

Product Test Report Synopsis

Product Tested:	Tumbleweed Compost Bin
Quantity Tested:	27
Approval %:	100%
Price Point Approval %:	71%

Test Criteria:	Average Score:
Ease of use	9.1
Clarity of instructions	8.7
Design	9.1
Performance	10.0
Durability	9.5
Rated against similar products	8.0
Germination/Growth	n/a
Bloom/ or vegetable production	n/a
Appearance	8.0
Results Achieved	8.0
Overall Rating	9.6
Overall Average	8.9

Scale: 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent)

MS Charlotte Smith Member Number: 70162627



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Clarity of Instructions	○	○	○	●	○
Design	○	○	○	●	○
Performance	○	○	○	●	○
Durability	○	○	○	○	○
Rated against similar products	○	○	●	○	○
Germination/Growth	○	○	○	○	●
Bloom or vegetable production	○	○	○	○	●
Appearance	○	○	●	○	○
Rated Against Similar Products, Size, Results Achieved	○	○	●	○	○
Overall Rating	○	○	○	●	○

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It compares so much better and allows the
ability to grow just what you want.

Best feature(s): _____

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments: _____

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ALISON URBANEK Member Number: 82012748



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Works quick, Holds a lot, Doesn't take much space
easy to open and close.

Best feature(s): ease of operation if not full, easy access

Suggested Improvement(s): something to grab onto to help spin to unit (such as handles)

Additional Comments: Hard to turn when full, Hard on back. I think too hard for the older gardener.

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CINDY FOOTE Member Number: 70206707



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Easy to assemble - ~~Sturdy~~ Sturdy.
Easy to put scraps etc into + the
best feature - easy to turn/mix.
I love this Composter!

Best feature(s): Ease of use - doesn't look like "sore spot" in the yard.

Suggested Improvement(s):

Additional Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to test this wonderful product.

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JUDITH A PRANGE Member Number: 83271999



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My husband is a builder, and he was very impressed with how sturdy and well-built it was.

I loved the ease of using it and not having to turn it all with a fork. I do have a 3 bin composter that is much more work.

Best feature(s): *Ease of filling and speedy results*

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments: _____

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MARGARET A CHARLES Member Number: 70060252



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Had useable compost in 4 weeks. Container size was more than adequate!

Best feature(s): Ease of use

Suggested Improvement(s): None

Additional Comments:

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Ms Karen Truglio Member Number: 83226775



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This product was easy to assemble - it took 20 minutes. The compact size + vertical rotation feature makes it easy to store in small areas. The 4 week composting time make it convenient to start a new mulch cycle every time the bin is moved. The spin feature makes it easy to mix the contents thus speeds up the composting process.

Best feature(s): *compact design - good for small area + small gardens*

Suggested Improvement(s): *more air holes throughout the barrel for improved air circulation.*

Additional Comments:

Thank you for the Compost Bin - It's been a god send

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LT # 70248112

Laura Knight Member Number: 83230599



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like the idea that both ends open to add things to it & so easy to turn when ever walk by & can be placed any where ground or concrete

Best feature(s): *Easy to turn*

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

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Ms SANDY L DILGER Member Number: 70052615



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After I had it filled, it took a while to get it to work for me. I finally used a activator to help along. It makes a small amount. This batch took 8 wks.

Best feature(s): The ease in removing compost

Suggested Improvement(s):

Additional Comments: Takes too long for finished product without using a starter product.

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CHRIS RENTMEISTER Member Number: 70025176



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I followed all directions very carefully. However, instead of adding compost in a pile under (or in) a claim) it took two months. It took to say that this is typical for compost to break through.

Best feature(s): *Easy to use. Keeps animals out of compost.*

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments: *I still feel good old-fashioned compost "pile" are the best.*

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MS ALEXANDRI BERRY Member Number: 70129316



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I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST THE GRASS CLIPPINGS BROKE DOWN INTO COMPOST. I HAVE ALWAYS HAD COMPOST PILES THAT NEEDED TURNING AND IT TOOK SO LONG

Best feature(s):

Suggested Improvement(s): NONE

Additional Comments:

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Ms KAREN FAIRCHILD Member Number: 70164661



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Great for everyday Composting. For Tough roots & more fibrous debris, I would add compost helper or fresh Manure to speed process. I had good compost in 4 weeks but had to pluck out some sprouted roots

Best feature(s): Ease of filling - Looks good

Suggested Improvement(s): Handle. Sometimes difficult to Tumble - May Challenge older gardeners

Additional Comments: Compact & easy

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