

Nescafé Dolce Gusto Cappuccino: Two Pods, One Cup

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Nescafé Dolce Gusto Cappuccino: Two Pods, One Cup, in summary: Every cup takes a milk pod and then a coffee pod, so sixteen pods make eight cappuccinos. Warm the cup, run the milk first and use a normal-sized cup, and the foam cap holds.

Last reviewed by the teas.co.uk team in September 2026.

The number that matters on this box is eight, not sixteen, because every cappuccino uses one milk capsule and one coffee capsule. Get the order and the cup right and the machine gives the same foam cap every time; get them wrong and the foam is gone before the first sip.

What the foam cap is for

Among the milk coffees, the cappuccino is the one defined by its foam. Lattes lean on milk and flat whites are compact and dense with barely any foam, whereas a cappuccino is built around the layer of air on top. That layer carries the roast aroma up out of the cup, so the drink smells of coffee before you have tasted any, and it keeps the liquid underneath warm for longer.

In the cup it is soft and rounded, with the milk capsule providing most of the texture. The coffee sits clearly behind the milk: further forward than the long, mild café au lait pods, further back than a flat white. Bitterness is low, and the published ingredients show why the drink is sweet: whole milk powder and sugar head the list, with butteroil and roast and ground coffee after them.

Milk capsule first, coffee second

Load the milk capsule first and let it run, then brew the coffee capsule on top. That order leaves the foam sitting as its own layer. Do it the other way round, coffee first and milk after, and the air is driven out, leaving a flat, beige cup that is closer to a milky coffee than a cappuccino. Stop each capsule at the fill line printed on it.

The other two things that spoil it are in your cupboard rather than the machine. A cold cup kills the foam almost at once, so rinse it with hot water before you start. And a cappuccino run into the largest mug in the house is no longer a cappuccino; choose a cup sized for the drink, so the foam sits near the rim instead of at the bottom of a well.

Why sixteen pods make eight

Every cup uses two capsules, so the box gives eight cappuccinos from sixteen pods, and the front of the box says so. By contrast, the Americano and café au lait pods are one-capsule drinks and make a cup from each pod. Compare boxes on servings rather than pod count and the cappuccino sits where it belongs: it is the drink for foam, not the drink for volume.

It suits anyone who orders a cappuccino when out and has been disappointed by a teaspoon of instant topped with hot milk at home. What the capsules give you is repeatability, the same depth of foam on a weekday morning as at the weekend. They fit Nescafé Dolce Gusto machines only, not Nespresso, Tassimo or A Modo Mio, and the box contains milk, so it is not for a dairy-free house.

The packs we stock

- [Nescafe Dolce Gusto Cappuccino Coffee \(8 Servings\), 16 Pods](#) (barcode 7613036271905)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Nescafe Dolce Gusto Cappuccino Coffee (8 Servings), 16 Pods (barcode 7613036271905) says it contains milk, and it may contain soya. Check the current cappuccino pod box, as Nescafé can change the recipe and its milk and soya warnings.

Ingredients, as published: Whole milk powder 81.9%, sugar 17.6, butteroil (milk), roast ground coffee.

Typical values per 100g Per 100g

Energy	36 kcal
Fat	1.6g
of which saturates	1g
Carbohydrate	3.5g
of which sugars	3.5g
Fibre	0.2g
Protein	1.6g
Salt	0.1g

Ingredient and nutrition data for this barcode: [Open Food Facts \(openfoodfacts.org\)](https://openfoodfacts.org), ODbL. The cappuccino pod box in your kitchen settles it.

What to eat with it

- [McVitie's Milk Chocolate Digestives Biscuits, 266g](#): A milk [chocolate](#) digestive sits comfortably beside a soft, milk-led cup, and it survives a brief dip through the foam.
- [McVitie's Digestives Seriously Chocolatey Biscuits, 250g](#): For a sweeter moment, the extra chocolate holds its own against all that foam and milk.
- [Border Lemon Drizzle Melts Organic Biscuits, 150g](#): Lemon brings freshness against the sweet milk if you would rather have something lighter than chocolate.

Elsewhere in the Nescafé range

- [Nescafe Azera Americano Decaff Instant Coffee, 90g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Instant Coffee, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Intense Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Decaf Americano Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 135g](#)
- [Nescafe Cappuccino Decaf Unsweetened Taste Instant Coffee Sachets, 7 Sachets 105g](#)
- [Nescafe Cappuccino Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets](#)

The full range is on the [Nescafé brand page](#).

FAQ

How can sixteen pods make only eight cappuccinos? Each cup uses one milk capsule and one coffee capsule, so two pods go into every drink.

Which capsule goes in first? The milk capsule, then the coffee capsule. Doing it the other way round flattens the foam.

Why is my foam flat? Usually a cold cup or the wrong order. Warm the cup with hot water and run the milk pod first.

Does it contain milk? Yes. Whole milk powder is the main ingredient, and the published allergen information adds that it may contain soya.

Is it caffeinated? Yes, it is a caffeinated coffee. The pack gives more detail if you need it.

Curator's note: Warm the cup, milk pod first, and leave the big mug in the cupboard. Do those three things and it is a proper soft cappuccino every time. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Nescafé Dolce Gusto Cappuccino: Two Pods, One Cup

Field	Detail
Brand	Nescafé
Packs we stock	16 Pods
Category	Coffee Sachets & Mixes
Allergens (as published)	It contains milk, and it may contain soya.
Caffeine	caffeinated
Servings	Eight cups from sixteen pods
Order	Milk capsule first, then coffee
Best with	A milk chocolate digestive

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