

## Is PG Tips Good?

From the Teas.co.uk wiki

**Is PG Tips good, in summary:** PG Tips is genuinely good at what it is for, a cheap, fast, strong, consistent everyday milky cup, but it is CTC by design, not a nuanced loose-leaf tea.

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"Is PG Tips good?" depends on what you want from it. This sits in the brand knowledge cluster beside [is Yorkshire Tea good](#).

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### Is PG Tips good, at a glance

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Aspect	The read
What it is	A mass-market CTC black blend, strong, brisk, milk-built
Genuinely good at	A reliable, cheap, fast, strong everyday milky cup
Leaf grade	CTC (crush-tear-curl): small particles for speed and strength, not nuance
Falls short	No complexity, single-note; not for drinking without milk
Verdict	Good at exactly what it is for; not a connoisseur tea, and does not pretend to be

### What "good" means for a tea like this

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The fairest way to answer "is PG Tips good" is to be clear about what it is trying to be, because judging it as a single-estate loose leaf is a category error. PG Tips is a blended CTC (crush-tear-curl) black tea from many gardens, mostly African, engineered for one job: a strong, brisk, reliably consistent mug that takes milk well, brews fast, and tastes the same all year round. Measured against that brief it is genuinely good, actually fit-for-purpose. The CTC process shreds the leaf into hard granules with a large surface area, which is why it colours up in ninety seconds and punches through milk and a busy morning; that same process strips out the delicate high notes you would pay for in a loose-leaf Darjeeling, so the trade is deliberate,

nuance sacrificed for speed, strength and consistency, see [loose leaf vs tea bags](#). Consistency is the underrated achievement: a blender buying from dozens of variable estates and re-proportioning constantly so the granule behaves identically batch after batch is doing real, if reproducibility-aimed, work, see [how to judge tea quality](#).

## The weak spots, and who should look elsewhere

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The limitations are real. PG Tips is one-dimensional by design: brisk is mostly all it is, with little of the malt, stone-fruit or floral complexity a comparable-price loose black can offer, and brewed without milk it can read as flat and hollow. If you drink your tea black, or you have started noticing the difference between origins, this is the wrong product and no brand loyalty changes that, see [black tea](#). The pyramid bag does help marginally versus a tightly packed flat bag, but the contents are still fine CTC dust, not whole leaf, so it is a real-but-minor improvement rather than a transformation. On value it is strong: per-cup, a mainstream blend is among the cheapest hot drinks you can make, which makes it the rational floor, good enough that cheaper supermarket value tea is a false economy, ordinary enough that an occasional better leaf is a small, high-return luxury, see [saving money on tea](#).

## How to get the best from it

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Most disappointment with mainstream tea is a brewing problem, not a product one. Use freshly boiled water poured straight onto the bag, give it a genuine two to three minutes rather than a ten-second dunk, squeeze the bag once at the end, and add the milk after the brew so the water stays hot enough to extract properly. Done that way the same bag that tastes thin and grey when rushed becomes the brisk, full mug the blend is capable of. The bigger picture is the one this wiki keeps reaching: the brand is rarely the variable that decides whether your tea is good, your water, your method and your honesty about what you actually want from the cup decide it.

## What to buy

If you want more in the cup than a CTC bag can give, the upgrade is loose leaf, not another brand: browse the [loose leaf range](#) or a better everyday [black tea](#). Browse the full [tea shop](#); free UK delivery over £35.

## Reference noted

- [Encyclopaedia Britannica: Tea \(beverage\)](#)

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## Tea-brand reading

- [Is Yorkshire Tea good](#)
- [Loose leaf vs tea bags](#)
- [How to judge tea quality](#)
- [How to save money on tea](#)

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