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Counterfeit Pills Seized in California

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Overview of Counterfeit Pills Seized in California

Counterfeit pills manufactured to look visually identical to legitimate prescription pills like oxycodone, alprazolam, amphetamine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and phentermine, but often containing lethal doses of synthetic drugs, have become a major threat. Drugs in pill form can be easier to sell and use, and since they are primarily sold through social media and e-commerce platforms, they are easily accessible to younger populations and are responsible for an increasing number of overdose fatalities.

Illicit fentanyl is the dominant ingredient in these counterfeit pills, and methamphetamine, xylazine, nitazenes, and benzodiazepines are frequently identified. DEA laboratory analyses estimate that in fiscal year 2025 approximately 29% of counterfeit pills with fentanyl contained a deadly dose (approximately 2 mg) and the average counterfeit pill contained 1.58 mg of fentanyl based on samples analyzed, down from a high of 2.47 mg in fiscal year 2023. Counterfeit pills now represent nearly half (49%) of all illicit fentanyl seized by the DEA, up from just 10% in 2017.

This report provides data about the counterfeit pill types seized in California between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025. (Pills seized within this time frame but not lab tested by December 31, 2025, are not counted.) Each pill type occupies its own page, and they are presented in order from those with the largest number seized within this time frame to those with the smallest number seized within this time frame.

The threshold for including a pill type in this report is that it must have been seized at least ten separate times nationwide and laboratory testing must have confirmed that at least 50% of the pills seized are counterfeit. Note that, in most states, counterfeit M|30 oxycodone pills are ranked number one and account for 85% of all pills submitted to DEA laboratories.

The data provided for each pill type includes the total number seized and analyzed by DEA laboratories during the time frame, the percentage that were determined to be counterfeit in laboratory testing, and the most identified licit and illicit ingredients.



M | 30

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the M | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

7.5 M identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

99.98% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **83.82%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Acetaminophen	80.07%
Fentanyl	70.84%
BTMPS	21.44%
p-Fluorofentanyl	20.32%
Lidocaine	17.63%
Carfentanil	17.42%
Xylazine	12.24%
Tramadol	3.17%
Acetyl Fentanyl	2.21%
Dimethyl Sulfone	1.10%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Carfentanil; Acetaminophen	17.10%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen	15.88%
Fentanyl	11.15%
Acetaminophen; BTMPS	7.76%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; Lidocaine	6.84%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; p-Fluorofentanyl; Xylazine	5.97%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; p-Fluorofentanyl	5.45%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; BTMPS; Lidocaine	4.71%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; BTMPS	2.66%
Fentanyl; p-Fluorofentanyl	2.57%
Other	19.91%



b 974 | 30

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the b 974 | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Amphetamine

242.7 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

99.95% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **2.69%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Methamphetamine	100.00%
Dimethyl Sulfone	8.47%
MDMA	2.55%
MDA	1.68%
Caffeine	0.13%
Diphenhydramine	0.08%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Methamphetamine	88.98%
Methamphetamine; Dimethyl Sulfone	8.47%
Methamphetamine; MDA; MDMA	1.68%
Methamphetamine; MDMA	0.74%
Methamphetamine; Caffeine; Diphenhydramine; MDMA	0.08%
Methamphetamine; Caffeine; MDMA	0.04%



S903

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the S903 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

214.9 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

98.15% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **2.38%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	96.94%
Etizolam	90.40%
Clonazolam	88.93%
Phenazolam	88.43%
Lidocaine	2.17%
Caffeine	2.10%
Fentanyl	0.07%
Acetaminophen	0.03%
Diphenhydramine	0.02%
Methamphetamine	<0.01%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam; Clonazolam; Etizolam; Phenazolam	88.27%
Bromazolam	8.59%
Caffeine; Etizolam; Lidocaine	2.10%
Clonazolam	0.65%
Phenazolam	0.16%
Fentanyl	0.07%
Bromazolam; Lidocaine	0.07%
Acetaminophen	0.03%
Etizolam	0.02%
Diphenhydramine	0.02%
Other	0.01%

**dp | 30**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the dp | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Amphetamine

196.5 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **2.17%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Methamphetamine	100.00%
Dimethyl Sulfone	3.60%
Fentanyl	<0.01%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Methamphetamine	96.40%
Methamphetamine; Dimethyl Sulfone	3.60%
Fentanyl; Methamphetamine	<0.01%



GG249

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the GG249 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

138.7 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

99.87% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **1.53%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Phenazolam	71.35%
Bromazolam	27.91%
Lidocaine	7.34%
Acetaminophen	6.69%
No Substances Identified	0.53%
Alprazolam	0.47%
Nitrazolam	0.47%
Flubromazepam	0.15%
Melatonin	0.11%
Etizolam	0.09%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Phenazolam	71.13%
Bromazolam	20.17%
Acetaminophen; Bromazolam; Lidocaine	6.69%
Bromazolam; Lidocaine	0.58%
No Substances Identified	0.53%
Alprazolam; Bromazolam; Nitrazolam	0.47%
Flubromazepam; Phenazolam	0.15%
Melatonin	0.11%
Etizolam	0.09%
Lidocaine; Phenazolam	0.07%
Other	<0.01%

**AD | 30**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the AD | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Amphetamine

38.5 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.43%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Methamphetamine	99.71%
Acetaminophen	0.29%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Methamphetamine	99.71%
Acetaminophen	0.29%



XANAX | 2

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the XANAX | 2 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

33.8 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

98.74% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.37%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	85.48%
Acetaminophen	23.04%
Alprazolam	11.45%
Adinazolam	9.75%
Caffeine	6.56%
Phenazolam	2.87%
Clonazolam	2.07%
5-MeO-DBT	1.70%
Doxepin	1.70%
Flualprazolam	1.70%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam	55.24%
Acetaminophen; Bromazolam	22.86%
Adinazolam; Alprazolam	9.75%
Bromazolam; Caffeine	6.56%
Phenazolam	2.87%
5-MeO-DBT; Alprazolam; Clonazolam; Doxepin; Flualprazolam; N-(1,4-Dimethylpentyl)-3,4-DMA	1.70%
Bromazolam; Flubromazepam	0.36%
Bromazolam; Clonazolam	0.35%
Acetaminophen	0.18%
Bromazolam; Lidocaine	0.11%
Other	0.03%

**V | 2090**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the V | 2090 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

32.9 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.36%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	100.00%
Methamphetamine	0.01%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam	99.99%
Methamphetamine; Bromazolam	0.01%



B707

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the B707 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

17.4 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

98.49% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.19%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
No Substances Identified	47.71%
Bromazolam	44.96%
Etizolam	6.10%
Phenazolam	1.23%
Diphenhydramine	0.80%
Methamphetamine	0.61%
Clonazolam	0.42%
Lidocaine	0.23%
Caffeine	0.04%
Fentanyl	0.01%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
No Substances Identified	47.71%
Bromazolam	43.03%
Etizolam	5.96%
Phenazolam	1.22%
Bromazolam; Diphenhydramine	0.80%
Methamphetamine; Bromazolam	0.61%
Bromazolam; Clonazolam	0.28%
Bromazolam; Lidocaine	0.19%
Clonazolam; Etizolam	0.14%
Bromazolam; Caffeine; Lidocaine	0.04%
Other	0.02%



R039

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the R039 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

15.9 K identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

95.40% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.18%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	77.64%
Phenazolam	22.22%
Alprazolam	20.55%
Flubromazepam	1.45%
Flualprazolam	0.13%
Etizolam	0.01%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam	76.19%
Alprazolam; Phenazolam	20.55%
Phenazolam	1.67%
Bromazolam; Flubromazepam	1.45%
Flualprazolam	0.13%
Etizolam	0.01%



V | 48 12

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the V | 48 12 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

5,065 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

99.90% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.06%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Metonitazene	98.79%
N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene	98.79%
Fentanyl	1.21%
Ketamine	1.21%
Lidocaine	1.21%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Metonitazene; N-Pyrrolidino Protonitazene	98.79%
Fentanyl; Ketamine; Lidocaine	1.21%

**OP | 80**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the OP | 80 pill contains 80 mg of Oxycodone

3,637 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

99.45% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.04%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Protonitazene	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Protonitazene	100.00%



E 404

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the E 404 pill contains 30 mg of Amphetamine

3,171 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

94.32% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.04%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Methamphetamine	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Methamphetamine	100.00%



R P | 10

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the R P | 10 pill contains 10 mg of Oxycodone

2,659 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

93.00% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.03%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Heroin	88.15%
Acetaminophen	8.13%
Metonitazene	8.13%
Xylazine	8.13%
N-Desethyl Protonitazene	3.72%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Heroin	88.15%
Acetaminophen; Metonitazene; Xylazine	8.13%
N-Desethyl Protonitazene	3.72%



G 3722

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the G 3722 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

2,395 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

90.68% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.03%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	90.75%
Etizolam	85.68%
Lidocaine	9.21%
Phenazolam	9.21%
Flualprazolam	0.05%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam; Etizolam	85.68%
Lidocaine; Phenazolam	9.21%
Bromazolam	5.06%
Flualprazolam	0.05%



E712 | 10/325

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the E712 | 10/325 pill contains 10 mg of Oxycodone and 325 mg of Acetaminophen

644 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.01%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Acetaminophen	54.19%
No Substances Identified	44.41%
Fentanyl	3.11%
Lidocaine	3.11%
p-Fluorofentanyl	1.40%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Acetaminophen	51.09%
No Substances Identified	44.41%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; Lidocaine	3.11%
p-Fluorofentanyl	1.40%



WATSON 853

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the WATSON 853 pill contains 10 mg of Hydrocodone and 325 mg of Acetaminophen

574 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.01%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
p-Fluorofentanyl	88.15%
Fentanyl	11.85%
Diphenhydramine	11.32%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
p-Fluorofentanyl	88.15%
Fentanyl; Diphenhydramine	11.32%
Fentanyl	0.52%

**OC | 80**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the OC | 80 pill contains 80 mg of Oxycodone

87 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

71.26% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **<0.01%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Tramadol	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Tramadol	100.00%

**M | 8**

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the M | 8 pill contains 8 mg of Hydromorphone

34 identical pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **<0.01%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Protonitazene	79.41%
Inconclusive	20.59%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Protonitazene	79.41%
Inconclusive	20.59%



A 215

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the A 215 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

1 identical pill seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **<0.01%** of all pills seized in California 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Acetaminophen	100.00%
Fentanyl	100.00%
Protonitazene	100.00%
Xylazine	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; Protonitazene; Xylazine	100.00%