

Dip Dabs

From the sweeties.net wiki

The Dip Dab is one of the simplest ideas in the sweet shop: a packet of fizzy sherbet and a lolly to dip into it. It has been made by Barratt since 1935.

What a Dip Dab is

A Dip Dab is a small pack of sherbet with a strawberry flavoured lolly. You lick the lolly, dip it into the sherbet so the powder sticks, and eat it off, over and over, until the sherbet is gone. Then you are left with the lolly. It comes in a 23g single pack.

A Barratt sweet

The Dip Dab is made under the Barratt name. According to the brand's own history, Barratt released the sherbet DipDab in 1935, ten years after its Sherbet Fountain of 1925, and it is now one of the brand's more popular products. Barratt was founded in London in 1848 by George Osborne Barratt, and by 1906 it claimed to be the largest confectionery manufacturer in the world. It was bought by Bassett's in 1966, by Cadbury Schweppes in 1989, and in 2008 by Tangerine Confectionery, now part of Valeo Foods. The Barratt name was brought back into use in 2018.

Barratt's other sweets include Black Jacks and Fruit Salad chews, both from the 1920s, the Sherbet Fountain, Refreshers and the Wham bar: see [Black Jacks](#), [Fruit Salad chews](#) and [Sherbet Fountains](#).

What is in it

The ingredients listed for the 23g Dip Dab are sugar, glucose syrup, cornflour, citric acid, tartaric acid, sodium bicarbonate, an anti caking agent, flavourings and anthocyanin colour. Recipes can change, so always check the pack for the current ingredients and allergy advice.

Why it fizzes

Like all British sherbet, the powder in a Dip Dab fizzes because it contains an acid, here citric and tartaric acid, and a base, sodium bicarbonate. When they meet the moisture in your mouth, they react and release carbon dioxide gas, which you feel as fizz. For more on sherbet and its old northern name, see [why is sherbet called kali?](#)

Other sherbet dips

The Dip Dab is one of a family of sherbet dips, from the Sherbet Fountain, with its liquorice stick, to other makers' sherbet and lolly packs: see [sherbet dips](#).

Earn rewards on sweeties.net

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.



sweeties.net · Tunbridge Wells, Kent · hello@sweeties.net · 3-click cancel at sweeties.net/cancel/