

AKA: SPEED, ADDS, DEXIS, FAST,
GOEY, LOUIS, OX BLOOD, PEP,
UPPERS, WHIP, WHIZZ

AKA: METH, CRYSTAL, FROSTY, ICE,
ROCK, SHABU, SHARD, T, TINA



AMPHETAMINES METHAMPHETAMINE

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Amphetamines are stimulant drugs, which means they act to speed up heart rate and breathing. Methamphetamine stimulates the release of dopamine and noradrenaline from nerve cells in the brain. Some types of amphetamines are legally prescribed by doctors to treat conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), narcolepsy and Parkinson's. Other types of amphetamines such as speed are produced and sold illegally. The more potent form is crystal methamphetamine (ice), speed now mostly contains methamphetamine of varying purity. Chemically, methamphetamine and amphetamine have very similar structures. There is one small structural difference that allows meth to enter your brain more quickly than an amphetamine can, which is why the onset of the high is faster and more intense.

Compound: AMPHETAMINE (AMPHETAMINE SULPHATE) AND METHAMPHETAMINE (N-METHYL AMPHETAMINE).

ADMINISTRATION

It can be smoked, swallowed, snorted, injected, or plugged (rectal administration using a syringe without a needle).

DURATION OF EFFECTS

TOTAL	4-8HRS
ONSET	0-10MINIS
PEAK	2-4HRS
COME DOWN	12-4HRS
AFTER EFFECTS	2-24HRS



HALF LIFE

Even though the apparent effects of the drug wear off after 6 hours, the drug is still active in your system for up to 12-14 hours after you have taken it. Try to remember this if using other substances or redosing.

DRUG TESTS

Roadside Police: Roadside saliva tests do look for meth/amphetamines. It is illegal to drive under the influence of any illicit drugs, wait at least 48-72 hours before driving.

Drug Checking: DIY reagent testing is an option, Marquis and Mandelin give a reaction with amphetamines whereas Mecke and Robadope do not give a reaction which can be used to cross-reference results. Mandolin, Marquis, Mecke and other reagents produce reactions with Methamphetamine.

MOST COMMON EFFECTS

Increased energy
Insomnia/restlessness, Dilated pupils, Increased heart rate/blood pressure, Increased body temperature, Decreased appetite, Tightening jaw muscles, Grinding/clenching teeth, Stomach cramps, Dehydration, Shortness of breath, Euphoria, Increased confidence, Increased focus.

LESS COMMON EFFECTS

Dizziness, Headache, Compulsive picking or scratching skin, Nausea and vomiting, Irritability/Aggression, Diarrhoea, Irregular heartbeat, Tooth decay and gum disease, Anxiety/Panic attacks, Paranoia Mania/Excited delirium, Hyperactivity.

RARE EFFECTS

Risk of seizure, stroke, heart attack or coma, Suicidal thoughts, especially when coming down, Psychosis Depression, Collapse.

SAFER USING

- Use around friends/people you trust and in a safe environment - somewhere you feel comfortable.
- Start with a very small amount to check the strength and assess your sensitivity.
- A standard dose of meth ranges somewhere between 5mg (threshold) and 50mg (high dose).
- Depending on purity, amphetamine doses will vary. Prescription based amphetamines, like Adderall contain their own prescribed dosage information.
- A standard recreational dose of snorted amphetamine is between 10mg and 40mg.
- Remember to eat well then wait 20-30 minutes before using.
- Be aware of overheating and try to cool down & chill out regularly.
- Remember to keep your fluids up but don't drink too much - 1 cup of water (250ml) p/h when resting & up to 500ml p/h when dancing or active.
- After 2-3 hours remember to keep your electrolytes up
- If you're finding it hard to eat try a smoothie or a soup!
- Sleep! Or lay down and cover your eyes during a 24-hour period. Many of the negative effects of ice are caused by sleep deprivation.
- Factor in and plan recovery time before you need to do another activity.
- See our website for all the safer using tips regarding ingesting, snorting, shelving and injecting.