

Checked your oil lately?

3M[™] Shortening Monitor

The 3M[™] Shortening Monitor is a fast and accurate way to measure shortening breakdown, allowing you to easily develop procedures to help control fried food quality and to ensure customer satisfaction.

- Easy to use and read, eliminating guesswork
- Helps save money by preventing the premature disposal of shortening
- Works equally well in animal, vegetable or A/V blend shortenings



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Stock Number	70-0709-1690-6		
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Strips/Bottle	40		
Bottle/Case	4		

Directions for Use

- 1. Using tongs, hold test strip by longest white end.
- 2. Dip test strip into hot oil (325-400°F/163-204°C) so all blue bands are submerged.
- 3. Hold in oil for 5 seconds.
- 4. Remove strip from oil.
- 5. Wait 30 seconds.
- 6. Hold strip up to the light.
- 7. Compare strip to 3M Evaluation Guide to the right. Follow recommendations.
- 8. Throw away used test strip.

3M Evaluation Guide

Four colored bands that change color from blue to yellow as the levels of free fatty acids (FFA) increase in your shortening.

>0% FFA		>2% FFA		>4% FFA	When the test strip reaches this level, it is recommended to change the oil.	>6% FFA
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Note: Strips were tested/dipped into a known concentration of FFA as indicated. Discard shortening based on 3M Evaluation Guide or based on guidelines determined by your manager. Store in a tightly closed bottle at room temperature (70°F/21°C) or below. Keep all other bottles not in use in refrigerator or freezer.









1. Free fatty acids concentrations indicated on the 3M[™] Shortening Monitor strip are equivalent to those that can be obtained by A.O.C.S. Official Test Methods Te la-64 and Ca 5a-40.

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