

SHIELD HOME INSPECTIONS
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Certificate of Mold Analysis

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Report Number: 1767718
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| ANALYSIS METHOD | 6110 Air Direct Examination | 6110 Air Direct Examination | 6110 Air Direct Examination | INTENTIONALLY BLANK |
| LOCATION | BASEMENT | 1ST FLOOR | OUTDOOR | |
| COC / LINE # | 1767718 - 1 | 1767718 - 2 | 1767718 - 3 | |
| SAMPLE TYPE | PRO-15 | PRO-15 | PRO-15 | |
| VOLUME | 225.00L | 225.00L | 225.00L | |
| SERIAL NUMBER | Q232556 | Q2315062 | Q236722 | |
| COLLECTION DATE | Aug 15, 2024 | Aug 15, 2024 | Aug 15, 2024 | |
| ANALYSIS DATE | Aug 19, 2024 | Aug 19, 2024 | Aug 19, 2024 | |
| CONCLUSION | NOT ELEVATED | NOT ELEVATED | CONTROL | |

| IDENTIFICATION | Raw Count | Spores per m ³ | Total % | Raw Count | Spores per m ³ | Total % | Raw Count | Spores per m ³ | Total % | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Cladosporium | 4 | 18 | 6 | | | | 32 | 140 | 16 | | | |
| Ganoderma | | | | | | | 8 | 36 | 4 | | | |
| Other Ascospores | 12 | 53 | 19 | 8 | 36 | 40 | 88 | 390 | 46 | | | |
| Other Basidiospores | | | | | | | 20 | 89 | 10 | | | |
| Penicillium/Aspergillus | 48 | 210 | 75 | 12 | 53 | 60 | 40 | 180 | 21 | | | |
| Smuts, myxomycetes | | | | | | | 4 | 18 | 2 | | | |
| TOTAL SPORES | 64 | 281 | 100 | 20 | 89 | 100 | 192 | 853 | 100 | | | |
| MINIMUM DETECTION LIMIT* | 4 | 18 | | 4 | 18 | | 4 | 18 | | | | |
| BACKGROUND DEBRIS | Light | | | Light | | | Light | | | | | |
| OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Background debris qualitatively estimates the amount of particles that are not pollen or spores and directly affects the accuracy of the spore counts. The categories of Light, Moderate, Heavy and Too Heavy for Accurate Count, are used to indicate the amount of deposited debris. Light (None to up to 25% obstruction); Medium (26% to up to 75% obstruction); Heavy (76% to up to 90% obstruction); Too Heavy (Greater than 90% obstruction). Increasing amounts of debris will obscure small spores and can prevent spores from impacting onto the slide. The actual number of spores present in the sample is likely higher than reported if the debris estimate is 'Heavy' or 'Too Heavy for Accurate Count'. All calculations are rounded to two significant figures and therefore, the total percentage of spore numbers may not equal 100%. The effect of the results relate only to the items tested. The methods used in this analysis have been validated and is fit for the intended use. R "version" indicated after the lab ID# indicates a sample with amended data. PRO-LAB/SSPTM Inc. does not perform any sample collection. The information is supplied by the customer and can affect the validity of results. The results apply to the sample as received.

* **Minimum Detection Limit.** Based on the volume of air sampled, this is the lowest number of spores that can be detected and is an estimate of the lowest concentration of spores that can be read in the sample. **NA** = Not Applicable.

Spores that were observed from the samples submitted are listed on this report. If a spore is not listed on this report it was not observed in the samples submitted.

Interpretation Guidelines: A determination is added to the report to help users interpret the mold analysis results. A mold report is only one aspect of an indoor air quality investigation. The most important aspect of mold growth in a living space is the availability of water. Without a source of water, mold generally will not become a problem in buildings. These determinations are in no way meant to imply any health outcomes or financial decisions based solely on this report. For questions relating to medical conditions you should consult an occupational or environmental health physician or professional.

Conclusions for Air Sampling

CONTROL is a baseline sample showing what the spore count and diversity is at the time of sampling. The control sample(s) is usually collected outside of the structure being tested and used to determine if this sample(s) is similar in diversity and abundance to the inside sample(s).

ELEVATED means that the amount and/or diversity of spores, as compared to the control sample(s), and other samples in our database, are higher than expected. This can indicate that fungi have grown because of a water leak or water intrusion. Fungi that are considered to be indicators of water damage include, but are not limited to: *Chaetomium*, *Fusarium*, *Memnoniella*, *Stachybotrys*, *Scopulariopsis*, *Ulocladium*.

NOT ELEVATED means that the amount and/or the diversity of spores, as compared to the control sample and other samples in our database, are lower than expected and may indicate no problematic fungal growth.

Conclusions for Physical Sampling

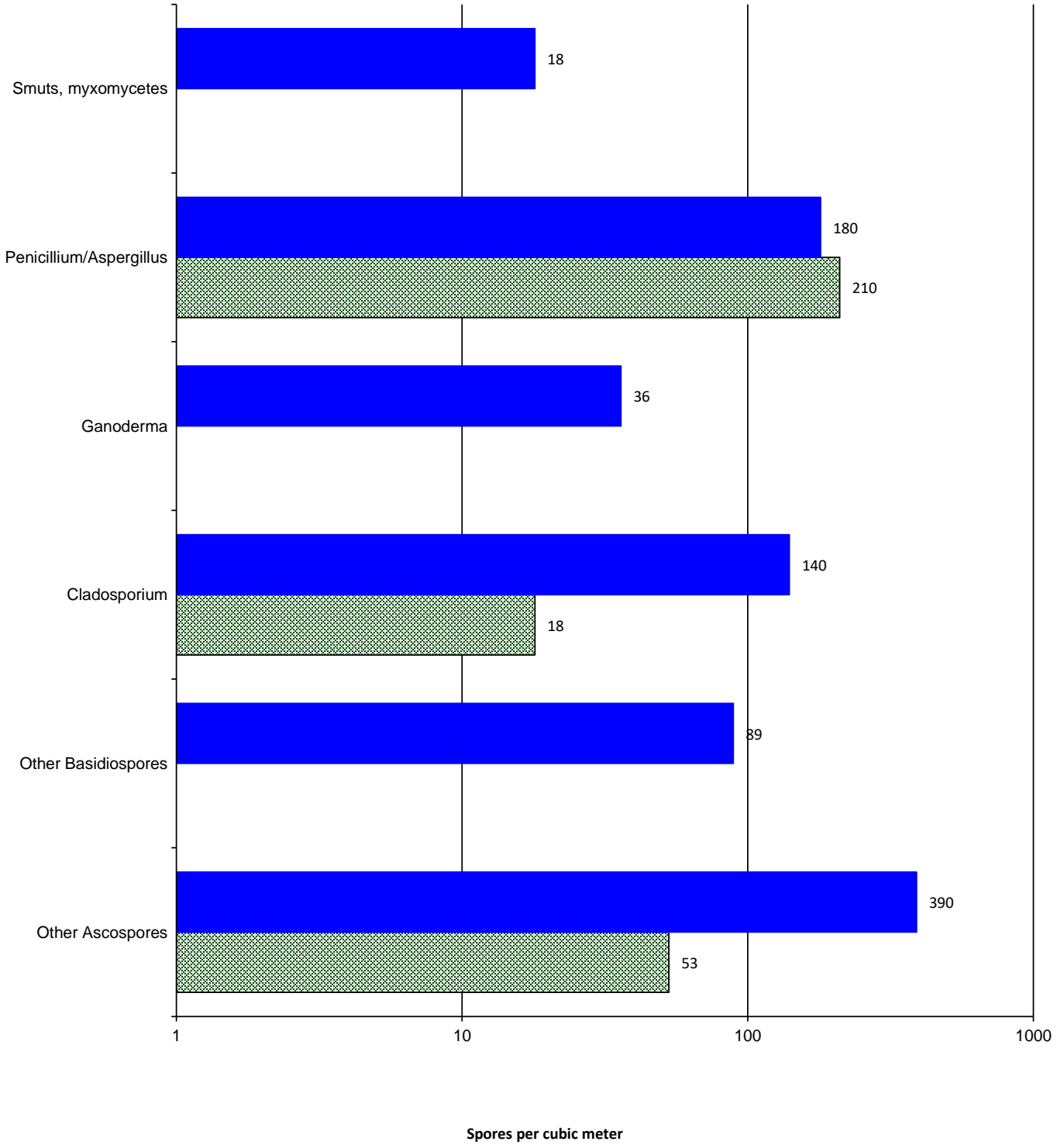
UNUSUAL means that the presence of growth was observed in the analyzed sample. An abundance of spores are present, and/or growth structures including hyphae and/or fruiting bodies are present and associated with one or more of the types of mold/fungi identified in the analyzed sample.

NORMAL means that no presence of growth was observed in the analyzed sample. If spores are recorded they are normally what is in the air and have settled on the surface(s) tested.



Chain of Custody # 1767718

Basement
Outdoor

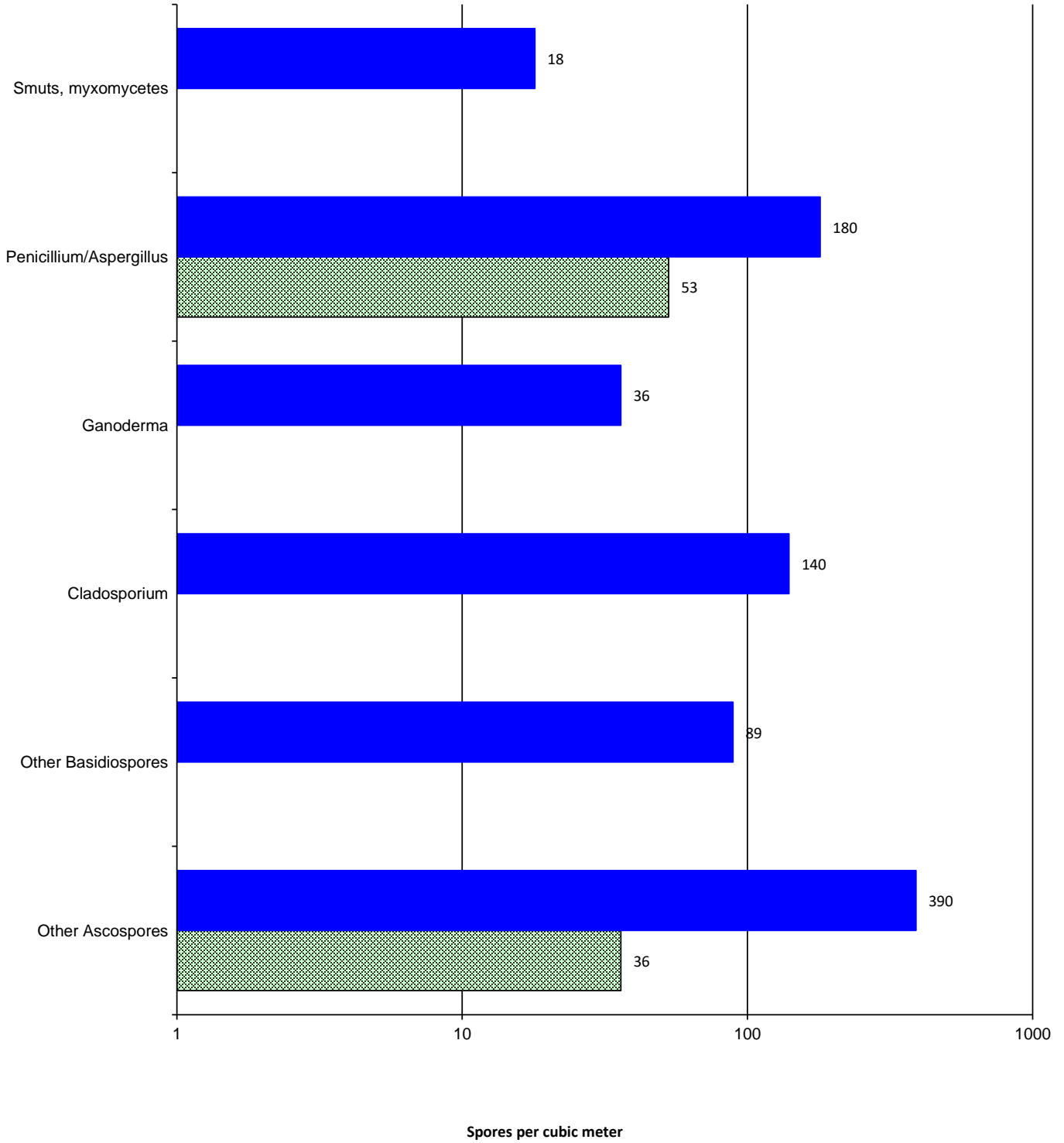




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1St Floor

Outdoor



| Identification | Outdoor Habitat | Indoor Habitat | Possible Allergic Potential Not an opinion or interpretation | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Cladosporium | The most common spore type reported in the air worldwide. Found on dead and dying plant litter, and soil. | Commonly found on wood and wallboard. Commonly grows on window sills, textiles and foods. | Type I (hay fever and asthma), Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis) allergies. | A very common and important allergen source both outdoors and indoors. |
| Ganoderma | Common everywhere growing on hardwood trees. | None known. | None known. | |
| Ascospores | Common everywhere. Constitutes a large part of the airspora outside. Can reach very high numbers in the air outside during the spring and summer. Can increase in numbers during and after rainfalls. | Very few of this group grow inside. The notable exception is Chaetomium, Ascotricha and Peziza. | Little known for most of this group of fungi. Dependent on the type (see Chaetomium and Ascotricha). | |
| Basidiospores | Commonly found everywhere, especially in the late summer and fall. These spores are from Mushrooms. | Mushrooms are not normally found growing indoors, but can grow on wet lumber, especially in crawlspaces. Sometimes mushrooms can be seen growing in flower pots indoors. | Some allergenicity reported. Type I (hay fever, asthma) and Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis). | Among the group of Mushrooms (Basidiomycetes) are dry rot fungi Serpula and Poria that are particularly destructive to buildings. |
| Penicillium/Aspergillus | Common everywhere. Normally found in the air in small amounts in outdoor air. Grows on nearly everything. | Wetted wallboard, wood, food, leather, etc. Able to grow on many substrates indoors. | Type I (hay fever and asthma) allergies and Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis) allergies. | This is a combination group of Penicillium and Aspergillus and is used when only the spores are seen. The spores are so similar that they cannot be reliably separated into their respective genera. |
| Smuts, myxomycetes | Commonly found everywhere, especially on logs, grasses and weeds. | Smuts don't normally grow indoors, but can occasionally be found on things brought from outside and stored in the house. Myxomycetes can occasionally grow indoors, but need lots of water to be established. | Type I (hay fever and asthma) allergies. | Smuts and myxomycetes are a combined group of organisms because their spores look so similar and cannot be reliably distinguished from each other. |