PG Tips Gold Special Blend Review

From the teas.co.uk wiki

> **PG Tips Gold, in summary:** PG Tips Gold is the premium tier of the range: stronger CTC blend, richer maltier cup, pyramid bag, 30-50% above standard PG Tips; rivals Yorkshire Gold.

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

PG Tips Gold Special Blend is PG's premium variant, slightly more refined blend than PG Tips Original, positioned to compete with Yorkshire Gold and Twinings premium options. Modest step up; modest price premium.

What PG Tips Gold is

A slightly more premium black tea blend within the PG Tips brand family:

- Higher quality leaf grading than PG Tips Original
- Distinct gold themed packaging
- Marginally more refined cup character
- ~10-15% more expensive than PG Tips Original

What's in the bag

- Premium tier Assam, Kenyan, and Sri Lankan tea blend
- CTC processing (same as PG Tips Original)
- Slightly higher proportion of premium grade leaves
- Fewer fannings (smaller broken pieces)

What it tastes like

Recognisably PG Tips character, strong, malty, milk friendly, but slightly cleaner and more refined than PG Tips Original. The difference is subtle for casual drinkers; noticeable for those familiar with both.

How to brew

1. 1 bag per 200ml.
2. Water at full rolling boil.
3. Steep 4 minutes.
4. Add milk and sugar to taste.

How it compares to competitors

vs PG Tips Original

Cleaner, slightly more refined cup. Marginal improvement in flavour structure. Worth the 10-15% premium for those who notice the difference.

vs Yorkshire Gold

Yorkshire Gold is the more famous premium UK black tea. Comparable tier; slightly different blend character. Yorkshire Gold leans more Assam malty; PG Tips Gold sits somewhere between.

vs Twinings English Breakfast

Twinings is more refined, slightly lighter cup. PG Tips Gold stays closer to PG Tips' strong character, just a notch more refined.

vs Specialist single origin (Hyson Premium Breakfast, Dilmah)

Specialist single origin teas offer cleaner provenance and often better cup character at similar pricing. PG Tips Gold is mid tier convenience.

Caffeine

50-55mg per 200ml cup. Slightly higher than standard PG Tips because of higher leaf quality.

Use cases

- **PG Tips Original drinkers wanting a step up.** Familiar brand; better cup.
- **Daily premium drinking.** Step up from supermarket basics.
- **Office tea round upgrade.** When standard PG Tips feels too basic.
- **Visitor tea.** Slightly more refined for guests.

The verdict

PG Tips Gold is a reasonable mid tier upgrade from PG Tips Original. Whether it justifies its premium over Yorkshire Tea Original (which costs about the same) comes down to brand preference. Yorkshire Tea Original is the more universally loved British black tea blend; PG Tips Gold is the PG family's premium offering.

For a real step up in the cup, specialist single origin Ceylon or Hyson Premium Breakfast offers better value than PG Tips Gold. More on Hyson.

Buying

Mainstream UK supermarkets carry PG Tips Gold. Roughly £4-5 per 80 bags vs ~£3-4 for PG Tips Original.

Cautions

- **Caffeine sensitivity.** Slightly higher than standard PG Tips.
- **Iron absorption.** Tannins; drink between meals.
- **Pregnancy.** Within NHS caffeine limits is fine.

FAQ

Is PG Tips Gold worth the premium? Modestly. Subtle cup quality improvement; not transformative.

How does it compare to Yorkshire Gold? Comparable tier. Yorkshire Gold leans Assam malty; PG Tips Gold is more balanced. Brand preference rules.

Caffeine? 50-55mg per cup, slightly higher than PG Tips Original.

Best use case? Daily premium drinker upgrading from PG Tips Original.

Better than supermarket own brand? Yes, meaningful improvement over budget supermarket EB.

Curator's note: PG Tips Gold is a reasonable mid tier blend. Whether it's better than Yorkshire Gold comes down to taste preference. For real cup quality upgrade at similar price, single estate Ceylon (Hyson) offers better value. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

PG Tips Gold at a glance

Aspect	The note
Position	Premium tier of the PG Tips range (above standard)
What is in the bag	Stronger CTC blend with more whole-leaf content and tippy fragments
Cup character	Richer, slightly maltier, more full-bodied than standard PG Tips
Format	Pyramid bag
Price tier	Roughly 30-50% above standard PG Tips per bag
Best for	Drinkers who want a stronger cup without switching brands
Caffeine	Moderately higher than standard PG Tips
Direct rival	Yorkshire Gold, Tetley Estate Selection

More on PG Tips

Continue with the PG Tips overview and the PG Tips deep dive.

Reference noted

- EFSA Scientific Opinion on the Safety of Caffeine (2015)

Worth keeping on the shelf around this article: English Breakfast, Earl Grey, green tea, loose leaf tea, Darjeeling, oolong, and herbal tea. Shop the tea range at teas.co.uk for Gold and its rivals; UK delivery is free past £35.

FROM THE CURATOR

teas · Premium bag or not, PG Tips Gold is judged per cup. Loose Ceylon usually wins that test, though PG's bags sometimes hold their own.

More from the tea wiki

- Green tea
- Black tea
- Oolong tea
- White tea
- Herbal tea
- Caffeine in tea
- How to make tea properly
- Loose leaf vs teabag

Earn rewards on teas.co.uk

Earn loyalty points on every order. Free to join.

+100 pts

Create your free account

Welcome bonus + earn on every order.



100 pts = 1 tree

Plant a tree in Scotland

Pledge points to our reforestation partner.



teas.co.uk · Tunbridge Wells, Kent · hello@teas.co.uk · 3-click cancel at teas.co.uk/cancel/