

Nescafé Gold Blend Decaf: How the Caffeine Comes Out

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Nescafé Gold Blend Decaf: How the Caffeine Comes Out, in summary: Gold Blend Decaf is the standard freeze dried Gold Blend with the caffeine removed from the green bean before roasting. It tastes a shade lighter but just as smooth, and like all decaf it keeps a trace of caffeine.

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

[Caffeine](#) contributes a little bitterness and almost nothing to aroma, so taking it out of a coffee changes less than most people expect. What decides whether a [decaf](#) tastes finished is how carefully the beans were treated before they ever reached the roaster.

Where the caffeine goes

Decaffeination happens to the green bean, while the coffee is still raw. The beans are soaked until they swell, which frees the caffeine to move, and it is then extracted with one of three agents: plain water, pressurised carbon dioxide or a solvent. After that the beans are dried and roasted in the normal way. The published ingredient list simply reads decaffeinated soluble coffee, so if the method matters to you, the current pack is the place to check.

Why do some decafs taste flat? Not because the caffeine is missing, but because a rough process can also strip away sugars and amino acids that the roaster relies on to build flavour and aroma. Done carefully, the loss is small, and freeze drying afterwards protects what survives. That is why the gap between caffeinated and decaf is narrower in a jar like this than in most formats.

How it compares with ordinary Gold Blend

Put the two jars next to each other and the decaf is a little lighter in body and a touch softer mid-palate, as most decafs are. The smoothness that defines Gold Blend carries across intact, the roast is medium and toasted rather than dark, and the bitterness is, if anything, gentler again. Nothing needs changing at the kettle when you swap jars: one rounded teaspoon, water just off the boil and a stir.

The practical upshot is that a house can keep both jars and treat them identically, with the standard Gold Blend for the morning and the decaf for the cup after dinner, and nobody has to relearn how they take their

coffee. The wider Nescafé range we stock has other decaf routes too, including decaf versions of the Azera Americano and a decaf cappuccino sachet, for anyone who wants a different style.

Decaf is not caffeine-free

The word decaffeinated promises less caffeine, not none. Every decaf keeps a trace, and for most people it is too small to matter, but anyone who needs zero caffeine is better off with a herbal infusion than with any decaf coffee. The published ingredient list names none of the major allergens; as always, check the current jar, since recipes can change without much fanfare.

It suits the evening cup, the late-afternoon refill and the coffee lover who has decided to cut back on caffeine without giving up the taste. It is not the jar to grab out of habit at seven in the morning when you need waking up. For something to eat, a buttery cookie or a [chocolate](#) chip cookie sits comfortably beside a mild, smooth mug after dinner.

The packs we stock

- [Nescafe Gold Blend Decaf Instant Coffee, 190g](#) (barcode 8445291847248)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Nescafe Gold Blend Decaf Instant Coffee, 190g (barcode 8445291847248) names none of the 14 major allergens. Check the Gold Blend Decaf jar on sale now; Nescafé may alter the decaf recipe and its allergen advice.

Ingredients, as published: decaffeinated soluble coffee.

Ingredient and nutrition data for this barcode: [Open Food Facts \(openfoodfacts.org\)](https://openfoodfacts.org), ODbL. Your jar of Gold Blend Decaf is the final word.

What to eat with it

- [Royal Dansk Danish Butter Cookies, 340g](#): a plain butter cookie suits the soft, smooth character of an after-dinner decaf.
- [Lu Le Petit Cookie with Chunky Rich Chocolate Chips, 184g](#): chunky chocolate chips give a mild mug a little more to talk about in the evening.
- [Border Lemon Drizzle Melts Organic Biscuits, 150g](#): a bright lemon biscuit lifts a gentle, low-bitterness cup.

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](#)

- [Nescafé Cappuccino Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets](#)

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

FAQ

Is Nescafé Gold Blend Decaf caffeine-free? No. It is low in caffeine, and a trace remains, as it does in every decaf coffee.

How is the caffeine removed from Gold Blend Decaf? From the green bean before roasting, using water, pressurised carbon dioxide or a solvent. Check the current pack if the method matters to you.

Does Gold Blend Decaf taste different from regular Gold Blend? Slightly. It is a little lighter in body, but the smooth, low-bitterness character is the same.

How should I make Gold Blend Decaf? Exactly as the caffeinated jar: one rounded teaspoon, water just off the boil, and a stir.

Is Gold Blend Decaf freeze dried? Yes. It is made the same way as the standard jar, freeze dried after brewing, except that the beans are decaffeinated while they are still green.

Curator's note: Keep it beside the ordinary jar and make it the same way. It is the after-dinner cup, and it does that job without any fuss. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Nescafé Gold Blend Decaf: How the Caffeine Comes Out

Field	Detail
Brand	Nescafé
Packs we stock	190g
Category	Instant Coffee
Allergens (as published)	Gold Blend Decaf, as published, lists no ingredient among the 14 major allergens.
Caffeine	decaffeinated
Caffeine	Low, not zero
Make it	Same as regular Gold Blend
Best time	After dinner or late afternoon

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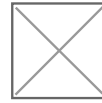
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