

Which drug screen panel for us?

There are three typical drug screening panels for urine specimens. These are typically done under very specific collection, handling, testing, and review protocols. “Rapid” or “on-site” drug screening products are available, but require further evaluation if positive. Testing with one of the panels listed below, in a NIDA-certified lab, remains the gold standard.

5-Panel (“DOT”) – this is the basic panel, used by many federal entities; the standard for truck drivers.

This includes Marijuana

 Cocaine

 “Opiates” – specifically Morphine, Codeine, and Heroin

 PCP

 Amphetamines

10-Panel (“non-DOT”) – in the past, commonly used by many private industries.

Includes 5-Panel drugs listed above and

 Barbiturates

 Benzodiazepines

 Methadone

 Methaqualone (“Quaaludes”)

 Propoxyphene (Darvocet and others)

Note that neither of these includes screening for commonly abused narcotics such as Lortab, Percocet, and OxyContin.

10-Panel with Expanded Opiates – this has become the typical private industry standard.

Includes 5- and 10-Panel drugs listed above and

 Hydrocodone/Hydromorphone (Lortab, Lorcet, Vicodin, etc.)

 Oxycodone/Oxymorphone (Percocet, OxyContin, etc.)

This is the recommended panel for private industry testing where other screening panels are not mandated by federal law.