

# The Best Upright and Canister Vacuums

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Fur, cereal, coffee grounds, mites, sand, glitter, dust, pollutants, hair, dander, book lice, kitty litter—there’s a whole underworld of grossness hiding on your floors and deep inside your carpets and rugs. **Only a powerful plug-in upright or canister vacuum can take on all of the above**, making your home sweet home cleaner and less crawly. The best ones work on different types of floors, filter allergens and pollutants, and last for years.

## How we tested

### ✓ Hands-on testing

We’ve tested hundreds of vacuums since 2014, most recently evaluating 16 upright and canister models priced from \$30 to \$1,200.

### ✓ Cleaning ability

We examined how much debris each vac pulled from the carpet and looked at each model’s cleaner head design.

### ✓ Comfort

We noted each vacuum’s noise level, and considered how convenient the machine was to operate and maneuver.

### ✓ Warranty and service

We looked for generous warranties, analyzed customer reviews to spot issues, and checked out customer service and repair networks.

## Our Pick – The BEST UPRIGHT

### SEBO Felix Premium

This stylish, bagged upright vacuum has formidable cleaning power and is adjustable, versatile and agile. It should last for a decade or two



## Our Pick – The BEST CANISTER

### SEBO Airbelt K3 Premium

This bagged canister vacuum excels on both bare floors and carpets, and has many adjustment options and useful attachments. It should last for the long haul.



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The [SEBO Felix Premium](#) is so beautiful that you'll want to keep it out when guests come over. Its excellent cleaning power and filtration, relative lightness, and overall user-friendliness make the Felix the best-performing and most innovative upright vacuum we tested. Its powerful cleaner head has its own motor and can be adjusted to suit different surfaces. The Felix comes with sliding suction control on its ergonomic handle, and its cord wrap is conveniently high, saving you from having to bend down. This model comes with the best warranty we've found: five years for parts and labour, when purchased from an authorized dealer.

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The best canister vacuum

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The [SEBO Airbelt K3 Premium](#) is our top-performing canister vacuum, combining excellent cleaning power and filtration with comfortable handling and thoughtful design. Its powerful electric cleaner head is the best we've tested, gliding effortlessly across thick carpet and bare floors alike, picking up debris more thoroughly and more quickly than its competitors. With an ergonomic, adjustable handle and extra-long hose, the Airbelt K3 Premium is comfier and more convenient to use than other canisters. Three useful onboard attachments and its controls are conveniently stored on board.

Like our top upright pick, this model comes with a generous warranty, when purchased from an authorized dealer: five years on parts and labour.