

# Homeowner's Guide: Sending Flooring Sample

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.



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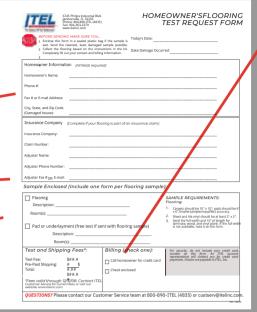
Step 2: Fill out the "Homeowner's Test Request Form"

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.



#### 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 slightlty different.

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

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

The top part of the peel-andstick 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 UPStracking number and should be kept for your records.

Downloaded labels will not have the return receipt; please keep <sup>a</sup> 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 <a href="www.ups.com/dropoff">www.ups.com/dropoff</a>. If using your own shiping, send the



sample to: ITEL Laboratories

6676 Corporate Center Pkwy

Suite 107

Jacksonville FL 32216

### 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 9:00 PM Eastern Time. You can also e-mail our team: *customerservice@itelinc.com*.



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#### BEFORE SENDING MAKE SURE YOU...

- 1 Enclose form in a sealed plastic bag if the sample is wet. Today's Date:

HOMEOWNER'S FLOORING
Test Request Form

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3 Homeowner's Name:					
City, State, and Zip Co					
(damaged house)					
Phone Number:					
E-mail Address					
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Insurance Company:					
Claim Number:					
Adjuster Name:					
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Sample Enclos	ed (Include on	e form per flo	oring sample):		
□ Flooring			GUIDELINES:		
Description:			<ol> <li>Send the cleanest, least damaged sample possible. Corners and closets are often in better condition than high-traffic areas.</li> </ol>		
			<ol><li>Include one form for each flooring sample. Note pad on the sam form as the corresponding flooring sample.</li></ol>		
Pad or Underlayment (free test when sent with flooring)			3. Carpet: 10" x 10"; pad 6" x 6".		
Description:			<ul><li>4. Sheet / tile vinyl: at least 2" x 2".</li><li>5. Laminate, wood, and vinyl plank: full width and 10" of length.</li></ul>		
			6. Tile and stone: 6" x 6", or full tile if sma	aller.	
Test Fees (per flooring sample)			Billing (check one):	For security, do not include your credit card	
	Carpet, Wood,	Ceramic or	Call me for credit card	number on this form. An ITEL account	
Туре	Laminate, Vinyl	Stone Tile	Check enclosed for:	representative will contact you for credit	
Test Fee	\$68.00	\$155.00 	- \$	card payments. Checks should be	
Sample Shipping Fees (ITEL Label)			_	payable to	
Туре	2nd <sub>Day</sub>	Next Day	Insurance: Check this bo <u>x only</u> if your adjuster instructed you to	ITEL Laboratories, Inc.	
		\$28.15	send a sample as part of your insurance claim. The "Insurance		
Shipping Fee \$19.25			Company" section above must be		
Fees valid through 12/31/24. Call 800-890-4835 or email customerservice@itelinc.com for current fees.			completed. The test results and invoice will be sent to your adjuster		

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