



DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

PILL PRESS THREAT OVERVIEW

Powder consisting of fentanyl and other substances fed into **hopper**



Rollers drive the **punches** onto powder, creating a hard tablet



Upper punch **retracts** and lower punch **rises** and pills are **ejected** onto a chute



Tableting powder made by mixing **drugs** with “**binder**” material that acts like a glue for pills, and **dyes** can be added for color



Dies shape the tablet. Pill punches with trademarked logo to look like oxycodone tablets.



Fentanyl pills stamped with trademarked logo.

DEA lab testing reveals that **16% pills** with fentanyl contain a **potentially lethal dose**.

In 2025, DEA labs analyzed more than **35 million pills with pharmaceutical imprints**— and over **98% of these pills were counterfeits**.

More than **150 pill presses or pill press parts** were seized by DEA since October 2025.