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# Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Midiprep Kit

DNA from fecal, soil, and microbial samples.

## Highlights

- Simple, efficient isolation of humic-free, PCR-quality DNA from microbes including Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria, fungi, algae, protozoa, etc. in fecal and soil samples in as little as 25 minutes.
- State-of-the-art, ultra-high density **BashingBeads™** are fracture resistant and chemically inert.
- Omits the use of organic denaturants as well as proteinases.

Catalog Numbers:  
D6110



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# Product Contents

<b>Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Midiprep Kit</b>	<b>D6110 (25 Preps.)</b>	<b>Storage Temperature</b>
ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tubes	25	Room Temp.
BashingBead™ Buffer	150 ml	Room Temp.
Genomic Lysis Buffer <sup>1</sup>	2 x 250 ml	Room Temp.
DNA Pre-Wash Buffer <sup>2</sup>	15 ml	Room Temp.
g-DNA Wash Buffer	50 ml	Room Temp.
DNA Elution Buffer	16 ml	Room Temp.
Prep Solution	30 ml	Room Temp.
Zymo-Spin™ V-E Columns w/ Zymo-Midi Filters™	25	Room Temp.
Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filters	50	Room Temp.
Collection Tubes	100	Room Temp.
Instruction Manual	1	-

1 For optimal performance, add beta-mercaptoethanol to 0.5% (v/v) *i.e.*, 500 µl per 100 ml.

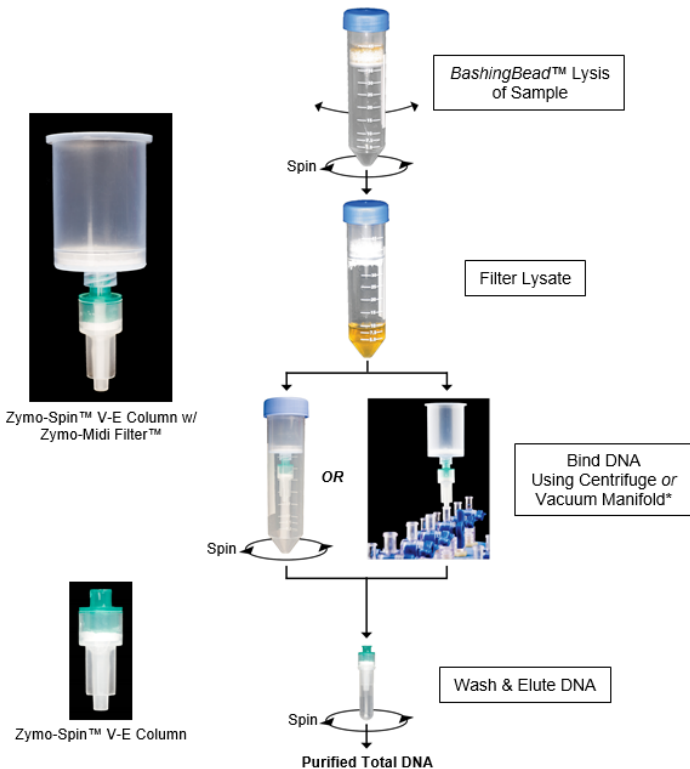
2 A precipitate may have formed in the DNA Pre-Wash Buffer during shipping. To completely resuspend the buffer, incubate the bottle at 30 – 37 °C for 30 minutes and mix by inversion. DO NOT MICROWAVE.

# Specifications

- **Format** – Bead Beating, Spin/Vacuum Filtration, and Spin Column Purification.
- **Sample Sources** – Host, bacterial, fungal, algal, protozoan, viral DNA can be isolated from up to 375 mg of feces or up to 5 g of soil (2.5 g recommended). The amount of soil sample processed will vary depending on the composition of the sample: process more soil material for wet muddy samples and less for dry sandy samples. Additionally, DNA can be isolated directly from pelleted fungi and bacteria.
- **DNA Purity** – High quality, humic/fulvic-free DNA is eluted with **DNA Elution Buffer** making it perfect for PCR. ( $A_{260}/A_{280} > 1.8$ ).
- **DNA Size Limits** – Capable of recovering genomic DNA up to and above 40 kb. In most instances, mitochondrial DNA and viral DNA (if present) will also be recovered.
- **DNA Recovery** – Typically, up to ~125 µg total DNA is eluted into ≥150 µl DNA Elution Buffer per sample.
- **Equipment** – Centrifuge, vacuum source and manifold, microcentrifuge, cell disrupter or pulverizer w/ 50 ml tube adapter

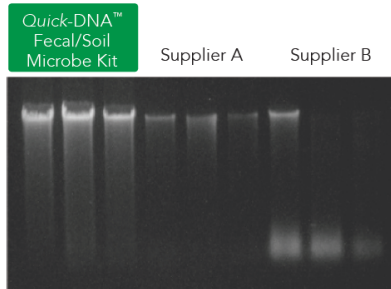
# Product Description

The **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Midiprep Kit** is designed for the simple, rapid isolation of inhibitor-free, PCR-quality DNA from a variety of fecal (including humans, birds, rats, mice, cattle, etc.) and soil (including clay, sandy, silty, peaty, chalky, and loamy soils) samples. The procedure is easy and can be completed in as little as 25 minutes: fecal samples ( $\leq 375$  mg each) or soil samples ( $\leq 5$  g) are added directly to a **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube**, where microbes are rapidly and efficiently lysed by bead beating without the use of organic denaturants or proteinases. The DNA is then isolated and purified using our Zymo-Spin™ Technology, which is subsequently filtered to remove humic acids/polyphenols that inhibit PCR. The entire procedure can be performed in as little as 25 minutes, and there is no need for organic denaturants or proteinases. A schematic of the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Midiprep Kit** procedure is shown below.

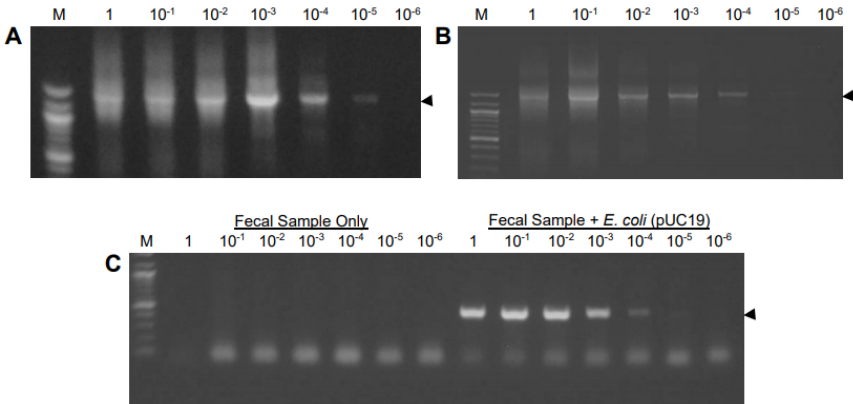


\* Vacuum is the preferred method for DNA binding to the Zymo-Spin™ V-E column.

## Fecal DNA Isolation

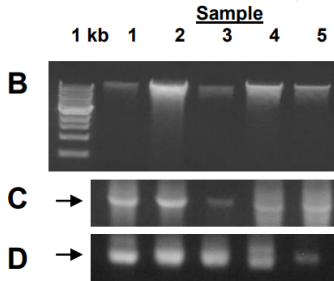
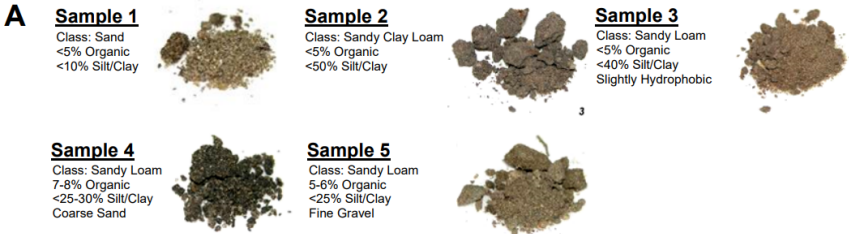


Comparison of DNA yields from rat feces using the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit** and kits from suppliers A and B. Equivalent amounts of feces were processed using each kit and then equal volumes of eluted DNA were analyzed in a 0.8% (w/v) agarose/ethidium bromide gel. Samples were processed in triplicate.

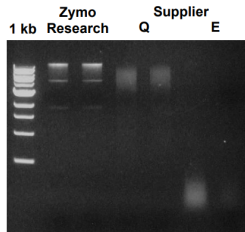


PCR of DNAs from rat and human fecal samples isolated with the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit**. Panels A and B show the results of PCR with DNA isolated from rat and human fecal samples, respectively, using primers specific for prokaryotic 16S rRNA. Panel C shows the results of PCR of DNA isolated from human feces with and without the addition of *E. coli* containing pUC19 plasmid DNA (indicated at the top of the image) using primers specific for the pUC19 sequence. In each case, amplicons were analyzed in a 1.5% (w/v) agarose / ethidium bromide gel using a UV imager. Numbers above each lane of the gel images are the volumetric equivalent (in  $\mu\text{l}$ ) of eluted DNA (100  $\mu\text{l}$ ) used for PCR. Arrows mark the relative migration of amplicons in the gels, and M is a 100 bp DNA ladder (NEB).

## Soil Microbe DNA Isolation



The **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit** can be used to isolate high quality DNA from a variety of soil types which yields robust products following PCR. **Panel A:** Physical characteristics of sampled soils (1-5) (Ref. 1). **Panel B:** Microbial DNA was isolated from soil samples (1-5) using the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit**. Approximately 10% of the eluted DNA was then separated in a 0.8% (w/v) agarose/ethidium bromide gel. **Panels C and D** show the results of PCR of microbial DNA isolated from the samples with primers specific for prokaryotic 16S rRNA (**C**) or eukaryotic rRNA (**D**). In the figures, the 1 kb size marker (NEB) is as indicated and the arrows show the prokaryotic 16S rRNA and eukaryotic rRNA PCR products.



DNA isolated from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (strain TMY18) using the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit** is high-quality and structurally intact. Equivalent amounts of yeast were processed using the **Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit** or the kits from suppliers Q and E. Equal volumes of eluted DNA were then analyzed in a 0.8% (w/v) agarose/ethidium bromide gel. The size marker is a 1 kb ladder (NEB).

### References:

1. Soil and Plant Laboratory, Inc. P.O. Box 11744, Santa Ana, California 92711

# Protocol

For optimal performance, add beta-mercaptoethanol (user supplied) to the **Genomic Lysis Buffer** to a final dilution of 0.5% (v/v) *i.e.*, 2.5 ml per 500 ml.

1. Add 2.5 grams (5 g max.)<sup>1</sup> of soil sample or up to 375 mg of fecal samples to the bead/filter chamber of a **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube**. Add 6 ml **BashingBead™ Buffer** to the sample, cap tube tightly, and process.

**Note:** To prevent the **BashingBead™ Buffer** from leaking into the bottom of the 50 ml tube, place the **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube** on its side prior to processing. Alternatively, add 250-500 mg (wet weight) fungal and/or bacterial cells that have been resuspended in 6 ml of **BashingBead™ Buffer** to a **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube**.

2. Secure in a bead beater fitted with a 50 ml tube holder assembly (see page 9) to process samples. Optimization of processing time/speed will be necessary for complete sample lysis.

**Note:** Processing times may be as little as one minute when using high-speed bead beaters (*e.g.*, 2010 GenoGrinder®). See manufacturer's literature for specific operating information.

3. Centrifuge the **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube** in a centrifuge at  $\geq 3,000 \times g$  (5,000  $\times g$  max.) for 5 minutes.
4. Remove bead/filter chamber from the top of the **ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tube** and transfer supernatant<sup>2</sup> from the bottom of the tube to a clean 50 ml tube (not provided).
5. Add 18 ml of **Genomic Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant. Mix well.
6. Filter the entire mixture from Step 5 using a **Zymo-Spin™ V-E Column/Zymo-Midi Filter™** assembly mounted on a vacuum manifold<sup>3</sup> (see diagram on page 3) with a vacuum source set at  $\geq 600$  mm Hg.

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<sup>1</sup> Although 2.5 g is recommended for most applications, the amount of sample will vary depending on its composition: process more material for wet muddy samples and less for dry sandy samples.

<sup>2</sup> Be careful to avoid the pelleted material at the bottom of the tube when transferring the supernatant.

<sup>3</sup> Alternatively, the **Zymo-Spin™ V-E Column/Zymo-Midi Filter™** assembly can be placed in a 50 ml tube and centrifuged at 2,000  $\times g$  max. for 5 minutes. Filtration of the entire mixture will require several spins. Empty the flow through from the tube after each spin. **CAUTION:** Make sure the connection between the column and filter is secure (finger tight) prior to centrifugation!



7. Disconnect the Zymo-Spin™ V-E Column/Zymo-Midi Filter™ assembly and transfer the **Zymo-Spin™ V-E Column** to a **Collection Tube**. Spin the column at 10,000 x *g* for 1 minute in a microcentrifuge<sup>4</sup>, then add 300 µl **DNA Pre-Wash Buffer** to the column and spin at 10,000 x *g* for 1 minute. Discard the flow through.
  8. Add 400 µl **g-DNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge at 10,000 x *g* for 1 minute. Discard flow through and repeat wash step.
  9. Transfer the **Zymo-Spin™ V-E Column** to a 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube and add 150 µl **DNA Elution Buffer** directly to the column matrix<sup>5</sup>. Wait for 1 minute and then centrifuge at 10,000 x *g* for 1 minute to elute the DNA<sup>6</sup>.
- Note:** If fungal or bacterial cultures were sampled, the DNA is now suitable for PCR as well as other downstream applications.
10. Place a **Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter** in a clean Collection Tube and add 600 µl **Prep Solution**. Centrifuge at 8,000 x *g* for 3 minutes.
  11. Transfer the eluted DNA to a prepared Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter in a clean 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube and centrifuge at exactly 16,000 x *g* for 3 minutes. The filtered DNA is now suitable for PCR and other downstream applications.

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<sup>4</sup> Leave the rotor cover off the microcentrifuge if clearance with the column tops is a problem.

<sup>5</sup> DNA yields can be increased by performing a second elution and pooling the eluates.

<sup>6</sup> In some cases a brown-colored pellet may form at the bottom of the tube after centrifugation. Avoid this pellet when collecting the eluted DNA.

# Ordering Information

Product Description	Catalog No.	Size
<b>Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Microprep Kit</b>	D6012	50 Preps.
<b>Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Miniprep Kit</b>	D6010	50 Preps.
<b>Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Midiprep Kit</b>	D6110	25 Preps.
<b>Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil 96 Kit</b>	D6011	2 x 96 Preps.

Individual Kit Components	Catalog No.	Amount
<b>ZR BashingBead™ Lysis/Filtration Tubes (50 ml) w/ 0.5 mm Beads</b>	S6010	25 Pack
<b>Genomic Lysis Buffer</b>	D3004-1-100	100 ml
<b>BashingBead™ Buffer</b>	D6001-3-150	150 ml
<b>DNA Pre-Wash Buffer</b>	D3004-5-15	15 ml
<b>g-DNA Wash Buffer</b>	D3004-2-50	50 ml
<b>DNA Elution Buffer</b>	D3004-4-16	16 ml
<b>Prep Solution</b>	D6035-1-30	30 ml
<b>Zymo-Spin™ V-E Columns w/ Zymo-Midi Filters™</b>	C1021-25	25 Pack
<b>OneStep™ PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit</b>	D6030	50 Preps.
<b>Collection Tubes</b>	C1001-50 C1001-500 C1001-1000	50 Pack 500 Pack 1,000 Pack

<b>Lysis Instruments</b>	<b>Catalog No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>FastPrep™ 24</b>	S6005	1 Unit
<b>BigPrep™ Adapter (2 x 50ml Tubes) for FastPrep-24</b>	S6005-4	1 Unit
<b>2010 Geno/Grinder</b>	S6006	1 Unit
<b>50 ml Tube Holder/Cryo Block Assembly for Geno/Grinder</b>	S6006-3	2 Blocks



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