Top Nanoparticles for Supercritical CO2 Production: Most Common, Best Selling, and High Profit Targets

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A practical guide to the most commercially attractive nanoparticles that can be made with supercritical CO2 processes, including silver, gold, metal oxides, pharmaceuticals, and polymer nanoparticles, with a focus on markets, profitability, and how they fit an sCO2 platform.

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1. Introduction: Turning an sCO2 platform into a nanoparticle factory

A supercritical CO2 system is more than an extractor. With minor changes and the right know how, it can become a nanoparticle production platform.

Key advantages of using supercritical CO2 for nanoparticle synthesis include:

1. Tunable solvent or antisolvent behavior via pressure and temperature.
2. Low or zero residual solvent in the final powder.
3. Mild thermal conditions that preserve sensitive molecules.
4. Ability to scale from grams (R and D) to kilograms (pilot or niche production).

However, not every nanoparticle is an ideal target. For marketing and business planning, you want:

Materials with existing demand.
Good price per kilogram or high value per batch.
Chemistry compatible with supercritical CO2 routes such as:

Supercritical antisolvent (SAS),
Rapid expansion of supercritical solutions (RESS),
Impregnation and in situ conversion.

Below are the nanoparticle families that hit the sweet spot of technical compatibility and commercial potential.

2. Silver nanoparticles: antimicrobial workhorse

Why they are attractive

Silver nanoparticles are among the most widely recognized and commercially used nanomaterials, thanks to:

1. Strong antimicrobial and antifungal properties.
2. Use in coatings, textiles, filters, and medical devices.
3. Growing demand for high performance conductive inks in electronics and printed circuits.

Why they fit supercritical CO2

With sCO2 processes you can:

1. Use supercritical antisolvent methods to precipitate silver salts or silver complexes as fine particles, followed by reduction

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