LOD) = 25 ppb
- Assay range = 25 600 ppb

How the Test Works

A composite sample is first collected, then extracted to solubilize any T-2/HT-2 toxin present. Each sample should be ground to a fineness of 20 mesh and extracted using the specified extractant. This extract is further diluted for testing with the QuickTox Kit.

Each QuickTox Strip has an absorbent pad at each end. The protective tape with the arrow indicates which end of the strip to insert into the reaction tube. The sample extract travels up the membrane strip and is absorbed into the larger pad at the top of the strip. At the end of the test time, the strip is cut off at the top of the arrow tape, the bottom pads are discarded, and the strip is inserted into the QuickScan reader to obtain quantitative results.

Matrix specific extractions and analysis protocols are chosen for accuracy and precision. Each matrix is assigned to a Matrix Group (MG). Each MG has a common standard curve and maximum reported value. When the user selects the MG during testing, the QuickScan System software reads the test strip, retrieves the lot specific information that was uploaded using the Multi-Matrix Barcode Card (MMBC), and uses the appropriate curve to obtain a result for the matrix being tested.

Assay Preparation

Table A on page 9 is provided as a Summary Guide for testing each matrix. More details for each step in the process are described below, and are important for achieving optimal, accurate results.

Turn on the incubator and set to 22°C for a minimum of 10 minutes before testing. Ensure the temperature display has stabilized and indicates "OK" before starting the assay. Make sure all reagents including samples, strips, buffer, and sample extractant are at room temperature and ready for use before starting the assay. The sample extract should be tested shortly after dilution with buffer.

Preparation of the Sample

Determine number and size of sub-samples and weigh out

- 1. Collect a composite sample according to your own sampling plan or USDA/GIPSA guidelines. Consult USDA/GIPSA reference documents to help design a plan that fits your needs.
- 2. Grind samples using a Bunn grinder or mill which provides a sample that passes through a 20-mesh sieve. Mix ground material thoroughly before sub-sampling.
- 3. Weigh samples into containers that will allow enough head room for the liquid to move forcefully when shaken vigorously.

Extract samples

1. Consult the Summary Guide Table A to determine the volume and type of Extractant that has been validated for the matrix. To calculate the volume of liquid to add:

Multiply the sample weight (in grams) x ratio (in milliliters, mLs)

For example, 20 grams x = 100 mL (water) to add to corn

- 2. Make sure the grain is completely wet, and then mix thoroughly as stated in the table. Liquid should be moving forcefully through the matrix to extract the T-2/HT-2.
- 3. The order of addition has been optimized. Please follow this order.
- 4. Samples that are not thoroughly mixed and <u>fully wetted</u> may adversely affect test results due to inconsistent extraction.

Clarify extracts (again, adhere to the Summary Guide table for optimal performance)

- 1. <u>Filtering</u>: Add an approved coffee filter (example: BUNN part #BUNBCF100B) to a clean vessel and pour extract into the filter. Allow the sample to sit for 2 minutes. Pull back an edge of the filter to gain access to the filtered extract.
- 2. <u>Centrifugation</u>: Fill a microcentrifuge tube with extract and centrifuge for the specified time at 2000 x g (<u>rcf. not rpm</u>). The top layer is the extract that will be used in the testing.

Add reagents to reaction tube

- 1. Take care not to contaminate the DB6 Buffer. Keep Buffer covered when not in use, and use a new pipette tip for each test. **Please note**: DB6 Buffer is matched with specific T-2/HT-2 Flex kit lot numbers; be sure to use the DB6 that is provided with the kit (do not mix and match buffers with different kit lots). There is a "use with" label on the DB6 that will indicate the matching T-2/HT-2 Flex lot number.
- 2. Follow Table A instructions for Buffer and extract order of addition.
- 3. Use two pipette tips (one for Buffer, one for extract) for each sample.
- 4. Mix Buffer and sample extract thoroughly by stirring or drawing the liquids up and down in the pipette tip. Samples that are not thoroughly mixed and/or accurately pipetted will adversely affect test results.
- 5. Do not reuse diluted samples. Use a new reaction tube for each sample.

How to Run the QuickTox Strip Test

A minimum of 10 minutes before testing is to start, turn on the incubator and set to 22°C (follow manufacturer's instructions for setting temperature). Ensure the temperature display has stabilized and indicates "OK" before starting the assay. If testing is planned throughout the day it recommended to turn the incubator on in the morning and leave it on throughout the day.

- 1. Allow refrigerated canisters to come to room temperature before opening.
- 2. Add the reaction tube containing the diluted sample to the incubator (be sure it has reached 22°C). If the temperature of the testing environment is unknown or outside of the range 20-24°C (68-75°F), allow the sample to acclimate for 2 minutes before proceeding.
- 3. Remove the QuickTox Strips to be used. Avoid bending the strips. Reseal the canister immediately.
- 4. Place the strip into the reaction tube containing the Buffer and sample extract. The arrow tape on the end of the strip should point into the reaction tube.
- 5. Allow the strip to develop for the time noted in the summary table.
- 6. Immediately cut off and discard the bottom section of the strip covered by the arrow tape. Insert strip into the QuickScan reader for quantitation.

Use of the QuickScan System

Detailed instructions for use of the QuickScan System are supplied with each unit, and can also be found at www.envirologix.com/quickscan. The Multi-Matrix Barcode Card must be scanned into the system prior to testing.

In summary, a strip is inserted face down in the carrier with the barcoded end closest to the handle. The carrier is inserted into the reader and the strips are read by touching or clicking on the "Read Test" area of the screen. If the "Select Matrix Groups" screen appears, select the group that displays the matrix run for each device. Results are then recorded in an electronic worksheet, allowing each user to report and track data easily.

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Results are reported up to a maximum ppb for each matrix. Results will be reported down to '0', but accuracy should not be assumed for results below the LOD for the matrix being tested. Refer to Table A for the Matrix Group LOD levels and assay range. Results greater than the maximum are reported as ">900 ppb", for example. If quantification of a sample above the maximum ppb is desired, a further dilution of the sample extract can be performed if indicated in the Table A Summary Guide (see "Range with Dilution").

Range with Dilution

If after running and reading the test, the initial result is greater than the assay maximum, and further knowledge about the level of contamination is desired, samples can be retested by further dilution of the sample extract if indicated in the Table A Summary Guide.

- 1. In a separate tube (not provided) combine extract with water to create a 1:6 dilution. Example: 1 part clarified extract + 5 parts water; $100 \, \mu L + 500 \, \mu L$). Measure carefully and mix well.
- 2. Rerun assay as before, adding DB6 Buffer + diluted extract into the reaction tube, acclimating for 2 minutes in the incubator (if room temperature is unknown or outside the range of 20-24°C [68-75°F]), and adding the strip for the time specified. Example: for corn, mix 100 μL Buffer + 100 μL diluted extract from step 1 (extracted 1:6 in water) in a reaction tube, place tube in incubator, acclimate if necessary, and add strip for 5 minutes.
- 3. In the QuickScan Results Screen, choose 1:A under the Dilution tab (dropdown menu). The System will calculate and record the T-2/HT-2 level in the diluted sample.

Kit Storage

This QuickTox Kit should be stored refrigerated. Note the shelf life on the kit box. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures may adversely affect the test results. Do not open the desiccated canister until ready to use the strips.

Cross-reactivity

The following mycotoxins have been tested with this kit and no false positive results occurred at the 100 ppm level: Aflatoxin B1, DON (deoxynivalenol), Fumonisin B1, Ochratoxin A, and Zearalenone.

Precautions and Notes

- Strips must be read wet promptly at the specified time for the matrix run to ensure accurate results.
- Accuracy of results less than the stated LOD for the matrix being tested, should not be assumed.
- For diluted samples, accuracy outside the qualified range should not be assumed.
- This product is currently not applicable for use in testing any other crops beyond those specified in this Product Insert.
- The corn assay is calibrated against corn reference samples supplied by Trilogy Analytical Laboratory, Washington, MO, using LC/MS/MS.
- As with all screening tests, it is recommended that results be confirmed by an alternate method when necessary.
- The assay has been optimized for use with the protocols provided in the kit. Deviation from these protocols may invalidate the results of the test. Room-temperature components, proper and thorough mixing, accurate pipetting, and using the correct corresponding DB6 Buffer provided in the kit are essential to accurate results.
- The results generated through the proper use of this diagnostic tool reflect the condition of the working sample directly tested. Extrapolation as to the condition of the originating lot, from which the working sample was derived, should be based on sound sampling procedures and statistical calculations which address random sampling effects, non-random sampling effects and assay system uncertainty. A negative result obtained when properly testing the working sample does not necessarily mean the originating lot is entirely negative for the analyte in question.
- Protect all components from hot or cold extremes of temperature when not in use. Do not leave in direct sunlight or in vehicle.
- Observe any applicable regulations when disposing of samples and extracts.



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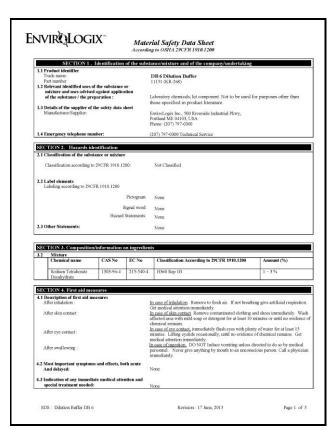
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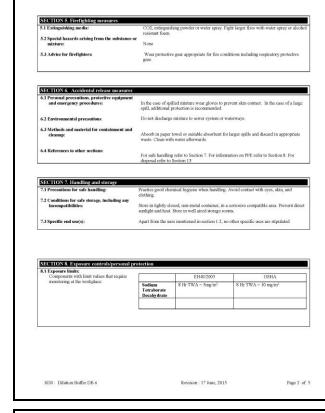
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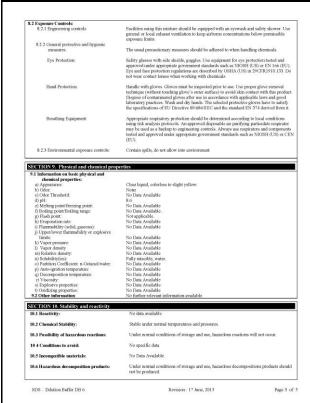
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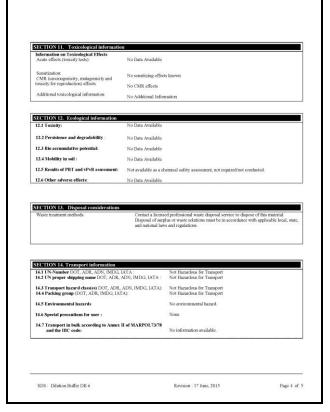
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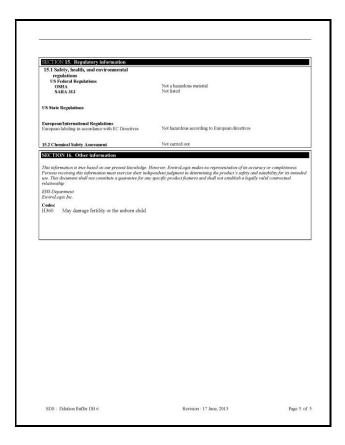


Table A: Validated Matrices

Table A: Validated Matrices	Matrix Group	Assay Range	Add grain to vessel first	Add Extractant second	Fully wet sample, then mix	Clarify	Add to Reaction Tube and mix	Add Reaction Tube to Incubator set at 22°C	Add strip for	For testing >900 ppb, dilute extract†
Corn (Standard Format)	T-2 MG3	50 ppb (LOD) to 900 ppb 900 to 2500 ppb with dilution	20g or 50g	5x vol water*	30 seconds at highest speed on shaker table, or vigorously by hand	Filter (2 min)	100 μL DB6 buffer + 100 μL extract	Acclimate tube for 2 min^	5 min	1:6 in water followed by 1:1 with buffer; select 1:A on Dilution tab
Corn (High Sensitivity Format)	T-2 MG4	25 ppb (LOD) to 600 ppb	20g or 50g	3x vol water*	30 seconds at highest speed on shaker table, or vigorously by hand	Centrifuge 30 sec at 2000 x g	100 μL DB6 buffer + 100 μL extract	Acclimate tube for 2 min^	5 min	

Notes:

^{*}Use distilled, deionized, or flat (non-carbonated) bottled water.

[^] The tube acclimation step is only required if the temperature of the testing environment is unknown or outside of 20-24°C (68 - 75°F)

[†] Follow the protocol outlined under 'Range with Dilution'