

Chocolate peanuts

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Chocolate peanuts are peanuts coated in a shell of milk chocolate. They are made much as chocolate raisins are, by tumbling the centres in a rotating pan while chocolate is added a little at a time: see [how are chocolate raisins made?](#)

The first brand was Goobers, introduced in the United States in 1925 by the Blumenthal Chocolate Company, which went on to launch Raisinets two years later. Nestlé bought Goobers in 1984, and Ferrero took them over in 2018.

Two recipes

Chocolate Peanuts, as listed by Sweets and Candy. Peanuts (42 per cent), sugar, cocoa butter, dried skimmed milk, cocoa mass, dried whey, lactose, butter oil, rapeseed oil, gum arabic and shellac as glazing agents, tapioca starch, soya lecithin and vanilla flavouring. The milk chocolate contains at least 25 per cent cocoa solids and 14 per cent milk solids. The retailer lists them as suitable for vegetarians.

Dairyfine Milk Chocolate Peanuts, as recorded by Open Food Facts. Peanuts (41 per cent), sugar, cocoa butter, cocoa mass, whole and skimmed milk powders, sweet whey powder, milk fat, glucose syrup, soya lecithins and flavouring. The milk chocolate contains at least 30 per cent cocoa solids and 18 per cent milk solids, and the cocoa is Rainforest Alliance certified.

Read the ingredients, not the blurb

The Sweets and Candy listing describes a chocolate flavour coating, but its own ingredients and cocoa statement show real milk chocolate. It is a small example of why the ingredients list, not the description, is the part to trust.

Allergy and safety points

- **Peanuts.** Peanuts are the main ingredient, so these are unsafe for anyone with a peanut allergy: see [which sweets contain nuts?](#)
- **Tree nuts, barley and wheat.** Sweets and Candy says its chocolate peanuts may contain tree nuts, and the Dairyfine label says they may also contain nuts, barley and wheat: see [what does may contain mean on sweets?](#)
- **Milk and soya.** Both recipes contain milk and soya lecithin: see [milk in sweets](#)
- **Shellac.** The Sweets and Candy recipe is glazed with shellac, so it is not vegan: see [what is shellac on sweets?](#)

- **Young children.** Sweets and Candy says its chocolate peanuts are not suitable for children under 3, and the Dairyfine label warns that small children can choke on nuts.

In our pick and mix

We do not sell chocolate peanuts. Our pick and mix does include [SW041](#); the card opens up to show the full ingredients and allergy advice for the ones we stock.

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