

Test Strips - The Lowdown

At first glance, Test Strips look like an easy, inexpensive way to test brake fluid. But, as we have found, they are actually expensive and ineffective. Take a look at the table below to compare costs between test strips and the Alba brake fluid tester.

	Test Strips	ALBA Boiling Point Tester
No of Tests per day	6	6
No. of flushes resulting from tests	4	4
Re-tests	4	4
Total strips per day	10	N/A
Tub of 100 strips lasts...	10 days	N/A
Cost	Cost per tub: \$52 (\$47 + Carriage)	Cost per unit: \$400 approx
Cost per year (based on a garage working 345 days a year)	\$1820 (35 tubs @ \$52 each)	One-off price is \$400 (and this will last for years)

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- Basically, the more you use Test Strips, the more it costs you.
- The more people you have using test strips, the more it costs you.
- Are you confident that your employees can distinguish between different colour shades in a dark environment, or in any environment? We tried it, we're the experts, and we struggled! TRY IT YOURSELF AND SEE.
- Do you want a test that relies on one person comparing a colour or do you want a tester that shows you and the customer a real boiling point?
- With a boiling point tester, you can be safe in the knowledge that you have an accurate result – you won't send customers back out onto the road with faulty fluid.
- What's more, once you've bought an Alba boiling point tester, you don't pay any more. You could buy 4 boiling point testers for the price of a year's supply of test strips.
- Test strips are great news for the companies selling them (just check out the figures) but for the technician they mean a lot of expense – and they are not even accurate!