

Homeowner's Guide: Sending Flooring Samples

ITEL's scientific, objective analysis helps the homeowner and adjuster arrive at a fair settlement price. The process uses accurate physical specifications and currently available flooring styles to find comparable flooring. Using ITEL is easy and fast, with results returned to your you in as little as one business day.

Step 1: Collect the Flooring Sample

Read all directions before removing flooring. Keep safety in mind when collecting the samples. Be careful around sharp tools and edges; always use safety gloves and eye protection. If you have safety concerns, consider asking a contractor to collect a sample for you.

ITEL determines "Like Kind and Quality" flooring styles based on specifications from the original product. Collect the cleanest, least damaged and least worn sample for the most accurate results. Corners of rooms and closets are good places to collect flooring samples as they tend to have little traffic and wear.

Carpet: Cut a 10" x 10" or larger sample of the carpet. A sample of pad can also be collected when cutting the carpet sample.

Vinyl: Cut a 2" x 2" or larger piece of flooring. If the sample is vinyl tile, a complete tile can be sent. Place the vinyl sample in small plastic bag.

Laminate and Wood: A full width and thickness of the plank (include the tongue and groove) and 10" of length is requested for wood and laminate flooring. An uninstalled piece left from the original installation can be sent and will be the easiest to collect.

For glueless, snap-together flooring, you may be able to lift an entire piece from the floor by removing the baseboard at the intersection of two walls.

If the wood flooring is glued or nailed down, follow the glueless procedures. The first board pulled up may break apart, but additional boards will then be easier to remove.

Step 2: Fill out the "Homeowner's Test Request Form"

Complete the Test Request Form. All information is required except where noted.

1. List your information.

2. List insurance company information

3. Check appropriate box for enclosed sample.

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HOMEOWNER'S FLOORING TEST REQUEST FORM

BEFORE SENDING MAKE SURE YOU:
 1. Enclose the form in a sealed plastic bag if the sample is wet.
 2. Send the clearest, least damaged sample possible.
 3. Collect the flooring based on the instructions in the kit.
 4. Complete fill out your contact and billing information.

Today's Date: _____
 Date Damage Occurred: _____

Homeowner Information (All fields required)
 Homeowner's Name: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Fax # or E-mail Address: _____
 City, State, and Zip Code (Damaged house): _____

Insurance Company (Complete if your flooring is part of an insurance claim)
 Insurance Company: _____
 Claim Number: _____
 Adjuster Name: _____
 Adjuster Phone Number: _____
 Adjuster Fax # OR E-mail: _____

Sample Enclosed (Include one form per flooring sample)
 Flooring
 Description: _____
 Room(s): _____
 Pad or underlayment (free test if sent with flooring sample)
 Description: _____
 Room(s): _____

Test and Shipping Fees*
 Test Fee: \$37.50
 Pre-Paid Shipping: \$ 7.50
 Total: \$45.00

Billing (check one)
 Call homeowner for credit card
 Check enclosed

*Fees valid through 12/31/08. Contact ITEL Customer Service for current fees, or visit our website www.itelinc.com

QUESTIONS? Please contact our Customer Service team at 800-890-ITEL (4835) or custom@itelinc.com.

SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS:
Flooring:
 1. Samples should be 10" x 10", pads should be 4" x 8". Smaller samples may affect accuracy.
 2. Sheet and tile vinyl should be at least 2' x 2'.
 3. Send the full width and 10" of length for laminate, wood, and vinyl plank. If the full width is not available, note it on the form.

For security, do not include your credit card number on this form. An ITEL account representative will contact you for credit card payments. Checks are payable to ITEL, Inc.

Billing

Check the box to indicate if you are paying for the analysis by check or credit card.

For credit card payment, **do not** include your credit card number. An ITEL representative will call for your payment information.

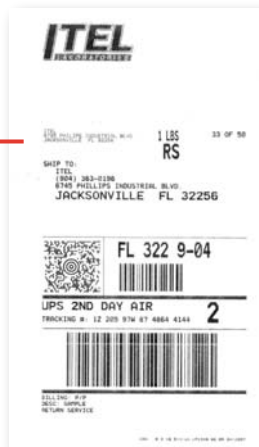
Your form may be slightly different.

Step 3: Ship the sample using the pre-addressed UPS® label

Need a shipping label? Download a shipping label at www.itelinc.com/homeowners.asp. There is no need to pre-pay the shipping when using the ITEL shipping label.

The top part of the peel-and-stick label should be placed on the envelope.

If you have downloaded the label, you will need to tape the label to your package using clear packing tape.



The bottom part is your return receipt. It includes the UPS tracking number and should be kept for your records.

Downloaded labels will not have the return receipt; please keep a copy of your tracking number for reference.

Send the sample

If the sample is wet, enclose the form in a ziplock-style bag before shipping.

Place the form and sample in a sturdy shipping envelope or box, attach the label, and seal the package. Express Pak envelopes are available free at UPS Stores®. You can drop the sample off at a UPS drop box or take it to a UPS Store. Drop box and store locations are available at www.ups.com/dropoff. If using your own shipping, send the sample to:

ITEL Laboratories
6745 Philips Industrial Blvd.
Jacksonville FL 32256



Sample collection complete!

The ITEL report will be returned to your adjuster the next business day after we receive the sample. For questions on the results or your claim, please contact your insurance adjuster. If you need help with these instructions, call ITEL's Customer Service Team: 800-890-ITEL (4835) Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Eastern Time. You can also e-mail our team: itelinfo@itelinc.com.



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BEFORE SENDING MAKE SURE YOU...

1. Enclose form in a sealed plastic bag if the sample is wet.
2. Read the enclosed instructions for collecting the sample.
3. Send the cleanest, least-damaged sample possible.

Today's Date: _____

Date Damage Occurred: _____

Homeowner's Name: _____

City, State, and Zip Code:
 (damaged house) _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax # OR E-mail Address _____

Insurance Company (Complete if your flooring is part of an insurance claim)

Insurance Company: _____

Claim Number: _____

Adjuster Name: _____

Adjuster Phone Number: _____

Adjuster E-mail Address and Fax: _____

Sample Enclosed (Include one form per flooring sample):

Flooring
 Description: _____

Pad or Underlayment (free test when sent with flooring)
 Description: _____

SAMPLE GUIDELINES:

1. Send the **cleanest, least damaged sample possible**.
2. Include one form for **each** flooring sample. Note pad on the same form as the corresponding flooring sample.
3. **Carpet:** 10" x 10"; pad 6" x 6".
4. **Sheet / tile vinyl:** at least 2" x 2".
5. **Laminate, wood, and vinyl plank:** full width and 10" of length.
6. **Tile and stone:** 6" x 6", or full tile if smaller.

Test and Shipping Fees *			Billing (check one):	<i>For security, do not include your credit card number on this form. An ITEL account representative will contact you for credit card payments.</i>
Sample:	Carpet, Wood, Laminate, Vinyl	Ceramic or Stone Tile		
Test Fee:	\$45.00	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Call me for credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance: Check this box only if your adjuster instructed you to send a sample as part of your insurance claim. The "Insurance Company" section above must be completed. The test results and invoice will be sent to your adjuster.	<i>Checks should be payable to: ITEL Laboratories, Inc.</i>
Shipping:	\$9.45	\$9.45		
Total:	\$54.45	\$84.45		

*Fees valid through 12/31/10.

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