

Comparison of Legionella Testing Techniques: Antigen, PCR & Culture

	ANTIGEN PRO ULTRA	PCR	CULTURE
What is being measured?	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i> SG1-15 antigen	Legionella DNA	Legionella culturable cells
Detects dangerous VBNC <small>(Viable but Non Culturable)</small>	Yes	Yes	No
Level of expertise required	Low	High	High
On-site result	Yes	No	No
Speed of result	25 MINUTES	Up to 2 days	7 - 10 days

*For ISO accredited laboratories. Non-ISO laboratories are likely to have even lower recovery rates.

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