

## Technical Data Sheet (TDS) - Sufentanil

**Revision Date:** 28 FEB 2026 **CAS Number:** 56030-54-7 **Molecular Formula:** C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub> N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> **Molecular Weight:** 386.55 g/mol

### 1. Product Overview

Sufentanil is a high-potency synthetic opioid analgesic pharmaceutical raw material, a thiophene derivative of fentanyl with ultra-strong analgesic activity. It exerts potent and long-lasting analgesic effects by selectively binding to central nervous system  $\mu$ -opioid receptors, with analgesic potency **5-10 times that of fentanyl** and higher receptor affinity. As a pharmacopoeial-grade raw material with high purity and stable quality, it is widely used in clinical perioperative analgesia, anesthesia induction/maintenance, and severe chronic pain management, featuring rapid onset, strong efficacy, and relatively mild respiratory depression at clinical doses.

### 2. Technical Specifications (Complies with USP 45 & ChP 2025)

Item	Specification
Appearance	White to off-white crystalline powder
Assay (on dry basis)	$\geq 99.0\%$
Related Substances	Total $\leq 0.5\%$ ; Single Impurity $\leq 0.1\%$
Loss on Drying	$\leq 0.5\%$
Residue on Ignition	$\leq 0.1\%$
Heavy Metals (Pb)	$\leq 10$ ppm; (As) $\leq 2$ ppm
Bacterial Endotoxins	$\leq 0.5$ EU/ $\mu$ g
Sterility	Sterile
Melting Point	96 ~ 100°C
Specific Rotation (25°C, c=1 in CHCl <sub>3</sub> )	+60° ~ +68°
Solubility	Freely soluble in chloroform, ethanol; soluble in acetone; slightly soluble in water
pH Value (0.1% aqueous suspension, 25°C)	5.0 ~ 7.0
Optical Purity	$\geq 99.5\%$ (enantiomeric excess)
Stability	Stable at 2~8°C, dark and sealed conditions; degraded by strong light/heat

### 3. Product Advantages

- Ultra-High Analgesic Potency:** 5-10 times stronger than fentanyl, 500-1000 times stronger than morphine, low dosage achieves super-strong and long-lasting analgesic effect.
- Favorable Pharmacokinetics:** Rapid onset (2-3min after IV injection), long duration of action (2-4h), suitable for both short and medium surgical procedures.
- Relatively Mild Side Effects:** Respiratory depression is mild and reversible at clinical analgesic doses; little effect on hemodynamics, high tolerance for surgical patients.
- High Purity & Stability:** Pharmacopoeial grade purity ( $\geq 99.0\%$ ), ultra-low impurity content; stable under recommended storage conditions, good compatibility with common pharmaceutical excipients.
- Diverse Formulation Potential:** Can be prepared into injections, transdermal patches, and patient-controlled analgesia (PCA) preparations, adapting to multiple clinical administration routes.

### 4. Application Fields

#### Pharmaceutical Raw Material for Clinical Analgesia & Anesthesia:

- Perioperative analgesia:** Anesthesia induction/maintenance for general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery, and orthopedic surgery; postoperative acute severe pain relief.
- Chronic pain management:** Cancer pain, intractable neuropathic pain, and palliative care for end-stage patients (long-acting formulations).
- Obstetric analgesia:** Labor analgesia for parturients (low-dose epidural administration).



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- **Critical care analgesia:** Sedation and analgesia for ICU patients with mechanical ventilation and severe trauma.
- **Dosage form production:** Intravenous injection, epidural injection, transdermal patch, PCA pump preparation.

## 5. Usage Methods (for Pharmaceutical Formulation)

- **Injection Formulation:** 0.05 mg/mL sterile aqueous injection, prepared with water for injection plus cosolvents (propylene glycol/ethanol) to improve solubility; compatible with normal saline/5% glucose injection.
- **Epidural Formulation:** 0.01-0.02 mg/mL dilute solution, prepared with isotonic buffer solution to adjust pH to 5.0-7.0.
- **Processing Requirements:** Aseptic operation in GMP-certified workshop; avoid strong light and high temperature (>25°C) during formulation; use brown glass containers for packaging to prevent photodegradation; control moisture to avoid hydrolysis.

## 6. Packaging & Storage

### Packaging Specifications

- 1 g / brown glass sealed bottle (nitrogen-filled, R&D/laboratory use)
- 5 g / aluminum foil vacuum-sealed brown glass bottle (pilot production)
- 25 g / stainless steel sealed drum (nitrogen-filled, industrial GMP production)
- Custom GMP-compliant nitrogen-filled packaging for bulk orders available.

### Storage Conditions

- **Storage Temperature:** 2 ~ 8°C (refrigerated, dark place); avoid freezing and high temperature (>25°C).
- **Sealing Requirement:** Nitrogen-filled tight sealing, protect from direct light and moisture; prevent contact with air to avoid oxidation.
- **Incompatibilities:** Store separately from strong acids, strong bases, oxidizing agents, reducing agents, and metal ions.
- **Shelf Life:** 24 months (unopened, nitrogen-filled, 2~8°C refrigeration); 3 months after opening (sealed, refrigerated, used up as soon as possible).

### Transportation

- Classified as **Class I narcotic controlled pharmaceutical raw material**; transport in compliance with national narcotic drug transportation regulations.
- Refrigerated transport (2~8°C) with real-time temperature monitoring; use shockproof, light-proof, moisture-proof packaging; avoid package collision and light exposure during transport.

## 7. Safety & Protection

- The product is a **Class I narcotic controlled drug**; production, sale and use must comply with national drug regulatory laws and regulations (special operation license required).
- Wear professional PPE (nitrile rubber gloves, chemical safety goggles, N95 dust mask, impermeable protective clothing) during handling to avoid skin/mucosa contact and dust inhalation.
- In case of skin contact: Rinse with plenty of running water and soap for 10-15 minutes; in case of eye contact: Rinse with sterile water for injection for 15 minutes and consult a physician immediately.
- No oral intake; accidental ingestion may cause severe respiratory depression and coma—seek emergency medical treatment at once and administer opioid antagonist (naloxone) under medical supervision.
- Operate in a well-ventilated GMP workshop with negative pressure dust collection system; set up a dedicated operation area and complete account management for narcotic drugs.

## 8. Quality Assurance

- Produced in accordance with **GMP** and **ICH Q7** guidelines for pharmaceutical raw materials; each batch is accompanied by a detailed Certificate of Analysis (COA) with complete test data.
- Comply with USP 45, ChP 2025 and EP 10.0 pharmacopoeial standards; establish a complete quality control system from raw material sourcing to finished product delivery, including raw material inspection, in-process control and finished product release testing.