

How to Identify the Signs of Fake or Counterfeit Pills

Disclaimer: This guide is meant to help identify the signs of a fake or counterfeit pill. It's important to note that the only way to know 100% if your pill is what it's supposed to be is if its prescription drug is given directly to you from the pharmacy or through lab testing the pill.

Signs of a Fake/Counterfeit Pills:

- One of the best ways to tell is by testing it with a fentanyl test strip. Important to note is that some types of fentanyl can't be picked up by the strip but this is very rare.
 - Remember you have to test the whole pressed pill, not just a piece, with the test strip since pills may only contain fentanyl in a certain area. This is also called the chocolate chip cookie effect.
- Another great way is using a drug checking reagent kit. These are liquids that change color when they touch a drug. The color it turns into could be helpful in figuring out what may or may not be in your drug.
- It's hard to tell whether or not a pill is fake without testing/checking but fakes may taste differently, break differently, sometimes feel more chalky, can be



- a slightly different color, and the imprint may look cracked. A real pill usually looks more like the brand new tire and a fake could look like a worn out tire.
- Comparing pills in a batch may help. If you break open a few pills and they look different inside, then you could definitely have fake pills. Real pills should all look exactly the same inside and out.

How to Look Up What Real Prescription Pills Look Like:

- Type in the name and description of your pill on a search engine
 - For example, "M30 blue round"

- Use pill identifier on [drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com)
<https://www.drugs.com/imprints.php>
 - Enter the imprint on the pill (what it says on the pill)
 - The shape
 - The color
- If you can't find your exact pill, it might be a fake

Pictures of Comparisons:

- Apart from these images, you can also type in "fake [pill name] vs real [pill name]" on a search engine. For example, "fake xanax vs. real xanax"
- [M30s real vs. fake](#)
- [Xanax real vs. fake](#)

Pictures of Fake Pills:

- A great way to find examples is using [drugsdata.org](https://www.drugsdata.org)
- [Meth sold as fake adderall](#)
- [Meth sold as fake adderall](#)
- [Fentanyl sold as fake percocet](#)
- [Clonazepam sold as fake xanax](#)
- [Fentanyl sold as fake oxycodone](#)

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