

The twelve tonne KitKat theft

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Some heists are about gold bars. This one was about chocolate bars, and a lot of them.

A lorry that never arrived

In March 2026, Nestlé confirmed that a lorry carrying around 12 tonnes of KitKats had disappeared. It had left the company's factory at San Sisto in central Italy, heading for a distribution point in Poland, and it never got there. Neither the lorry nor its load had been found when the theft was made public.

The numbers were almost comic. Twelve tonnes works out at an estimated 413,793 bars, and they were not ordinary KitKats. The whole load was made up of KitKat's new Formula 1 chocolate car figures, limited edition novelty bars moulded into the shape of a racing car.

The sums are fun to do. Twelve tonnes shared between 413,793 bars works out at about 29 g of chocolate each. Weighed out the way we sell sweets, in 100 g scoops, the whole lorry load would come to 120,000 scoops.

Have a break

Nestlé took it with good humour. The company said that while it appreciated the criminals' exceptional taste, cargo theft was an escalating problem for businesses of every size. It also warned that the missing bars could turn up for sale through unofficial channels in Europe, so anyone offered a car shaped KitKat at a suspiciously good price had been warned.

Part of a bigger problem

Behind the jokes is a serious point, and it is the one Nestlé made: cargo theft is growing, and it hits small firms as well as big ones. A load of chocolate is valuable, easy to sell on and very hard to trace once it has been unloaded. Chocolate thefts have hit the UK too: in 2023 a man stole a trailer of nearly 200,000 Creme Eggs in Telford, a story told in [the great Creme Egg robbery](#).

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