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Chocolate prices may be on the rise — some of the best cost upwards of \$5.25 an ounce, and shipping is *extra*. But there's no denying that chocolate is the sweetest, most popular gift for any Valentine.

According to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association, as many as 36 million heart-shaped boxes — the equivalent of 58 million pounds —

are expected to be sold in the days leading up to February 14th. And while we tested many (!), here are our personal favorites in each of eight categories:

Beautiful

Get the Valentine Collection (normanloveconfections.com; \$50 for 20 pieces; \$65 for 30 pieces), which includes an assortment of heart-shaped "Love & Kisses" (Red Hot Love, True Love, French Kiss, Passion Fruit), along with a variety of traditional Norman Love favorites. Each confection, meticulously designed and filled with a variety of flavors — from fresh wild raspberries to Sicilian pistachio ganache to ripe sweet mango — is too pretty to eat. Well, almost.

