

# See-Through Measurements of Illicit Substances in Commercial Containers with the TacticID®-1064 ST

The TacticID®-1064 ST is a 1064 nm handheld Raman system designed for law enforcement officials, first responders, and customs and border protection officers for rapid field identification of illicit materials such as narcotics, explosives, and other suspicious materials. The TacticID-1064 ST has dedicated software and hardware designed to measure materials through both transparent and opaque containers. These through-barrier measurements remove the need for active

sampling of potentially dangerous compounds, such as fentanyl, leading to safer operations and reduced wait time for clear results. The 1064 nm laser is also an advantage for analyzing fluorescent or impure material. A Raman system with a 785 or 830 nm laser may generate fluorescence from these samples, which can overwhelm the Raman signal and make identification impossible. In this application note, we'll explore some of the capabilities of the TacticID-1064 ST.

## EXPERIMENT

The TacticID-1064 ST is equipped with a See-Through (ST) mode scan function that allows users to identify chemicals behind thick and opaque barriers with the use of an ST sampling adapter (**Figure 1**). A hit quality index (HQI) is used to match the unknown sample to a library spectrum. The HQI calculation ranges from 100 (best match) to 0 (worst match). The system employs an automatic integration time. The laser power is adjustable, but was set to 90% for these measurements. The number of hits can also be adjusted.

### Materials tested:

- Fentanyl - highly toxic opioid that is often mixed with heroin and other street drugs
- N-acetylanthranilic acid – US DEA List I controlled drug precursor, used in synthesis of methaqualone, highly fluorescent with 785 nm excitation
- Caffeine - stimulant often used as a cutting agent in drug manufacturing

### Containers:

- manila envelopes
- padded shipping packages
- high-density white polyethylene (HDPE) bottles

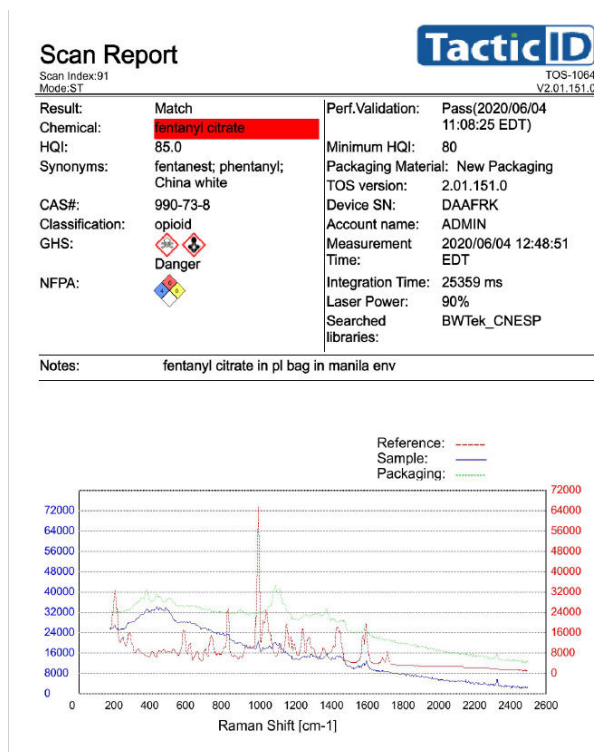
## RESULTS

Fentanyl citrate powder inside a thin, plastic bag was placed inside of a manila envelope and tested with the TacticID-1064 ST. Fentanyl



**Figure 1.** TacticID-1064 ST measuring a sample through a manila envelope with ST adapter

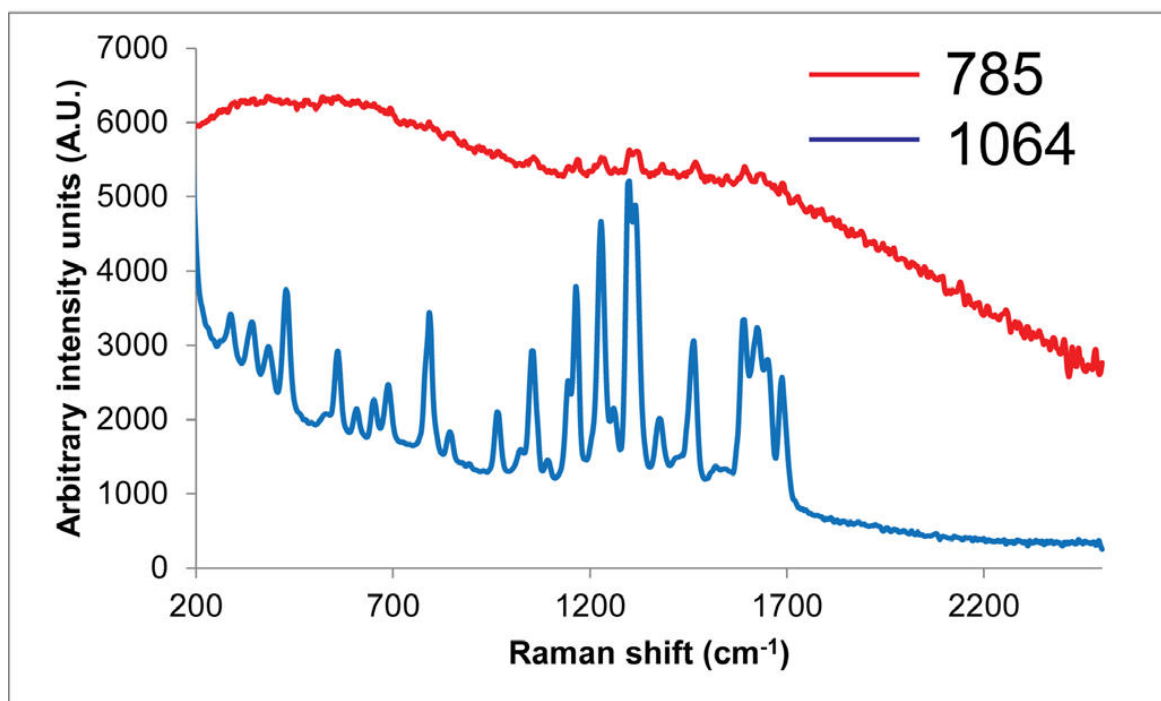
citrate was successfully identified directly through the manila envelope with an HQI of 85.0 (**Figure 2**).



**Figure 2.** Fentanyl match report for sample measured through manila envelope

N-acetylanthranilic acid is a light brown compound that is used in the synthesis of methaqualone and mecloqualone, both Schedule I drugs. According to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), 10.4 metric tons of N-acetylanthranilic acid has been seized globally since 2000. When measured with a 785 nm laser, the Raman signal is completely

overwhelmed by the generated fluorescence (**Figure 3**, red trace), making identification impossible with Raman. The 1064 nm laser of the TacticID-1064 ST does not generate fluorescence (**Figure 3**, blue trace), and a good Raman spectrum can be collected and used for identification against the spectral library.

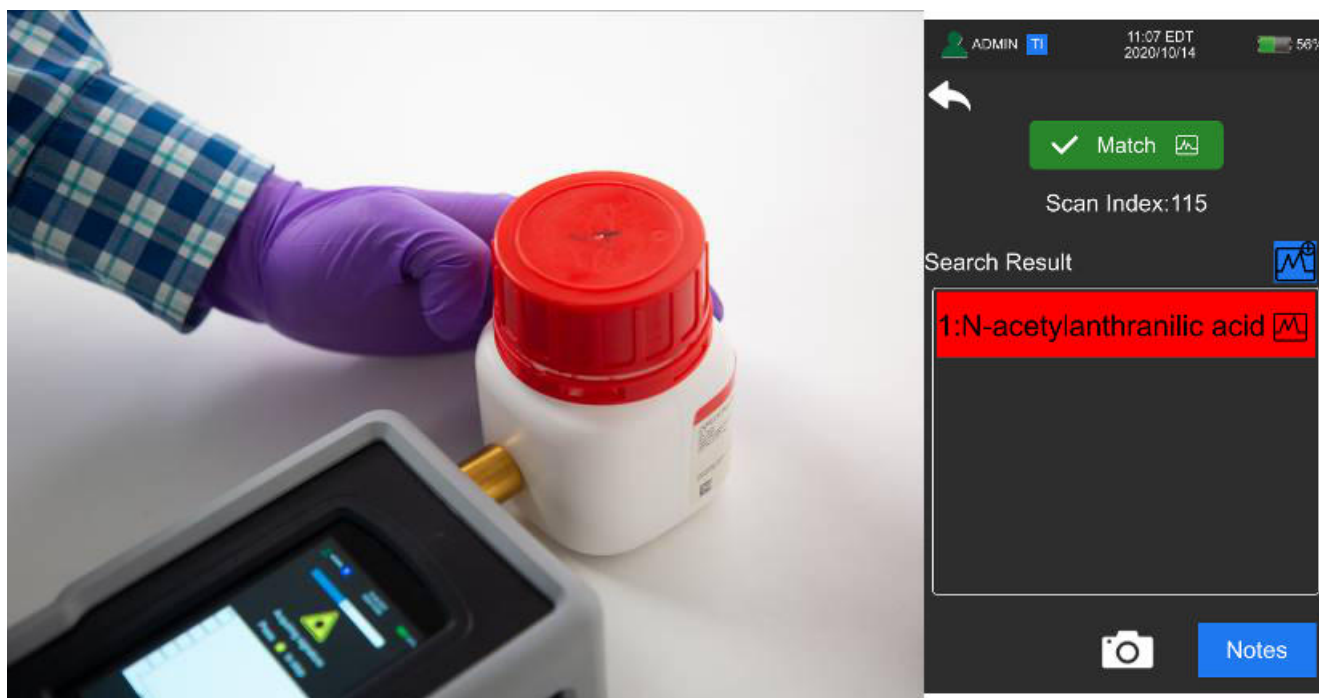


**Figure 3.** Comparison of Raman spectra of N-acetylanthranilic acid with (a) 785 nm and (b) 1064 nm laser excitation.

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The ST mode on the TacticID-1064 ST was used to measure N-acetylanthranilic acid through a white

plastic (HDPE) bottle with an HQI of 92.2 (**Figure 4**).



**Figure 4.** TacticID-1064 ST measurement through HDPE bottle and match result for N-acetylanthranilic acid

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Caffeine in a white plastic bottle was placed inside a white padded shipping package for analysis (**Figure 5**). In this case, the caffeine must be identified through both the plastic and the padded package.

The ST mode on the TacticID-1064 ST was able to successfully identify the caffeine through the padded package and plastic bottle with an HQI of 91.3.



**Figure 5.** Measurement of white HDPE bottle of caffeine inside white padded package

## CONCLUSION

The TacticID-1064 ST puts operator safety first, removing the need to actively sample from opaque packaging in order to identify illicit substances. The

1064 nm laser excitation removes fluorescence issues generally associated with 785 nm Raman systems.

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## CONFIGURATION



### TacticID-1064 ST

TacticID®-1064 ST は、爆発物、麻薬、ならびにその他の疑わしい物質を現場にて迅速に識別するための 1064nm のハントヘルトラマンアナライザーです。TacticID-1064 ST の透視機能により、不透明および透明な梱包を通してサンプルを非破壊で分析でき、ファーストレスポンス、セキュリティスタッフ、捜査当局、爆弾処理班、税関や国境警備局、ならびに危険物処理班がサンプルとの接触を最小限に抑えて機敏に対応できるように、サンプルの脅威レベルをはっきりと表示されます。

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1064nm レーザー励起および透視用途のための ST アタフター付き TacticID-1064 ST は、広いサンプルエリアをスキャンし、サンプルを燃焼することなく蛍光フリーのスペクトルを生成し、ユーザーは色付きおよび色の濃い物質、困難なストリートサンプル、不均一な混合物、ならびに直接梱包を通しての物質を識別できるようになります。

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