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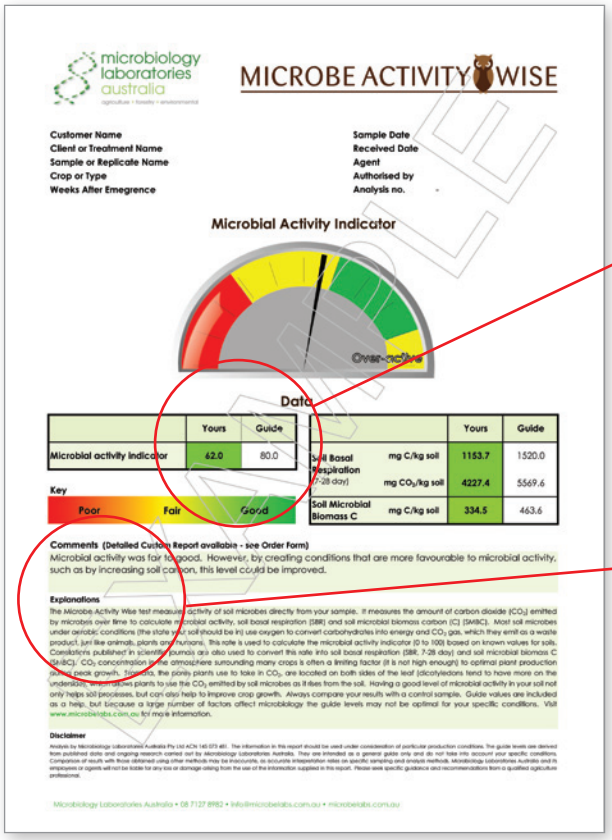
MICROBE ACTIVITY WISE

Microbe Activity Wise measures the potential microbial activity in your soil. It measures the amount of carbon dioxide (CO_2) produced by microbes over 24 hours to calculate potential microbial activity, soil basal respiration (SBR) and soil microbial biomass carbon (SMBC). These results allow you to assess your soil's capacity for total microbial activity under ideal conditions. In general, higher activity is linked to better soil health because of the wide variety of important soil processes performed by beneficial microbes.



Key features

- Easy to understand
- Fast turnaround*
- Low cost*

Ideal for:

- Basic overview of potential soil microbial activity
- Introduction to soil microbiology measurement
- Combination with Microbe Wise for a complete biomass/activity picture

Info level*

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*compared to other Microbe Labs tests

COLOUR CODED RESULTS FOR EASY UNDERSTANDING

All results are colour coded based on guide values for easy recognition.

Key

Poor | Fair | Good

COMMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS

Each report comes with comments and explanations designed to help you understand your results.

MORE INFO?

Customised reports with detailed comments and recommendations are also available as an optional extra. See price list for more info.

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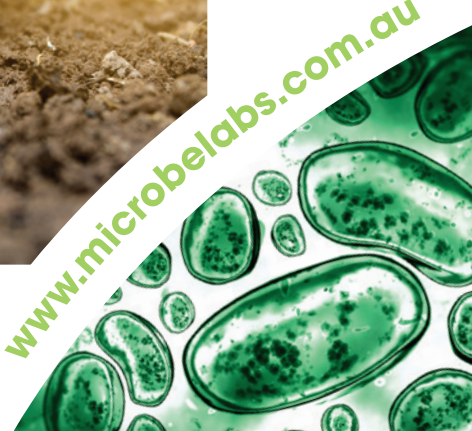

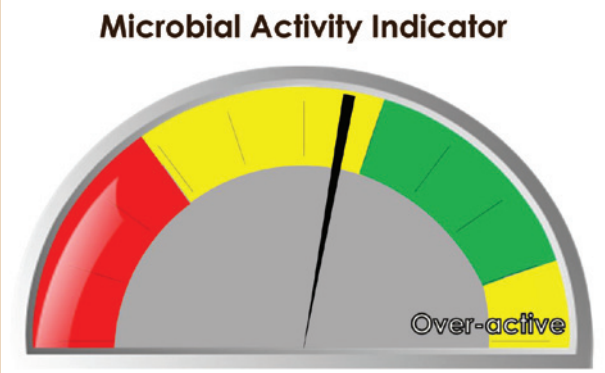

MICROBIAL ACTIVITY INDICATOR

The Microbial Activity Indicator allows you to see at a glance how active your soil is compared to our guide. The guide is an overall indication and represents a typical value that could be obtained in a naturally highly productive soil. It doesn't take your particular soil type into account, so it's important not to be overly concerned if your result doesn't match the guide. The most important thing is to compare your result with results from your control sample, or other samples, to gain an understanding of how different soils and practices influence your results over time.

For the technically-minded

The Microbial Activity Indicator is a relative, unit-less value on a 0 to 100 scale, where 0 represents no microbial activity and 80 represents a typical value that could be obtained in a naturally highly productive soil. This typical value has been estimated from results published in scientific journals and Microbe Labs' own extensive experience at measuring soils using the CO_2 respiration method over more than a decade. For further technical information see: soilquality.org.au, Soil Tests, Microbial Activity; Franzluebbers et al. (1996), SSSAJ 60:113-1139; Franzluebbers et al. (2000), SSSAJ 64: 613-623; Paul (Ed.) (2014), Soil Microbiology, Ecology and Biochemistry (4th ed.).

RESPIRATION & BIOMASS

In Microbe Activity Wise, **Soil Basal Respiration (SBR)** refers to the rate of CO_2 produced by microbes in equilibrium in undisturbed soil, under ideal conditions. **Soil Microbial Biomass Carbon (SMBC)** refers to the amount of carbon contained within all the microbes living in the soil under ideal conditions. Both are estimated by correlation from the CO2 measured in Microbe Activity Wise.

Item		Yours	Guide
Soil Basal Respiration (7-28 day)	mg C/kg soil	1153.7	1520.0
	mg CO_2/kg soil	4227.4	5569.6
Soil Microbial Biomass Carbon	mg C/kg soil	334.5	463.6

For the technically-minded

Microbial respiration and biomass are affected by soil water, temperature and carbon content, and factors that influence them, such as soil type. Climate (particularly rainfall) and management practices. Most of the microbial biomass and activity in the soil occurs in the top 10cm and is usually limited below 20cm. For further technical information see: soilquality.com.au, Fact Sheets, Microbial Biomass; Olinger et al. (1996), Soil Respiration, Methods in Soil Biology 93-110.

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