Tetley vs Twinings

From the teas.co.uk wiki

> **Quick answer:** **Tetley** is the practical choice for mainstream black tea and multiple household pack sizes. **Twinings** is the range-led choice when you want green tea, fruit and herbal infusions or named specialist blends.

Last reviewed by the teas.co.uk team on 8 August 2026. Stock and price comparisons use the live teas.co.uk catalogue at that snapshot.



Current products from the live teas.co.uk catalogue. Pack photography and availability verified 8 August 2026.

Tetley versus Twinings is best answered by starting with the job. One range is strong in everyday and bulk packs; the other is strong in variety. Ownership is also clear: Tetley belongs to Tata Consumer Products, while Twinings is part of Associated British Foods.

The ranges at a glance

Question	Tetley	Twinings
Everyday black tea	Original in 40, 80, 240 and 400-bag packs	Not the centre of the current teas.co.uk range
Decaf	40 or 120-bag Decaf English Breakfast	Pure Green Decaf in the current snapshot

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Other styles	Earl Grey, green, herbal and selected novelty lines	Extensive green, fruit, herbal and wellbeing-labelled range
Owner	Tata Consumer Products; joined the Tata family in 2000	Associated British Foods

Tetley pack economics

Product	Snapshot price	Approx. per bag
Tetley Original, 40 bags	£3.00	7.5p
Tetley Original, 80 bags	£4.50	5.6p
Tetley Original, 240 bags	£6.50	2.7p
Tetley Original, 400 bags	£11.00	2.8p

Large packs reduce the snapshot price per bag, but only buy a size you can keep dry and airtight. Slow-moving tea loses aroma long before it becomes unsafe.

When Twinings makes more sense

Twinings is easier to recommend by flavour or desired tea family. The live catalogue includes pure and flavoured green teas, peppermint, camomile, fruit combinations and many named blends. Treat labels such as Sleep, Focus or Defence as product positioning; check the ingredient list and do not infer a medical outcome from the name.

Which should you buy?

- **Choose Tetley Original:** for a straightforward black tea, particularly where 240 or 400 bags will be used promptly.
- **Choose Tetley Decaf** when you want an everyday black-tea style with much less caffeine.
- **Choose Twinings** when breadth, flavour exploration or a particular infusion matters more than bulk value.
- **Choose by product, not company**: neither brand has one single taste.

Will a bulk box stay fresh?

A 400-bag box is economical only when the tea remains enjoyable. Keep most of the bags sealed away from steam, sunlight and strong kitchen smells, then refill a smaller caddy for daily use. A household drinking four cups a day will take about 100 days to use 400 bags; one person drinking one cup a day will take well over a year. Twinings' smaller specialist boxes can therefore be better value for occasional flavours even when their price per bag is higher, because less tea sits open and forgotten.

Shop and keep reading

Browse Tetley, Twinings and Everyday Tea Bags. Continue with the Tetley deep dive, Best Twinings Tea and tea storage guidance.

Relevant teas from our shop

These are not paid placements. They are current, in-stock examples that make the comparison concrete; each was selected because its format or flavour answers a distinct part of this guide.



Tetley Original English Breakfast, 80 Tea Bags 250g

Tetley Original in the familiar 80-bag size is the fairest everyday starting point.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £4.50, in stock

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Tetley Original English Breakfast, 240 Tea Bags 750g

The 240-bag pack makes Tetley's high-volume value case without committing to the largest box.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £6.50, in stock

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Tetley Decaf English Breakfast, 120 Tea Bags 375g

Tetley Decaf keeps the black-tea ritual while changing the caffeine brief.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £4.75, in stock

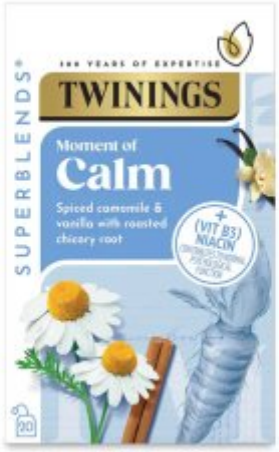
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Twinings Pure Green Tea, 20 Tea Bags 50g

Twinings Pure Green is a clear example of choosing a tea family rather than a bulk format.

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Twinings Calm, 20 Tea Bags 30g

Twinings Calm represents the brand’s ingredient-led infusion range; choose it by label ingredients and flavour, not a promised outcome.

View this tea in the shop

Prices and availability were checked on 8 August 2026 and can change. The product page is the source of truth at checkout.

How this comparison was made

We began with the live teas.co.uk catalogue rather than a generic list of famous products. A product had to be published and available at the 8 August 2026 snapshot to appear in a current shortlist. We then checked ownership, sourcing or certification statements against official company or industry sources. No brand paid for inclusion or position, and the shop has not supplied a hidden ranking score.

Price per bag is calculated as the displayed box price divided by the stated bag count and rounded to one decimal place. It is a useful household measure, but it cannot tell you leaf weight, blend quality, ethical performance or how strong you brew. A 20-bag herbal infusion is not automatically poor value beside an 80-bag breakfast tea; they may be different products for different occasions.

Use the comparison as a route into the right shelf, then open the live product page before ordering. Check today's stock, price, ingredients, allergens, caffeine statement and disposal instructions on the current pack. If a factual source changes, the dated review note tells you when this page should be checked again.

Sources and review notes

- Tata Consumer Products: Tetley
- Associated British Foods: Twinings brand renovation

Catalogue, price and availability snapshot: 8 August 2026. Prices can change; follow the product link for the current figure. Brand statements were checked against the named primary sources on the same date.

Related buying guides

Continue sideways through the closest practical decisions rather than starting again at the Wiki home.

- PG Tips vs Twinings
- Tetley Tea Bag Sizes Compared
- Tetley Super Teas Compared

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